

**DEAN MOOR SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**  
**NOTICE OF ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING, COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING, AND OPEN FLOOR HEARING**

**SECTIONS 91, 92 and 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

**RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010155**

**1. NOTICE OF HEARINGS**

- 1.1. Notice is hereby given that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the “Secretary of State”)) for the examination of the application made by FVS Dean Moor Limited (registered company number: 14712545) of 127 Cheapside, London, United Kingdom, EC2V 6BT (the “Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Application”).
- 1.2. The Application is for the development consent for the proposed Dean Moor Solar Farm (the “Proposed Development”) which is a renewable energy scheme situated within the administrative area of Cumberland Council, between the villages of Gilgarran and Branthwaite in West Cumbria.
- 1.3. The Application (Reference No. EN010155) was submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 24 March 2025 and was accepted on 15 April 2025. The Examining Authority was appointed on 28 April 2025 to examine the Application, and the Examination began on 22 July 2025.

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue
Issue Specific Hearing – to potentially include the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The draft Development Consent Order</li><li>Environmental Impact Assessment related matters</li><li>Details of the proposed development and decommissioning</li><li>Landscape and Visual</li><li>Historic Environment</li><li>Transportation and Highways</li><li>Design</li><li>Flood risk/drainage</li><li>Biodiversity/ecology</li><li>Noise</li></ul>	Tuesday 16 September 2025	Registration and seating available from: 9:30am  Virtual registration process from 9:30am  Event start: 10:00am	All hearings will be blended events at:  Washington Central Hotel Workington, Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3AY  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	Wednesday 17 September 2025	Registration and seating available from: 9:00am  Virtual registration process from 9:00am  Event start: 9:30am	All hearings will be blended events at:  Washington Central Hotel Workington, Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3AY  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Open Floor Hearing	Wednesday 17 September 2025	Registration and seating available from: 12:30pm  Virtual registration process from 12:30pm  Event start: 1:00pm	All hearings will be blended events at:  Washington Central Hotel Workington, Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3AY  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

- 1.4. Details regarding attending and speaking at the Hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 13 and 16 notification dated 19 August 2025 available via the Dean Moor Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010155>

- 1.5. The Examining Authority, in the Rule 13 and 16 notification dated 19 August 2025, confirmed that Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing via the website link above by Tuesday 26 August 2025. The Examining Authority may, at their discretion, accept late requests to speak at the Hearings. If you require assistance to register your attendance, please contact the Planning Inspectorate by calling 0303 444 5000 or by email [deanmoorsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:deanmoorsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) and quote the Application's reference number: EN010155.
- 1.6. The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
- 1.7. Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Dean Moor Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.
- 1.8. Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the examination timetable, how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the Dean Moor Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

## **2. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

- 2.1. The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic ('PV') energy generating station with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts comprising solar PV arrays, grid connection infrastructure, associated infrastructure, and green infrastructure.
- 2.2. The Proposed Development will be located on approximately 276.5 hectares of land located between the villages of Gilgarran and Branthwaite in West Cumbria, which is situated within the administrative area of Cumberland Council. To view a plan showing the location and route of the Proposed Development as submitted in the Application, please refer to the Location Plan:

<https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010155-000035-2.1%20Location%20Plan.pdf>

- 2.3. The Proposed Development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to section 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008 as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts. As a NSIP, the Proposed Development requires consent through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process.
- 2.4. The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement (ES) accompanies the Application.
- 2.5. The DCO, if granted, would enable the acquisition of new rights over land and contain powers for the possession and use of land on a temporary basis (to facilitate the construction of the Proposed Development). The DCO would also authorise the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Proposed Development, street works and highway works, and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

## **3. APPLICATION FORM AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS**

- 3.1. The Application form and its accompanying documents (including accompanying plans, maps, the Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary, and the draft Order) (together, the "Application Documents") can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Dean Moor Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010155/documents>

- 3.2. The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy and USB format but there will be a reasonable charge for paper copies to cover the cost of printing, packaging and postage. To request a hard copy or USB, please contact the Applicant using the contact details provided at the end of this notice. USBs will be limited to one per household or business.
- 3.3. If you require alternative methods for inspection of the Application Documents (for example in large print, audio, or braille formats), contact the Applicant using the details below.

## **4. APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS**

- 4.1. If you have any questions about the Application Documents you can email [info@deanmoorsolarfarm.com](mailto:info@deanmoorsolarfarm.com), write to Dean Moor Solar Farm at "FREEPOST: DEAN MOOR SOLAR FARM" or contact the Applicant by telephone on 0800 041 8643 (9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday).
- 4.2. The Planning Inspectorate can also be contacted by telephone on 0303 444 5000 or email [deanmoorsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:deanmoorsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). Latest details can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

**FVS Dean Moor Limited**