

## Application by Rosefield Energyfarm Limited for an order granting Development Consent for the Rosefield Solar Farm project

Notification of the date, time and venue for Issue Specific Hearing 2 on **Friday 22 May 2026** was provided in the letter from the Planning Inspectorate dated **28 April 2026** [[PD-013](#)].

### Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue specific hearing 2	<p><b>Friday 22 May 2026</b></p> <p><b>Hearing starts at 9.30am</b></p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from <b>9.00am</b> and virtual registration process from <b>9.00am</b></p>	<p>Doubletree by Hilton Milton Keynes, Stadium Way West, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK1 1ST</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>

### Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of this issue specific hearing**
- 3. The purpose and overall structure of the draft Development Consent Order (“dDCO”)**

The ExA will invite the Applicant to provide a brief overview (up to 10 minutes) of:

- its overall approach for the dDCO
- summary of recent amendments made to the dDCO
- the role of the Explanatory Memorandum
- any novel provisions

### 4. Articles and Requirements

Article 2(1)	Definition of “permitted preliminary works”.
Article 2(1)	Definition of “maintain”.

Article 12	Condition of streets and/ or rights of way.
Article 14	Extent of powers over all private roads within the order limits.
Article 16(2)	Additional wording proposed by Buckinghamshire Council (BC).
Article 22	Inclusion of an additional paragraph to confirm that compulsory acquisition rights do not extend to rights in mines and minerals
Article 31	Justification for powers which allow temporary possession of land not listed in schedule 11
Article 37(3)	Notice to be given to BC where it is intended to transfer the benefit of the Order.
Requirement 5	Nomination of representatives to the Community Liaison Group.
Requirement 7	Should there be an additional paragraph to the effect that no permitted preliminary works will be carried out which require mitigation to the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan?
Requirement 8	Fencing – further provision requiring the applicant to complete the fencing and other means of enclosure works as approved by the relevant planning authority.
Requirement 13	Inclusion of National Highways as a consultee?
Requirement 14	Operational Noise – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consideration of the proposed working and implementation hours as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) <a href="#">[REP2-059]</a>.</li> <li>paragraph 2.5.2 of the oCEMP provides “Where onsite works are to be conducted outside the core working hours.....” When might this occur?</li> </ul>
Requirement 18	Timescale required for the applicant to carry out restorative works to land used temporarily for construction?
Requirement 18(5)	Addition of “the relevant highway authority” as a consultee?
Schedule 2	Use of “substantially”.
Schedule 8, Part 2	Should proposals for temporary traffic signals be included in the transport assessment?
Schedule 16	Procedure for the discharge of requirements including service by email and the deemed consent provision at paragraph 2(3).
Other	Any other matters relating to the Articles and Requirements

## 5. Protective Provisions

Update from the Applicant concerning any progress with current negotiations from the position reported in the Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers submitted at deadline (D) 2 [\[REP2-083\]](#).

## 6. Consents, Licences and other agreements

The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on the progress and timescales for completion

## **7. Review of actions arising**

## **8. Closing**

### **Purpose of ISH**

This issue specific hearing is being held to primarily address specific matters regarding the content of the applicants' dDCO. The latest version was submitted at D2 [[REP2-004](#)]. Taking account of all representations received to date including the responses received at D2 to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions, we consider that the matters set out in this agenda would benefit from questioning by the ExA and oral representations.

Discussions at this hearing will be held without prejudice to the ExA's final recommendation on whether or not the dDCO should be made.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail in this agenda to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

### **Attendees**

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing.

- Applicant
- Buckinghamshire Council
- National Grid Distribution (East Midlands) plc
- National Grid Electricity Transmission
- Openreach
- Preston Farms and TCS Biosciences Limited
- Statkraft UK
- Thames Water
- UK Power Networks

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

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Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

### **Registration process**

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at 9.30am those attending virtually should join promptly at 9.00am to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

### **Procedure at ISH**

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.