



Planning Inspectorate

Application by Fenwick Solar Project Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Fenwick Solar Farm project.

Notification of the date, time, and venue for Issue Specific Hearing 1 on **Thursday 20 March 2025** was provided in Annex E of the [Rule 6 letter](#) dated 18 February 2025.

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1

The Development Consent Order is the order which the Secretary of State would make if they decided to grant consent. This hearing will be of a technical nature and will consider the wording of the draft Development Consent Order, including provisions relating to compulsory acquisition. Affected person's individual concerns about their land and rights will be addressed in a compulsory acquisition hearing if one is required.

Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order	
Date:	Thursday 20 March 2025
Seating available at venue for those attending at the physical venue in person	9.15am
Arrangements conference for those participating via Microsoft Teams	9.30am for 9.45am Arrive at 9.30am to enter the virtual lobby. From here you will be admitted to the Arrangements Conference by the Case Team and given further instructions. The Arrangements Conference will start at 9.45am.
Hearing starts	10.00am
Venue and joining details	Doncaster Racecourse, Bawtry Road, Doncaster, DN2 6BB and via Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join will be provided to those who have had a request to register accepted by the ExA.

If you would like to participate in Issue Specific Hearing 1, you are required to submit a request to register on or before **Wednesday 5 March 2025**. Information about how to submit a request to register is provided in the [Rule 6 letter](#).

If you simply wish to observe the hearing, then you **do not** need to make a request to register as you will be able to either:

1. attend the physical venue in person to observe the proceedings
2. watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin, or

3. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished

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Item 1	<p>Welcome, opening remarks and introductions</p> <p>The Examining Authority (ExA) will welcome participants and lead introductions and the public livestream and recording will start</p>
Item 2	<p>The purpose of the hearing and how it will be conducted</p> <p>The ExA will explain the purpose of the hearing, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it is for the ExA to examine the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and related matters, and invite certain parties to make oral representations about them • the hearing is subject to the powers of control of the ExA, as set out in the Planning Act 2008 and supporting legislation • the ExA will invite parties to speak and will ask questions at relevant points on the agenda and when it otherwise considers necessary • all comments, questions and answers are to be directed to the ExA and not directly to any other party
Item 3	<p>The purpose and overall structure of the dDCO</p> <p>The ExA will invite the Applicant to take up to 10 minutes to provide an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • its overall approach for the dDCO • a brief description of the structure of the dDCO, including the schedules, explaining why each section is required • the role of the Explanatory Memorandum • any novel provisions
Item 4	<p>Main discussion points</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions about various parts of the dDCO, including the requirements in Schedule 2</p> <p>Further details will be published at least 5 working days before the hearing is due to take place</p>
Item 5	<p>Schedule 14 – Protective Provisions</p> <p>The ExA will invite the Applicant to provide an update on protective provisions</p> <p>The ExA will invite the Statutory Undertakers and other parties that would benefit from the protective provisions to comment.</p>
Item 6	<p>Opportunity for interested parties to comment on other aspects of the dDCO and raise any matters not covered in items 1-5 above.</p>

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Item 7	Any other matters
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Close of Issue Specific Hearing 1
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The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, although in making changes the ExA will be mindful of the need to provide opportunities for fair involvement to all invited parties.

The hearing will start at 10.00am irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

If you participate using Microsoft Teams, please join the virtual lobby promptly using the instructions which will be sent to you. It may take some time to admit participants from the virtual lobby into the Arrangements Conference. Your patience while you are waiting is appreciated.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of the Rule 6 letter if you require any support to attend the hearing.

Procedure at the hearing

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 interested party has had a fair chance to put its case.