

TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM

SECTIONS 91 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

RULES 13 (6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY MEETING AND HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE EN010148

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2), Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3), Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH), and Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2) will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited (registered company number: 14539260) of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, England, SN5 6PB (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”).

The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 26 August 2025 and was accepted for examination on 24 September 2025. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number **EN010148**.

Summary of the Proposed Development

Tween Bridge Solar Farm consists of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array electricity generating facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure, which would allow for the generation of over 50MWp (megawatts peak) of electricity (the “Proposed Development”). The land required for the Proposed Development (the “Order Limits”) is located approximately 10km to the northeast of Doncaster and 14km to the west of Scunthorpe within the administrative boundaries of City of Doncaster Council and North Lincolnshire Council. The Proposed Development comprises several areas of land connected by a series of underground cables. The main elements of the Proposed Development include:

- Ground-mounted solar PV generating station and associated mounting structures;
- On-site supporting equipment including inverters, transformers and switchgear;
- A BESS including batteries and associated enclosures, monitoring systems, air conditioning, electrical cable and fire safety infrastructure. The BESS is indicatively split into four separate 100MW compounds. Each 100MW compound would be located next to and connected to one of the seven on site 132kV Substations;
- Seven on-site 132kV Substation compounds, including transformers, switchgear, circuit breakers, control equipment buildings, control functions, material storage, parking, as well as wider monitoring and maintenance equipment;
- Low voltage and 33kV interconnecting cabling to connect and transmit electricity from the solar PV modules and BESS to one of the seven on-site 132kV Substations;
- RWE on-site 400kV Substation;
- Underground 132kV interconnecting cabling to connect the seven on-site 132kV Substations to RWE on-site 400kV Substation;
- Underground 400kV interconnecting cabling from the RWE on-site 400kV substation to edge of Order Limits;
- Associated infrastructure including access tracks, parking, CCTV, gates and fencing, lighting, drainage infrastructure, storage containers, earthworks, culverts, surface water management, maintenance and welfare facilities, security cabins and any other works identified as necessary to enable the development;
- Horizontal Directional Drilling for selected cable works where trenching or culvert is not possible or appropriate, including the canal, railway and the M180;
- Highways works to facilitate access for construction vehicles, comprising passing places where necessary to ensure that heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) can be safely accommodated amongst existing traffic, new or improved site accesses and visibility splays;
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures, including landscaping, habitat management and biodiversity enhancement;
- Permissive pathways and bird viewing gallery; and

- Temporary development during the construction phase of the Scheme including construction compounds, parking, temporary diversions of Public Rights of Way, and temporary access roadways to facilitate access to all parts of the Order Limits.

The Proposed Development is a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) because it would be able to generate over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity. This is an application made to the Planning Inspectorate and decided by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. A map showing the location of the Proposed Development can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website at the following address: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000276-6.4.1.2%20Land%20Parcel%20Plan.pdf>

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State, it would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development. The DCO would also authorise the construction of means of access to the Proposed Development, the temporary closure and restriction of streets and public rights of way, use of private roads, street works and highway works, implementation of traffic regulation measures, and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

Hearings

The Examining Authority’s Rule 13 letter, dated 18 May 2026, provides notification that the ISH2, ISH3, CAH and OFH2 in relation to the application are to be held in June 2026. All of these will be blended events, held both virtually and in-person. Details of the dates, times and location are set out in the table below.

Preliminary Meeting/Hearing dates and locations

Date	Event	Start time	Location
Tuesday 23 June 2026	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Environmental Matters and the Development Consent Order. Environmental Matters, to include: Transport and Access, Cultural Heritage, and Biodiversity and Ecology.	Registration and seating available at the venue from: 09:30am Virtual registration process from: 09:45am Hearing starts: 10:00am	Mercure Danum Hotel High Street Doncaster DN1 DN 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
Wednesday 24 June 2026	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Environmental Matters, to include: Landscape and Visual, Flood Risk, and the overall planning balance.	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.30am Virtual registration process from: 9.45am Hearing starts: 10.00am	Mercure Danum Hotel High Street Doncaster DN1 DN 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
Wednesday 24 June 2026	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 1.30pm Virtual registration process from: 1.45pm Hearing starts: 2.00pm	Mercure Danum Hotel High Street Doncaster DN1 DN 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

