

Application by Springwell Energyfarm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Springwell Solar Farm**Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1):**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	Thursday 17 July 2025 Hearing starts at 15.30 Registration and seating available at venue from 15:00 and virtual registration process from 15:00	Blended event at Doubletree by Hilton Lincoln, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln, LN1 1YW and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, Arrangements for the Hearing**
 - 1.1. The Examining Authority (ExA) will welcome participants, lead introductions, and address housekeeping matters.
- 2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**
 - 2.1. The ExA will explain the purpose of the Hearing.
- 3. Updates on Negotiations and Powers Sought**
 - 3.1. The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on negotiations since Deadline 2. Whether there has been any progress with unknown landowners will also be discussed.
- 4. The National Grid Substation Site**
 - 4.1. The Applicant and National Grid will be asked questions on their current positions regarding the inclusion of the site within the Order limits and CA powers sought.
- 5. Protective Provisions**
 - 5.1. The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on negotiations since Deadline 2.

6. Articles 24, 31 and 32 of the dDCO

- 6.1. The Applicant will be asked further questions on these Articles and the powers sought by them.

7. Procedural Decisions, Review of Actions and Next Steps

8. Closing Remarks

Purpose of CAH1

The main purpose of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing is to clarify and get views on matters relating to each of the subjects set out in the agenda above.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the Applicant and National Grid could attend this hearing.

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 15.30 those attending virtually should join promptly at 15.00 to 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 has had a fair chance to put its case.