

PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM

SECTIONS 91 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13 (6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE EN010157

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, a Preliminary Hearing and Open Floor Hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application for made by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited (registered company number: 14539260) of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, England, SN5 6PB (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”).

The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on Friday 21 February 2025 and was accepted for examination on Friday 21 March 2025. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number EN010157.

Summary of the Proposed Development

Peartree Hill Solar Farm consists of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array electricity generating facility, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure, which would allow for the generation and export of up to 320 megawatts of electricity located to the east of Beverley in the administrative boundary of East Riding of Yorkshire Council (the “Proposed Development”).

The Proposed Development comprises several areas of land connected by a series of underground cables. The Proposed Development will establish a grid connection via underground cabling to the National Grid Creyke Beck Substation, which will transfer the electricity to the national electricity network.

The main elements of the Proposed Development include:

- Solar photovoltaic (PV) modules and associated mounting structures (groupings of solar PV modules are referred to as ‘arrays’);
- On-site supporting equipment including inverters, transformers, direct current (DC)-DC converters and switchgear;
- A battery energy storage system (BESS) including batteries and associated enclosures, monitoring systems, air conditioning, electrical cables and fire safety infrastructure;
- Two on-site 132 kV substations, including transformers, switchgear, circuit breakers, control equipment buildings, control functions, material storage, parking, as well as wider monitoring and maintenance equipment;
- Low voltage and 33 kV interconnecting cabling within and between the Land Areas to connect the solar PV modules together and to transmit electricity from the solar PV modules and BESS to one of the two on-site 132 kV substations;
- 132 kV underground cables (two 132 kV export cables) connecting the on-site substations to the National Grid Creyke Beck Substation;
- Works at the National Grid Creyke Beck Substation to facilitate the connection of the 132 kV underground cabling into the substation;

- Associated infrastructure including access tracks, parking, security measures, gates and fencing, lighting, drainage infrastructure, storage containers, earthworks, surface water management, maintenance and welfare facilities, security cabins and any other works identified as necessary to enable the development;
- Highways works to facilitate access for construction vehicles, comprising passing places where necessary to ensure that heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) can be safely accommodated amongst existing traffic, new or improved site accesses and visibility splays;
- A series of new permissive paths connecting to the existing public right of way network;
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures, including landscaping, habitat management, biodiversity enhancement and amenity improvements; and,
- Temporary development during the construction phase of the Proposed Development including construction compounds, parking and laydown

The Proposed Development is a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) because it would be able to generate over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity. This is an application made to the Planning Inspectorate and decided by the Secretary of State in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

A map showing the location of the Proposed Development can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at the following address: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010157-000047-2.1%20Location%20and%20Land%20Area%20Plan.pdf>

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State, it would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Development. The DCO would also authorise the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Proposed Development, the temporary stopping up or diversion of public rights of way, street works and highway works, and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

Hearings

The Examining Authority's letter dated 24 June 2025 contains details of the Hearings taking place in July 2025 and these will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

Hearing dates and locations

Date	Hearing	Start time	Location
Tuesday 22 July 2025	Preliminary Hearing	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:15am</p> <p>Virtual registration process from: 09:15am</p> <p>Preliminary meeting starts: 10:00am</p>	<p>Tickton Grange (Rose Room), Main Street, Tickton, Beverley, HU17 9HS</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>

Date	Hearing	Start time	Location
Tuesday 22 July 2025	Open Floor Hearing 1	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from: 14.30pm</p> <p>Virtual registration process from: 14.30pm</p> <p>Hearing starts: 15.00pm</p>	<p>Tickton Grange (Rose Room), Main Street, Tickton, Beverley, HU17 9HS</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have preregistered</p>

If you wish to attend and/or participate in any or all of the above Hearings, you must register by completing the Planning Inspectorate's event participation form by procedural deadline A, 23:59 on Tuesday 8 July 2025. If you only wish to observe the Hearings virtually, registration is not required. A livestream of each Hearing will be made available shortly before it begins, via a link on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Proposed Development. The Examining Authority's letter dated 24 June 2025 at page 2 contains a link to the Planning Inspectorate's event participation form, along with further details about how to register. The letter can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage and is available using the following link: https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010157-000219-PHSF%20-%20Rule%206%20Letter_stitched.pdf

Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Should you require any assistance or support in order to attend the Hearings - either virtually or in person - please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the contact details provided at the end of this notice.

Virtual Attendance – Registration Process

All virtual participants are required to complete a registration process prior to each Hearing. This process, led by the Planning Inspectorate, will take place before the scheduled start time to allow adequate time for all attendees to be admitted.

Cancellation of Hearings

In the event that a Hearing is no longer required, reasonable notice of the cancellation will be provided. This will be communicated by means of a banner displayed on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage for the Proposed Development.

Notification of Additional Hearings

Any Hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties (and where relevant, affected persons) of the date, time and place fixed for each Hearing.

For more information on the Hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the Hearings and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details at the bottom of this notice, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notice of hearings are available to download: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010157>

Copies of the Application and Accompanying Documents

The Application form and its accompanying documents including the draft DCO, plans the Environmental Statement and Non-technical Summary (NTS) ('Application Documents') can be viewed online, or downloaded free of charge, from the Peartree Hill Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010157>

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination of the Application will also be published in the Examination Library which can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's project website for the Proposed Development under the Documents tab. The Examination Library is regularly updated throughout the examination.

The Application Documents can also be viewed and downloaded free of charge on the Applicant's project website: <https://peartreehillsolar.co.uk/documents/>

The Application Documents will be available on both of the above websites at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision of whether or not to make the DCO.

On request, an electronic copy of the Application Documents can also be provided free of charge on a USB memory stick, which will be limited to one USB per household or business. To request a USB, please contact the Applicant using the contact details provided at the end of this notice.

The Application Documents are available to view electronically free of charge at the locations and times set out below:

Location	Address	Opening Times
Leven Library	Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley, HU17 5NG	Wednesday: 10:30am-12:30pm, 3:30pm-7:00pm
Beverley Library	Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE	Monday: 9:30am-4:30pm Tuesday: 9:30am-6:30pm Wednesday: 9:30am-4:30pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9:30am-4:30pm Saturday: 9:30am-4:00pm Sunday: Closed

*Please note that opening hours are subject to change. Please check and confirm opening times with the venue if planning a visit.

USBs with the Application Documents uploaded will also be available to take away at Tickton Village Hall (Main Street, Tickton, HU17 9RZ) when the village hall is open.

The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy format on request to the Applicant at a cost of £0.35 per page (up to a maximum of £4,200 for the full suite of documents).

Further Information

Further information about the Application, the Hearings, how to take part in the examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Applicant using the following contact details:

The Planning Inspectorate	The Applicant
<p>The Planning Inspectorate should be contacted in written form via the following email address: peartreehillsolarfarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 0303 444 5000</p> <p>Website: https://national-infrastructureconsenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010157</p> <p>Post: National Infrastructure Planning, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN</p> <p>Please quote the Application reference number EN010157 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this DCO.</p> <p>Correspondence about this DCO should be marked: FAO Peartree Hill Solar Farm</p>	<p>The Applicant would request that written correspondence should be directed to the following email address: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 01482 695 004</p> <p>Post: FREEPOST Peartree Hill Solar Farm</p> <p>Any details you provide to the Applicant via telephone, email or post will be subject to its privacy policy and will be treated confidentially and processed and handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. The information may be disclosed to or shared with the Applicant's connected companies, agents, contractors and advisors who provide services to the Applicant in connection with the Application.</p>