

Application by Photovolt Development Partners on behalf of Solar Five Limited (the applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Botley West Solar Farm

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)	Wednesday 8 October 2025 Hearing Starts at 09:30am Registration and seating available at venue from 09:00am and virtual Registration Process from 09:00am	The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing

2. Purpose of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

3. Examining Authority's Questions

3 (a) Section 122 and 123 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) - Purpose for which compulsory acquisition may be authorised and land to which authorisation of compulsory acquisition can relate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide a brief overview of any recent updates to the Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker • The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide a high-level summary of likely outstanding matters at the close of the Examination and to confirm what efforts are being made to resolve remaining points of concern • The ExA will invite submissions from Affected Persons (AP) in respect of whether the proposed level of compulsory acquisition of land by the Applicant is considered proportionate • The ExA will invite submissions from APs to briefly set out any outstanding
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	<p>concerns that have not already been discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA may ask questions of APs about matters arising from written and oral submissions
3 (b) Sections 127 and 138 of the PA2008 - the acquisition of Statutory Undertakers' land and the extinguishment of rights and removal of apparatus of Statutory Undertakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide a brief overview of any recent updates to Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker in respect of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers • Any Statutory Undertaker wishing to speak in relation to an objection or issue raised that is relevant to the effects of the Proposed Development on its undertaking, apparatus or land will be invited to put oral submissions to the ExA • The ExA will discuss any disputed wording on protective provisions and whether compromise can be reached. • The ExA may ask questions of the Statutory Undertaker(s) or other relevant body, and the Applicant, about matters arising from written and oral submissions
3 (c) Specific matters related to funds and land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA may ask specific questions relating to land plots, land rights or funding

4. Action points arising from the Hearing

5. Any other business

6. Close of Hearing

Purpose of CAH1

The purpose of CAH1 is to primarily to hear oral evidence from Affected Persons whose land and rights would be implicated by the Proposed Development. This includes those persons who have been accepted into the Examination having made a request under Section 102 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Examining Authority will also seek updates from the Applicant on both specific matters and general progress in pursuit of alternatives to compulsory acquisition.

Attendees

The Examining Authority (ExA) would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing:

- Applicant
- National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
- Siemen's Healthcare Limited
- Thames Water Ltd
- Blenheim Palace
- Mr Tim Sumner
- Any other relevant local authority
- Any other Affected Persons, who wish to discuss compulsory acquisition (CA)/ temporary possession (TP) matters.
- Any other Statutory Undertakers, who wish to discuss CA/ TP matters

The Applicant is requested to have people with the following expertise to assist the Hearing:

- Land agents;
- Chartered surveyors; and/ or
- Legal advisors

who are responsible for the drafting of the CA and TP powers in the dDCO; for the selection of land and the assembly of portfolios of permanent and temporary land and rights necessary for the delivery of the Proposed Development; for the provision and maintenance of the CA and TP documents including the Land Plans, Book of Reference and Statement of Reasons and for the due diligence process over land and rights.

Whilst all APs are welcome to attend CAH1 and provide oral submissions, the following attendees made an explicit request to speak at the Hearing and will thus be given priority. Unless otherwise informed of any time constraints that affect the attendee's availability, those registered to speak will be called in the following order:

1. Oxfordshire County Council
2. Mr and Mrs R Cooke
3. Mr Michael Brown

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. APs who arrive at the Hearing who have not registered to speak, but wish to do so, may only do with the agreement and discretion of the Examining Authority.

If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the Hearing in person. Contact the Case Team who will ensure you have access to the Hearing virtually.

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. Interested Parties (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 **09:30am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:00am**. This will ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at CAH

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/AP has had a fair chance to put its case.