

**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
<b>Compulsory acquisition hearing</b>	<b>Thursday 13 November 2025</b> <b>Hearing starts at 10:00am</b> Virtual Registration Process from 9:30am	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 CAH is being held to enable me to examine the applicant's case to compulsorily acquire land or rights over land, or for the 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 allow me to consider whether the 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 virtually, it would assist with the organisation 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 joining instructions can be sent to you.

Please note that the hearing will also be livestreamed for those who may wish to view but not participate directly. Details on 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 provides that it is the ExA who 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 items

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

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

### 3. CAH topics/discussion

Applicant to:	
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outline where agreement has been reached with land owners/those with land interests and outline any ongoing negotiations.</li><li>• Outline details of the proposed works within plots 1-26, 1-33, 1-35 and 1-38.</li><li>• To summarise how the application demonstrates that all reasonable alternatives to CA (including modifications to the scheme) have been explored.</li><li>• Where CA and TP are sought, how they meet the tests of the PA2008.</li><li>• To explain the time period of relevant land for which TP is sought.</li><li>• To explain how the CA/TP powers sought in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) are compatible with human rights tests.</li><li>• Outline the Protective Provisions including any further negotiations.</li></ul>
Objectors to CA/TP:	
b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affected Persons (APs) to set out any outstanding matters of concern, including any resolution/negotiations sought to resolve concerns.</li></ul>
ExA to:	

c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seek clarity on the implications of further negotiations on the dDCO, including timescales.</li></ul>
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#### **4. Next steps**

#### **5. Closing**

The agenda above is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The hearing will start at **10.00am** irrespective of any late arrivals, for whom access may not be possible.

Please join the virtual lobby on Microsoft Teams 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.

Yours faithfully,

*Matthew Woodward*

**Examining Authority**

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