

Planning Act 2008 - sections 61, 65, 66 and 68

Application by Frodsham Solar Ltd for an order granting development consent for Frodsham Solar (EN010153)

Notice of appointment of Examining Authority under rule 4(3)(a), Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Amendment to the appointment of, and additional appointment to, the Examining Authority

On 05 August 2025, the Planning Inspectorate confirmed that a panel of 2 appointable persons was appointed as the Examining Authority to conduct the examination of the above application under sections 61 and 65 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The document published confirmed that Jason Rowlands (lead) and Stuart Cowperthwaite had been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.

Due to personal circumstances, Stuart Cowperthwaite is no longer able to continue in his role as a member of the panel for this project and has submitted his resignation from the panel under s66(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

Following a review of the project The Planning Inspectorate has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State, that the application should now be examined by a panel of 3 appointable persons under section 68(2) of the PA2008.

Appointment of members and lead member of the panel

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the skill sets required and has decided on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to appoint Claire Beloe as a replacement member and Paul Burley as an additional member of the Examining Authority in accordance with section 68 of the PA2008, with effect from 19 December 2025. These appointments are made in accordance with The Planning Inspectorate's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The panel therefore consists of

- Jason Rowlands (Lead)
- Claire Beloe
- Paul Burley.

The Planning Inspectorate

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for The Housing, Communities and Local Government under delegated powers

