



Planning Inspectorate

Application by Fosse Green Energy Limited for an order granting development consent for the proposed Fosse Green Energy

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1 Environmental Matters	Day 1 Tuesday 6 January 2026 Hearing starts at 14.30 Registration and seating available at venue from 14.00 and virtual registration process from 14.00 Day 2 Wednesday 7 January 2026 Hearing starts at 10.00 Registration and seating available at venue from 09.30 and virtual registration process from 09.30	County Assembly Rooms, 76 Bailgate, Lincoln LN1 3AR and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered

Agenda items

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing 1**
- 3. Matters for discussion at the hearing**

3.1	Scale of the proposed development and its generating capacity The Examining Authority (ExA) will ask the applicant to give a 10-minute overview of its case for the proposed development, to include:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the design of the proposed development, with a focus on the amount of land identified for the proposed 1) generating station and 2) associated development, and how that relates to the land area (per acre and per hectare equivalent), solar panel numbers and megawatt outputs referred to in paragraph 2.10.17 of National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-3 b) the anticipated generating capacity, including load factors, the quantum of the proposed solar array overplanting and the anticipated contribution the proposed development would make to meeting the United Kingdom's need for electricity generation c) the storage capacity of the proposed battery energy storage system and the relationship of that storage capacity with the grid connection limit that has been secured <p>The ExA will give Interested Parties (IPs) the opportunity to comment on the applicant's case with respect to the scale of the proposed development and its generating capacity.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have with respect to the oral and written cases made by the applicant and other IPs.</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item include: [APP-028], [APP-029], [APP-184], [APP-186], [APP-187], [APP-200], [AS-006], [AS-022], [AS-023], [AS-098], and the relevant representations commenting on the proposed development's scale and generating capacity. This is not an inclusive list of documents that may be referred to.</p>
3.2	<p>Alternatives to the proposed development</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to give a 10-minute summary of its case concerning the consideration of alternatives to the proposed development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how the approach taken aligns with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and the provisions of NPS EN-1 and NPS EN-3 <p>The ExA will give IPs the opportunity to comment on the applicant's case with respect to the consideration of alternatives.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect of the oral and written cases made by the applicant and other IPs.</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item include: [APP-028], [APP-029], [APP-184], [APP-187], [AS-006], [AS-019], [AS-022], [AS-023], [AS-035], [AS-098], and the relevant representations commenting on the consideration of</p>

	<p>alternatives to the proposed development. This is not an inclusive list of documents that may be referred to.</p>
3.3	<p>Effects for agriculture and land use</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with respect to the effects for agriculture and other land uses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) agricultural land classification, including the justification for making use of best and most versatile land b) effects on farming activities c) the consideration given to the use of non-farming land d) the consideration given to effects for food production e) the approach to soil management and restoration <p>The ExA will give IPs the opportunity to comment on the applicant's case with respect to the proposed development's effects for agriculture and land use.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect of the oral and written cases made by the applicant and other IPs.</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item include: [AS-016], [APP-161], [AS-068], [AS-100], [APP-189], [APP-190], [APP-191], [AS-006], [APP-186], [APP-187], [AS-098], and the relevant representations commenting on agricultural and other land use matters. This is not an inclusive list of documents that may be referred to.</p>
3.4	<p>Effects for cultural heritage and archaeology</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with respect to the effects for cultural heritage and archaeology, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the methodology and evidence used in the assessment of effects on heritage assets and their setting, including the chosen study area and the approach to considering group value and non-designated heritage assets b) the approach to archaeological investigations, including advising on the latest position with respect to the undertaking of investigations, the timing of any further investigations and whether there is sufficient information available to have confidence that significance is sufficiently understood c) the proposed embedded mitigation measures <p>The ExA will give IPs the opportunity to comment on the applicant's case with respect to the effects for cultural heritage and archaeology.</p>

