

Application by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited for an order granting development consent for the East Park Energy project

Agenda for issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) Battery Energy Storage Systems:

| Hearing | Date and Time | Location |
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| Issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) – Battery Energy Storage Systems | <p>Tuesday 9 June 2026</p> <p>Hearing starts at 2.00pm</p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from 1.30pm and virtual registration process from 1.30pm</p> | <p>Wyboston Lakes Resort Great North Road, Wyboston, Bedfordshire, MK44 3AL</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> |

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the issue specific hearing**
- 3. Agenda**

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| 3a | The Need for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and the applicant’s approach – The applicant will be asked to explain the need for BESS as part of the proposed development and its proposed design approach including distribution across the proposed site. |
| 3b | Pollution Control and Waste – The applicant will be asked to outline its approach to pollution control and waste management. |
| 3c | BESS Safety – The ExA will ask the applicant on its approach to addressing perceived safety concerns and mitigation proposed including proposed water supply. The ExA will also invite feedback from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service on its current position in regard to BESS, water supply and emergency access to the site. |
| 3d | Archaeological Impacts of BESS – The applicant will be asked to outline its approach, particularly in regard to soil stripping and foundations. |

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| 3e | Any other matters |

4. Next steps

5. Closing

Purpose of ISH

Please refer to the [Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for information about the purpose of issue specific hearings.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing.

- Applicant
- Bedford Borough Council
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Cambridgeshire Country Council
- Huntingdon District Council

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **2.00pm** those attending virtually should join promptly at **1.30pm** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.