

Application by FVS Dean Moor Limited for an order granting development consent for the Dean Moor Solar Farm**Agenda for compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH):**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory acquisition hearing	Wednesday 17 September 2025 Hearing starts at 9:30am Registration and seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual registration process from 9:00am	Washington Central Hotel Workington, Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3AY and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Purpose of CAH

I am Matthew Woodward, the Examining Authority (ExA) for the proposed development. I will be leading the compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH).

The compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) is being held to enable me to inquire into the applicant's case to compulsorily acquire land or rights over land, or to take temporary possession (TP) of land. It also seeks to discharge my duty to hear from persons 'affected' by compulsory acquisition (CA) and TP proposals who have requested to be heard. The CAH will enable me to consider whether relevant legal and policy tests applicable to CA and TP have been met.

Attendees

All affected persons (APs) are invited to attend the hearing. However, as the event is being held as a blended event, it would assist with the running of the hearing if you could let the Inspectorate's Case Team know if you wish to participate in the hearing (if you have not already done so) so that the relevant instructions can be sent for you to join the event.

Please note that the hearing will also be livestreamed for those who may wish to view but not participate directly. Details of how to access the livestream will be made available on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date.

Procedure at CAH

Each AP is entitled to make oral representations. Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearings will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. As such, questioning at the hearing will be led by me as the ExA.

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing – *ExA to welcome participants and lead introductions.*

2. Purpose of the compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) – *The ExA to set out the purpose of the CAH and how it is to be conducted.*

3. CAH discussion:

Applicant to:	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outline where agreement has been reached with land owners/those with land interests and outline any ongoing negotiations.- Where CA and TP are sought, how they meet the tests of the PA2008.- To summarise how the application demonstrates that all reasonable alternatives to CA (including modifications to the scheme) have been explored.- To explain the time period of relevant land for which TP is sought.- To explain how the CA/TP powers sought in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) are compatible with human rights tests.
Objectors to CA/TP:	
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Affected Persons (APs) to set out any outstanding matters of concern, including any resolution/negotiations sought to resolve concerns.
Applicant to:	
c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on negotiations relating to Protective Provisions.
ExA to:	
d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seek clarity on the implications of further negotiations on the dDCO, including timescales.

4. Next steps

5. Closing

The agenda above is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The hearing will start at **9:30am** irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

If you participate using Microsoft Teams, please join the virtual lobby promptly using the instructions that will be sent to you. It may take some time to admit participants from the virtual lobby into the Arrangements Conference. Your patience while you are waiting is appreciated.

Matthew Woodward

Examining Authority

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