

**Application by Springwell Energyfarm Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Springwell Solar Farm****Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1):**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing 1	Wednesday 7 May 2025 Hearing starts at 14.00 Registration and seating available at venue from 13:30 and virtual registration process from 13:30	Blended event at County Assembly Rooms, 76 Bailgate, Lincoln LN1 3AR and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, Arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing**
- 3. Representations by Named Interested Parties**

Speakers will be heard in the order shown under the List of Speakers in **Annex A**:

- A maximum speaking time of five minutes will apply to oral submissions made by individual Interested Parties (IPs)
- A maximum speaking time of ten minutes will apply to oral submissions made by Organisations, Groups, or Representatives of a number of individual Interested Parties.

The ExA may ask questions of IPs and Non-IPs about matters arising from written and oral submissions. If they do so during a timed oral submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the speaking time.

- 4. Responses by the Applicant**

The Applicant will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExA either orally after all IPs and Non-IPs have spoken or in writing at **Deadline 1** on Tuesday 3 June 2025.

- 5. Close of the Hearing**

Purpose of OFH

Open Floor Hearings are your opportunity to raise anything directly to the Examining Authority that is important and relevant and that you think we should know about and consider. They are not about a particular location or topic. The topic of your representations about the proposals is therefore up to yourself.

Attendees

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. Interested Parties 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.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond 17.30.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

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 14.00 those attending virtually should join promptly at 13.30 to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

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.

Annex A - List of Speakers

- 1) North Lincolnshire Council - [REDACTED] (10 mins)
- 2) Scopwick & Kirkby Green Parish Council - [REDACTED] (10 mins)
- 3) Springwell Solar Action Group - [REDACTED] (10 mins)
- 4) [REDACTED] – Interested Party (5 mins)
- 5) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 6) [REDACTED] - Member of Parliament (10 mins)
- 7) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 8) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 9) Cliff Villages Solar Action Group - [REDACTED] (10 mins)
- 10) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 11) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 12) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 13) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 14) [REDACTED] - County Councillor, Metheringham Rural Division (10 mins)
- 15) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 16) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 17) Digby Parish Council - [REDACTED] (10 mins)
- 18) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 19) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 20) [REDACTED] - Interested Party (5 mins)
- 21) [REDACTED] - Non-Interested Party (5 mins)