

Application by Fenwick Solar Project Limited for an Order granting development consent for the Fenwick Solar Farm project.

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearings 2 and 3

The Examining Authority notified interested parties (IPs) on Friday 16 May 2025 of its decision to hold the following issue specific hearings [[PD-009](#)]:

Date	Hearing	Starting Time	Venue
Tuesday 17 June 2025	ISH2 on the draft Development Consent Order	Registration and seating available from: 1.30pm Virtual registration process from: 1.30pm Event start: 2:00pm	All hearings will be blended events at: Royal Suite Doncaster Racecourse, Bawtry Road, Doncaster, DN2 6BB and
Wednesday 18 June 2025	ISH3 on Environmental Matters	Registration and seating available from: 9.30am Virtual registration process from: 9.30am Event start: 10.00am	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

If you would like to participate in ISH2 or ISH3 and have not already submitted a request to participate, please contact the case team (who can be contacted at FenwickSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) by 23:59 on **Thursday 12 June 2025** so that the relevant instructions can be sent for you to join the event.

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.

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 – Draft Development Consent Order	
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 and how it will be conducted</p>
Item 3	<p>Main discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 2 – Interpretation • Article 6 – Disapplication and modification of statutory provisions <p>The applicant will be asked to provide an update following confirmation from the EA that it does not consent to the disapplication of flood risk activity permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 14 – Means of Access. <p>The ExA notes the applicant's response to ExQ1.1.4. The applicant will be asked to explain how this provision (either on its own or in conjunction with Art 9) will operate to ensure that the new, temporary access created on Trumfleet Lane (Access 6) will be removed/ restored.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 21 – Time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily. <p>The applicant will be asked to explain how parties affected by Article 21(3) will be notified if a challenge is made (and/ or subsequently withdrawn). The applicant will be asked to update the EM to explain why this provision is justified.</p> <p>Similar updates to the EM will be requested to justify the extension of the timescales in Articles 24(5) and 27(2)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 1, Work No 5 – Line drop option. <p>The ExA will seek clarification on the grid connection options including what was assessed in the ES and how these alternatives are secured within the dDCO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General <p>City of Doncaster Council will be asked to identify any outstanding matters or areas of concern on the drafting of the dDCO including any suggested alteration to the wording of the requirements.</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to provide an update on discussions with the Environment Agency on the dDCO and in particular whether any changes to existing (or any additional) requirements are being discussed.</p>
Item 4	<p>Schedule 14 – Protective Provisions</p> <p>The ExA will invite the applicant to provide an update on protective provisions.</p>

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	The ExA will invite statutory undertakers and other parties that would benefit from the protective provisions to comment.
Item 5	Opportunity for interested parties to comment on other aspects of the dDCO and raise any matters not covered in items 1-4 above.
Item 6	Any other matters
Close of Issue Specific Hearing 2	

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 – Environmental Matters	
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 and how it will be conducted.</p>
Item 3	<p>Main discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>BESS</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to provide clarification as to why a plume assessment has not been provided as part of the submission.</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to explain how a commitment of 10% BNG across all unit types aligns with the Secretary of State's decision making on recent Development Consent Orders to include specific percentages of BNG that are to be achieved.</p> <p>The ExA would like to explore how 'significant beneficial enhancement' has been defined.</p> <p>Ecology: Hedgerows</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to explain the approach to hedgerow removal and reinstatement across the Order limits including with regard to H114a, H115a and 115b, H116a, H121 and H132.</p> <p>Landscape and visual impact</p> <p>City of Doncaster Council will be asked to identify any outstanding concerns in relation to the applicant's assessment of, or conclusions on, landscape and visual impact.</p> <p>Traffic transport and access</p> <p>The ExA notes the applicant's response to ExQ1.10.2. The applicant will be asked to clarify which types of vehicles are accessing the grid connection corridor and for what purpose including the delivery of equipment for HDD and how those figures have fed into the Transport Assessment and Chapter 13.</p> <p>Other topics</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to confirm the number and location of monitoring boreholes located within the Thorpe Marsh Power Station site that would be impacted by the proposed development. Where existing boreholes are affected, the applicant will be asked to explain what they monitor and what safeguards the applicant anticipates will be required.</p> <p>The applicant will be asked to clarify its position on how the proposal has considered DEFRA's interim guidance with regard to PM_{2.5}.</p>

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	The ExA will seek clarification on the Framework Decommissioning Management Plan (fDEMP) with regards to the number of accompanying documents/ management plans, their triggers and their status.
Item 4	Opportunity for interested parties to comment on other aspects of the ES and raise any matters not covered in items 1-3 above.
Item 5	Any other matters
Close of Issue Specific Hearing 3	

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.

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.