



Planning Act 2008 – section 61 and section 65

Application by Springwell Energy Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Springwell Solar Farm (EN010149)

Appointment of the Examining Authority

The above application was accepted for examination on 18 December 2024. This document provides confirmation of the Examining Authority that on **5 February 2025** has been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to examine the application.

Initial choice of Panel or single appointed person

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the government Guidance¹ which identifies criteria relevant to appointing an Examining Authority and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, that the application should be examined by a Panel of 2 appointable persons.

Appointment of members and lead member of the Panel

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the skill sets required for the Panel members and suitability for leading the Panel and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to appoint Jonathan Manning as Lead Member of the Examining Authority and Benjamin Northover as a member of the Examining Authority.

These appointments are made in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Planning Inspectorate

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government under delegated powers

¹ [Planning Act 2008: Pre-examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects](#) (April 2024)