Thursday 25 June 2026	Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.30am Virtual registration process from: 9.45am Hearing starts: 10.00am	Mercure Danum Hotel High Street Doncaster DN1 DN 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
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Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate by completing the Event Participation Form by 23:59 on Friday 12 June 2026. A link to the form is available within the Rule 13 Letter. The letter can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s project webpage and is available using the following link: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010148-000591-E07%20-%20Rule%2013%20-%20Hearings%20notification.pdf>

If you only wish to observe the Hearings virtually, registration is not required. Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue please register your attendance to observe only by 23:59 on Friday 12 June 2026 using the event participation form. Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by Friday 12 June 2026.

A livestream of each Hearing will be made available shortly before the event begins, via a link on the Planning Inspectorate’s project webpage for the Proposed Development, along with a full digital recording as soon as possible after the relevant event has closed. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Should you require any assistance or support in order to attend the Hearings virtually, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the contact details provided at the end of this notice.

Cancellation of Hearings

In the event that a Hearing is no longer required, reasonable notice of the cancellation will be provided. This will be communicated by means of a banner displayed on the Planning Inspectorate’s project webpage for the Proposed Development.

Notification of Additional Hearings

Any Hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties (and where relevant, affected persons) of the date, time and place fixed for each Hearing.

For more information on the Hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details at the bottom of this notice, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notice of hearings are available to download: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148>

Copies of the Application and Accompanying Documents

The Application form and its accompanying documents including the draft DCO, plans, the Environmental Statement and Non-technical Summary (NTS) (‘Application Documents’) can be viewed online, or downloaded free of charge, from the Tween Bridge Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148>

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination of the Application will also be published in the Examination Library which can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s project website for the Proposed Development under the Documents tab. The Examination Library is regularly updated throughout the

examination.

The Application Documents can also be viewed and downloaded free of charge on the Applicant's project website:
<https://tweenbridgesolar.co.uk>

The Application Documents will be available on both of the above websites at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision of whether or not to make the DCO.

On request, an electronic copy of the Application Documents can also be provided free of charge on a USB memory stick, which will be limited to one USB per household or business. To request a USB, please contact the Applicant using the contact details provided at the end of this notice.

The Application Documents are available to view electronically free of charge at the locations and times set out below:

Location	Address	Opening Times
Crowle Community Hub	The Market Hall, Market Place, Crowle, Scunthorpe DN17 4LA	Monday to Friday: 9am to 12.30pm then 1pm to 5pm. Saturday: 9am to 12 noon. Sunday: Closed.
Thorne Library	The Vermuyden Centre, Field Side, Thorne, Doncaster DN8 4BQ	Monday to Friday: 8:40am to 1pm then 1.30pm to 5pm. Saturday: 8:40am to 1pm. Sunday: Closed
Hatfield Community Library	High Street, Hatfield, Doncaster DN7 6RY	Monday: 10am to 4pm. Tuesday: 10am to 1pm. Wednesday: Closed. Thursday: 10am to 1pm. Friday: 10am to 12 noon. Saturday: Closed. Sunday: Closed.

*Please note that opening hours are subject to change. Please check and confirm opening times with the venue if planning a visit.

The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy format on request to the Applicant at a cost of £0.35 per page (up to a maximum of £4,200 for the full suite of documents).

Further Information

Further information about the Application, the Hearings, how to take part in the examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Applicant using the following contact details:

The Planning Inspectorate	The Applicant
<p>The Planning Inspectorate should be contacted in written form via the following email address: TweenBridge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk Telephone: 0303 444 5000</p> <p>Website: https://national-infrastructure consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/ENO1048</p> <p>Post: National Infrastructure Planning, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN Please quote the Application reference number EN010148 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this DCO. Correspondence about this DCO should be marked: FAO Tween Bridge Solar Farm</p>	<p>The Applicant would request that written correspondence should be directed to the following email address: info@tweenbridgesolar.co.uk Telephone: 0800 021 7877</p> <p>Post: FREEPOST TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR Any details you provide to the Applicant via telephone, email or post will be subject to its privacy policy and will be treated confidentially and processed and handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. The information may be disclosed to or shared with the Applicant's connected companies, agents, contractors and advisors who provide services to the Applicant in connection with the Application.</p>