

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) Environmental matters	Day 1 Wednesday 11 March 2026 Hearing starts at 10.00 Registration and seating available at venue from 09.30 and virtual registration process from 09.30	LNER Stadium, Sincil Bank, Lincoln LN5 8LD and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
	Day 2 Thursday 12 March 2026 Hearing starts at 10.00 Registration and seating available at venue from 09.30 and virtual registration process from 09.30	

Agenda

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

3.1	<p>Scale of the proposed development, including provision for farmland bird mitigation and biodiversity net gain</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions of the applicant and other interested parties (IPs), relating to amongst other things:</p> <p>a) Scale of the proposed development, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How the proposed works have been described in Schedule 1 of the draft Development Consent Order [REP2-005] and shown on the proposed Works Plan [AS-105] ii. How the land take for the proposed development compares with other utility scale solar farms, having regard to the information included in Table 10-1 in [REP2-033] <p>b) How the proposals for biodiversity net gain (BNG) have been formulated, having regard to the guidance stated in paragraph 4.6.10 in the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) (2023) that BNG "... should be applied after compliance with the mitigation hierarchy ..."</p> <p>c) The duration of the operational phase for the proposed development</p>
3.2	<p>Landscape and visual effects</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions of the applicant and other IPs, relating to amongst other things:</p> <p>a) The methodology for assessing landscape and visual effects, including permanent versus temporary effects, cumulative effects and the approach to mitigation</p> <p>b) Landscape and visual effects, including effects for residents of the area and users of public rights of way and other non-motorised user routes in the area</p> <p>c) The adequacy of the proposed mitigation measures, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effects on the character and the appearance of the area, including lengths and heights of proposed hedgerows • maintenance measures
3.3	<p>Population effects</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions of the applicant and other IPs, relating to amongst other things:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The methodology for assessing effects on human health and wellbeing, with reference to the ExA's ExQ2 PE.2.01 [PD-016] b) Construction hours c) The effects of the nature and scale of change brought about by the proposed development on the health and wellbeing of local communities d) The impacts on the visitor economy offer due to the proposed development, including user experience of the public rights of way network and cumulative effects. References will be made to the matters raised by the Councils in their LIRs [REP1-053] and [REP1-056] and the applicant's responses in [REP2-031] e) Any benefits that the proposed development would bring to the local area
3.4	<p>Cultural heritage and archaeology</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions of the applicant and IPs, relating to amongst other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The progress being made to prepare a technical note concerning designated above ground heritage assets referred to in the Applicant's Response to Written Representations [REP2-030] and whether the availability of that will address the concerns raised by the Councils b) Effects for buried archaeology, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The position with respect to the discussions between the applicant and Lincolnshire County Council in connection with the applicant's updating of the Framework Written Scheme of Investigation (FWSI) [AS-001] referred to in the Applicant's Response to Written Representations [REP2-030] ii. Whether the updating of the FWSI would address the concerns raised by Lincolnshire County Council in writing and orally to date c) The effects of decommissioning works on buried archaeology, most particularly the removal of the supporting structure for the proposed solar arrays

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 ISH3 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 ISH3. 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 submissions that have been received, the following IPs are specifically invited to attend and participate in ISH3.

Agenda item 3.1 Scale of the proposed development	Agenda item 3.2 Landscape and visual effects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant• North Kesteven District Council• Lincolnshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant• North Kesteven District Council• Lincolnshire County Council
Agenda item 3.3 Population effects	Agenda item 3.4 Cultural heritage and archaeology
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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 the 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.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) 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. Day 1 of the Hearing will adjourn no later than 16.00 to accommodate the holding of Open Floor Hearing 1. ISH3 will resume at 10.00 on Thursday 12 March 2026 and will close no later than 13.00 to enable Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 to be held.

Anyone who is unable to provide all their oral submissions by the close of ISH3 can make any outstanding submissions in writing no later than examination Deadline 3.

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 the Hearing to start on time at **10.00** on both Day 1 and Day 2, those attending virtually should join promptly at **09.30** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

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.