Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for an order granting development consent for Peartree Hill Solar Farm (EN010157)

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) dealing with the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and environmental matters

Notification of the date, time and location for ISH3 was provided in the Examining Authority's (ExA's) <u>letter</u> dated 5 November 2025.

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing

2. dDCO

- The ExA may ask questions in respect of articles, schedules and requirements of the dDCO (including requirements 15 and 16 and schedule 5, Part 2), seeking responses where appropriate from the applicant and interested parties (IPs).
- Any statutory undertakers or other bodies present with an interest in protective provisions in Schedule 12 of the dDCO will be invited to make representations and to explain their positions (should this not have been covered in Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2).

3. Transport and access

Matters around the proposed use of Park Lane for construction purposes.

4. Air quality

- Consideration of the applicant's response to ExQ3.5.1b) and c), noting that some of the traffic figures of the Transport Assessment state that "It is assumed that 50% of vehicles will travel to and from Hull Port via A1035 at Beverley and 50% via the A165.".
- Whether the applicant could seek/ confirm Hull City Council's agreement on its air quality conclusions.

5. Health and safety

• Update on any further liaison with Humberside Fire and Rescue Service relating to the Battery Safety Management Plan.

6. Population

 Discussion regarding the potential level of harm to be attributed to Albanwise Limited's business interests.

7. Land, soil and groundwater

• Update regarding the Environment Agency's outstanding concerns in relation to the potential for groundwater contamination.

8. Review of issues and actions arising

9. Any other matters

10. Closure of hearing

Notes on participation, conduct and management of the hearing

All IPs are invited to attend issue specific hearings. The event will also be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the <u>project page</u> of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website closer to the event date.

Each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing. However, this is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

The ExA would find it helpful for the following attendees to participate in ISH3:

- **The applicant** including representatives of the applicant who are able to discuss the matters on the agenda
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Humberside Fire and Rescue Service
- Environment Agency
- Albanwise Limited
- Statutory undertakers (particularly if not participated in Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2) including Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, National Gas Transmission plc, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) plc.
- Any other IPs with an interest in the provisions of the dDCO and/ or environmental matters

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. Guidance under 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. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

All examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets [].

The evidence presented orally at ISH3 should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **deadline 6 - Friday 19 December 2025**.

Contingencies

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If ISH3, or parts of it, is unable to proceed, for example for technical reasons, then the ExA may resort to written questions.

Purpose of ISH3

The main purpose of ISH3 is to undertake a further examination of various aspects of the dDCO and of various environmental matters, including transport and access, air quality, health and safety, population and land, soil and groundwater. The hearing is also being held to accord with the prescribed procedures of The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010, including regulation 14.