	<p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have with respect to the oral and written cases made by the applicant and other IPs.</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item include: [APP-032], [APP-125], [APP-126], [APP-127], [APP-128], [APP-129], [APP-130], [APP-131], [APP-132], [AS-001], [AS-036], [AS-037], [AS-038], [AS-039], [AS-040], [AS-041], [AS-098] and the relevant representations commenting on cultural heritage and archaeology matters. This is not an inclusive list of documents that may be referred to.</p>
3.5	<p>Effects for traffic and transport</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with respect to traffic and transport, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the approach to the transport assessment b) predicted traffic generation (construction and operational) c) construction impacts for the strategic and local road networks and public rights of way and proposed mitigation measures d) the potential for cumulative effects <p>The ExA will give IPs the opportunity to comment on the applicant's case with respect to traffic and transport.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect of the oral and written cases made by the applicant and other IPs.</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item include: [APP-038], [APP-164], [APP-165], [APP-166], [APP-167], [AS-069], [AS-070], [AS-071], [AS-072], [AS-073], [AS-074], [APP-189], [AS-102], [APP-190], [APP-191], [APP-195], [AS-006], [AS-007], [AS-008], [AS-021], [AS-024], [AS-025], [APP-186], [APP-187], [AS-098] and the relevant representations commenting on traffic and transport matters. This is not an inclusive list of documents that may be referred to.</p>
3.6	<p>The proposals for biodiversity net gain (BNG)</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with regard to BNG, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) how the proposed BNG provision has been calculated and clarification about how much land within the proposed Order Limits would be required to deliver the BNG proposals b) the rationale for the amount of BNG that is being proposed, given that the statutory minimum requirement, when in force, would be 10%

	<p>c) the relationship between the Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [AS-101] and the BNG Report [APP-194] and where the BNG proposals sit in the mitigation hierarchy</p> <p>d) the assumptions and approach to the BNG assessment</p> <p>The ExA will invite IPs to comment on the applicant's case with respect to the provision of BNG.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect of the oral and written cases made by the applicant and other IPs.</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item include: [APP-033], [AS-081], [APP-189], [APP-190], [APP-191], [APP-194], [AS-101], [APP-016], and the relevant representations commenting on BNG matters. This is not an inclusive list of documents that may be referred to.</p>
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4. Any other business

The ExA may extend an opportunity for the applicant, other IPs and other persons to raise matters relevant to topics raised in ISH1 that they consider should be examined.

5. Review of matters and actions arising

The ExA will discuss how any actions arising from the discussion during the hearing are to be addressed by the applicant, other IPs or other persons following ISH1. A written action list will be published by the ExA (if required).

6. Close of hearing

Attendees

Having regard to the case made by the applicant and the relevant representations that have been received, the following IPs are specifically invited to attend and participate in ISH1.

Agenda Item 3.1 Scale and electricity generation	Agenda Item 3.2 Alternatives	Agenda Item 3.3 Agriculture and land use
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • North Kesteven District Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • North Kesteven District Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Natural England

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire County Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincolnshire County Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Kesteven District Council • Lincolnshire County Council
Agenda Item 3.4 Cultural heritage and archaeology	Agenda Item 3.5 Traffic and transport	Agenda Item 3.6 Biodiversity net gain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Historic England • North Kesteven District Council • Lincolnshire County Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • National Highways • North Kesteven District Council • Lincolnshire County Council (including in its capacity as local highway authority) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Natural England • North Kesteven District Council • Lincolnshire County Council

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All IPs are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for this hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to participate during this hearing in person or virtually, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so by **Tuesday 30 December**.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The first day sitting time for this hearing is not expected to go beyond 17:00. This hearing will recommence at 10.00 on Wednesday 7 January.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of this hearing should follow it up in writing no later than examination Deadline 1.

Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable **Day 1** of the hearing to start on time at **14.30** those attending virtually should join promptly at **14.00** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time. Similarly, for **Day 2**, which will start at **10.00**, those attending virtually should join promptly at **09.30**.

Procedure at the ISH

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 IP has had a fair chance to put its case.