

FENWICK SOLAR FARM
SECTIONS 91, 92 and 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008
RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES
2010

NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED FENWICK SOLAR FARM
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010152

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and places set out below, an Open Floor Hearing and an Issue Specific Hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by Fenwick Solar Project Limited (company number 13705886) of Unit 5E, Park Farm, Arundel, BN18 0AG (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”). The Application was made by the Applicant on 1 November 2024 and accepted by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for examination on 29 November 2024.

Fenwick Solar Farm

Fenwick Solar Farm (“the Scheme”) comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (“PV”) electricity generating facility and associated development. The associated development includes, but is not limited to, a Battery Energy Storage System, On-Site Substation, underground cabling to provide export and import connection to the National Electricity Transmission System (“NETS”), and areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

The connection to the NETS will be either via underground cabling along a corridor in which three 400 kV cables would run for approximately 6.3 km from the Solar PV Site to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation; or via underground cabling between the On-Site Substation and existing overhead power lines within the Solar PV Site, which also connect to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation.

The Scheme is located entirely within the City of Doncaster Council’s administrative area and located on land close to the villages of Fenwick, Moss and Sykehouse, as well as the hamlet of Topham. A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s project webpage for the Scheme at the following link:

<https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010152-000270-2.5%20Location%20Plan%20-%20Rev1.pdf>

Development consent is required to the extent that the development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project pursuant to sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station located in England with a capacity exceeding 50 MW. It is for this reason that the Scheme falls within the remit of the Secretary of State’s decision-making powers.

The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Scheme, the temporary stopping up or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows, and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Hearings

The Examining Authority issued a letter dated 18 February 2025 giving notice of the Hearings detailed in the table below, which will be held as blended events on Wednesday 19 March 2025 and Thursday 20 March 2025.

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and joining details
Wednesday 19 March 2025	Preliminary Meeting	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.15am Virtual Registration Process from: 9.30am Hearing starts: 10.00am	Doncaster Racecourse, Bawtry Road, Doncaster, DN2 6BB 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
	Open Floor Hearing	Registration and seating available at venue from: 1.15pm Virtual Registration Process from: 1.30pm Hearing starts: 2.00pm	
Thursday 20 March 2025	Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the draft DCO	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.15am Virtual Registration Process from: 9.30am Hearing starts: 10.00am	

If you wish to attend and/or participate in the above Hearings, you must register by completing the Planning Inspectorate's event participation form on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Scheme. Please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the contact details at the bottom of this notice if you require any support or assistance to attend the Hearings, either virtually or in person.

If you simply wish to observe the Hearings virtually then you do not need to register as you will be able to watch a livestream of the event. A link to a livestream for the Hearings will be made available on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Scheme shortly before each Hearing is due to open. The physical venue referred to above will also be open to the public.

Virtual Registration — All virtual participants will be required to take part in a registration process before each Hearing. This will be held with the Planning Inspectorate before the start of the Hearing. This gives time for the Planning Inspectorate to admit everyone to the Hearing.

Cancellation of Hearings — If a Hearing is no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided of the Planning Inspectorate's decision to cancel it by the posting of a banner on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Scheme.

Any Hearings further to those listed 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 register to speak at the Hearings and 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/EN010152>

It should be noted that the Hearings will be recorded, and the recording will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Scheme as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

Viewing the Application Documents

The application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary, and the draft DCO are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, under the "Documents" tab on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Scheme:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010152>

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 webpage for the Scheme under the "Documents" tab. The Examination Library is updated regularly throughout the examination.

The Application documents can also be viewed electronically at the venues listed below. For a full list of internet-enabled libraries in your area please contact your local authority. If you have difficulty accessing any documentation, please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team using the details provided at the end of this notice.

Document inspection venue	Opening hours* (correct at the time of publication)	Contact details
Askern Community Library Station Road, Askern, Doncaster, DN6 0LA	Monday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Wednesday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Thursday – 10.00am to 4.00pm Friday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Saturday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Sunday – Closed	01302 734522 askerncommunitylibrary@gmail.com
Snaith Library 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE	Monday – Closed Tuesday – 2.00pm to 6.00pm Wednesday – Closed Thursday – 10.00am to 4.00pm Friday – Closed Saturday – 10.00am to 12.00pm Sunday – Closed	01405 860096 snaith.library@eastriding.gov.uk
Thorne Library The Vermuyden Centre, Field Side, Thorne, Doncaster, DN8 4BQ	Monday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Tuesday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Thursday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Friday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Saturday – 8.40am to 1.00pm Sunday – Closed	01302 862969 thorne.library@doncaster.gov.uk

<p>Edenthorpe Community Library</p> <p>Communal Hall, Bardon Road, Edenthorpe, Doncaster, DN3 2ND</p>	<p>Monday – 2.00pm to 5.00pm Tuesday – Closed Wednesday – 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday – Closed Friday – 2.00pm to 5.00pm Saturday – 10.00am to 12.00pm Sunday – Closed</p>	<p>01302 884580</p> <p>edenthorpelibrary@hotmail.co.uk</p>
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* Please contact the venues in advance to arrange an appointment for computer access to view the documents electronically. The details of the opening hours above are correct at the time of this notice, however, are subject to change and it is recommended that you contact the library in advance.

The complete set of Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £3,000. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable printing charge may apply. The Applicant will also consider any reasonable requests for bespoke or hard copy document formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats). On request, an electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. In relation to any request, please contact the Applicant using the contact details set out at the end of this notice.

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: FenwickSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 0303 444 5000</p> <p>Website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010152</p> <p>Post: National Infrastructure Planning, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN</p> <p>Please quote the Application reference number EN010152 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this DCO.</p> <p>Correspondence about this DCO should be marked: FAO Fenwick Solar Farm</p>	<p>The Applicant would request that written correspondence should be directed to the following email address: Fenwick.Enquiries@boom-power.co.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 01964 782 219</p> <p>Post: FREEPOST Fenwick Solar Farm</p> <p>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>

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