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Date: 10 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Planning Act 2008 – section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rules 6, 9 and 13**

### **Application by Frodsham Solar Ltd (the applicant) for an order granting development consent for Frodsham Solar (EN010153)**

Further to the 'Rule 6 letter' of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 relating to the invitation to the preliminary meeting and notification of hearings please find below the preliminary meeting registration details for Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWACC) as the host local authority, and CWACC's written submissions for Procedural Deadline A.

#### **Preliminary Meeting Registration details for:**

[REDACTED] (Reference **FROD-065**)  
e-mail: [REDACTED]@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk  
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Representing Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWACC) as the host local authority.

Appearing in-person; along with legal representative [REDACTED] (Partner at Clarke Willmott LLP) [REDACTED]@clarkewillmott.com (tel: 07384 461 867) and [REDACTED] (Natural Environment Officer [REDACTED]@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) (observing only at the preliminary meeting)

Agenda items on which to speak\*:

- Item 3 Oral representations from interested parties on the examination process.
- Item 5 Oral representations from interested parties on the draft examination timetable.
- Item 7 Oral representations from interested parties on the Initial assessment of principal issues.



*\*The expectation is that oral representations will not be necessary, but we will be attendance to contribute, if necessary as the host local authority. Please see written submission below for the list of points made.*

## **Written submission for Procedural Deadline A**

### **• written submissions about how the application should be examined, including the draft examination timetable;**

- a. CWACC request that submissions on each deadline be made by 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, rather than 12:00 Noon as currently drafted.
- b. As a general point it is noted that the examination period from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 is only around 4 ½ months, which is liable to present additional pressure on CWACC's resources to meet the deadlines.
- c. Deadline 6 (31 March 2026) is only one week after publication of the ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (if required). The ability to respond in this time, is highly dependent on timely receipt of the changes, and the extent of changes to be considered.

### **• requests to speak at the preliminary meeting including which agenda items and/ or attend at the venue in person;**

As set out above. In-person attendance by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], speaking if necessary on Agenda items 3, 5, and 7.

### **• requests to speak at open floor hearing 1 and/ or to attend at the venue in person;**

In-person attendance by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]; not intending to make representations, but attending to contribute if necessary, as statutory party.

### **• requests to speak at issue specific hearing 1 and/ or to attend at the venue in person;**

In-person attendance by [REDACTED] (Principal Planning Officer), [REDACTED] (Solicitor) and [REDACTED] (Natural Environment Officer); and depending on the agenda for the issue specific hearing other Council officers/representatives (either in/person or on TEAMS):

[REDACTED] (Landscape Officer) [REDACTED] [@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

[REDACTED] (Highways) [REDACTED] [@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

[REDACTED] (consultant for Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA))

[REDACTED] [@atkinsrealis.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@atkinsrealis.com)

### **• suggested locations for site inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to private land**

The following locations are suggested for an accompanied site inspection:

- a) Fishing Pools (Cell3) as shown on Fig 4 of [AS-017](#) – 5.3 Information to Inform HRA
- b) Northern end of Cell 1 (and embankment to River Weaver) as shown on Fig 4 of AS-017 – 5.3 Information to Inform HRA

The reason for the above recommended locations for an accompanied site visit is that the northern sides of these cells are not currently accessible publicly. Cell 1 is proposed to provide one of the new

permissive paths, and the relationship with the River Weaver and Manchester Ship Canal should be viewed. Whilst Cell 3 can be viewed from the public right of way along the southern boundary, appreciation of the relationship of Cell 3 with the Fishing Pools and the Mersey Estuary SSSI would be best obtained from a visit along the northern embankment, by obtaining access via Frodsham Marsh Farm.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature]

*Principal Planning Officer*

