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## Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rules 13 and 16

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

#### Notification of hearings

The examination timetable at annex A of the Examining Authority’s (ExA) [rule 8 letter](#), dated 14 January 2026, included reserved dates for hearings.

We are now writing to advise you that the following hearings will be held under sections 91, 92 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008. The hearings will be blended events, with participants attending either in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Date	Hearing	Start time	Location
<b>Wednesday 11 March 2026</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3)</b>  <b>Environmental Matters</b> , including, but not limited to, the consideration of the following:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the scale of the proposed development, including provision for farmland bird mitigation and</li> </ul>	Registration and seating available from: 09.30  Virtual registration process from: 09.30  Event start: 10.00 and will be adjourned no later than 16:00	All hearings will be blended events at:  LNER Stadium, Sincil Bank, Lincoln LN5 8LD  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams  Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to

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	biodiversity net gain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• landscape and visual impacts</li> <li>• population effects including living conditions, health and wellbeing, and socio-economic matters</li> <li>• cultural heritage and archaeology</li> </ul>		those who have pre-registered
<b>Wednesday 11 March 2026</b>	<b>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</b>	Registration and seating available from: 16:30  Virtual registration process from: 16:30  Event start: 17:00	All hearings will be blended events at:  LNER Stadium, Sincil Bank, Lincoln LN5 8LD  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
<b>Thursday 12 March 2026</b>	<b>Continuation of Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) Environmental Matters</b>	Registration and seating available from: 09:30  Virtual registration process from: 09:30  Event start: 10:00 and will be closed no later than 13:00	All hearings will be blended events at:  LNER Stadium, Sincil Bank, Lincoln LN5 8LD  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams  Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be

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<b>Thursday 12 March 2026</b>	<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)</b> , including the consideration of any land plot specific affected persons' concerns and positions with respect to protective provisions	Registration and seating available from: 14:00  Virtual registration process from: 14:00  Event start: 14:30	All hearings will be blended events at:  LNER Stadium, Sincil Bank, Lincoln LN5 8LD  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
<b>Friday 13 March 2026</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4)</b> draft Development Consent Order matters	Registration and seating available from: 09:30  Virtual registration process from: 09:30  Event start: 10:00	All hearings will be blended events at:  LNER Stadium, Sincil Bank, Lincoln LN5 8LD  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

### Applicant's notification duties

The applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended by The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024.

## Purpose of hearings

Please refer to The Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for information about the purpose of open floor, issue specific and compulsory acquisition hearings.

## Registration and requests to participate in hearings

**Please register using the [event participation form](#) by Tuesday 3 March 2026 if you intend to participate in the hearings and provide all the information requested. If you have any difficulty completing the form please contact the case team.**

Please note that by attending the event either in person or online you are agreeing to be filmed for the purposes of the online livestream of the event and the recording of the event which will get published on the [project webpage](#). A limited number of seats will be available for observers who wish not to be filmed at the event. Please contact the case team to notify them if you prefer not to be filmed at the event. A transcript of the event will also be published on the [project webpage](#) after the event.

Any request to participate in a hearing should include the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- for blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- for compulsory acquisition hearings, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the book of reference and the land plans; and
- the examination library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Joining instructions for hearings will be issued by the case team via email shortly before the hearing dates.

**Please contact the case team if you require any support or assistance to attend any hearing, either virtually or in person.**

If you simply wish to observe any of the hearings then you can either:

1. 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; and/or
2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by **Tuesday 3 March 2026** using the [event participation form](#). Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **Tuesday 3 March 2026**.

## Hearing agendas

The agendas and any detailed arrangements for the hearings, including any specific requests for attendance by representatives for the applicant, other interested parties (IPs), affected persons and other persons, will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days before the hearings. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at our discretion. There may not be an agenda for an open floor hearing.

## Procedure at hearings and post hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Participation in a hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the hearing for the making of a person's representations. The hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time. For issue specific hearings IPs may be invited to make oral representations at the hearing on the specific issues being examined at the hearing as set out in the agenda.

The ExA would remind all prospective hearing participants of the advice relating to the matter of ethical procurement provided in item 1 in Annex F of the ExA's rule 6 letter of 9 December 2025 [[PD-008](#)].

All hearings are recorded. The recordings and transcripts will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the examination to find out what has been discussed at a hearing. It is therefore important to note that anyone speaking at the hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, **each time they speak** to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the hearing is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our '[Privacy Notice](#)' for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the case team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order (DCO). If you actively participate in the

hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at hearings should be included in post hearing submissions and submitted at the relevant deadline in the examination timetable (see Annex A in [\[PD-010\]](#)).

## Accompanied Site Inspection

The ExA gives notice of an accompanied site inspection (ASI) on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting place
ASI	Tuesday 10 March 2026	09.15am	Lincoln Golf Centre Moor Lane Thorpe-on-the-Hill Lincoln LN6 9BW

A final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project page no later than Friday 27 February 2026. This itinerary will be drafted taking account the following:

- suggested locations submitted by Procedural Deadline A;
- the applicant's draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 1 [REP1-048]; and
- the ExA's assessment of the application and submissions made by the IPs, affected persons and other persons.

It should be noted that there may suggested locations for inspection by the ExA which will not be included in the final itinerary for the ASI. That, however, does not mean those locations will not be inspected by the ExA. Any such locations will be ones that the ExA considers can be inspected by it: either on an unaccompanied basis, because those locations can be observed from publicly accessible vantage points; or using the access required procedure, under which the landowner grants permission to the ExA to enter privately owned land to undertake an inspection without being accompanied by any party.

Please also note that the ExA's ASI is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. Instead, it is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the site (the proposed Order Limits). Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Please register using the event participation form by Tuesday 3 March 2026 if you intend to attend the ASI and provide all the information requested. If you have any difficulty completing the form, please contact the case team

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team [FosseGreenEnergy@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:FosseGreenEnergy@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

*Grahame Gould*

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