

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 1 on **Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 May 2026** was provided in the letter from the Planning Inspectorate dated **28 April 2026** [[PD-013](#)].

Agenda for issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue specific hearing 1	<p>Wednesday 20 May and continuing on Thursday 21 May 2026</p> <p>Hearing starts at 9.30am on both days</p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from 9.00am and virtual registration process from 9.00am</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

Item 1	Introductions, arrangements and purpose of the hearing
Item 2	<p>Need, site selection and alternatives</p> <p>a) Output of the proposed development and related land take</p> <p>b) Grid connection</p> <p>c) Status and location of the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)</p>
Item 3	<p>Ecology and Biodiversity</p> <p>a) Compliance with National Policy Statements (NPSs)</p> <p>b) Presentation of likely effects and mitigation</p> <p>c) Bechstein Bats</p> <p>(i) Surveys and studies</p> <p>(ii) Effects</p> <p>(iii) Mitigation</p> <p>(iv) Monitoring</p> <p>d) Arboriculture impacts</p> <p>e) Ground nesting birds</p>

	f) Biodiversity net gain
Item 4	Water environment a) Geomorphology b) Biodiversity (i) Impact of the proposed bridge on riparian ecological features c) Water quality and waste management d) Flood risk (i) Flood risk (ii) Floodplain compensation
Item 5	Landscape and visual (including good design) a) The applicant's assessment of landscape and visual effects b) Suitability of proposed mitigation
Item 6	Cultural heritage a) Applicant's assessment of cultural heritage effects, including its consideration of the contribution of setting to significance of designated heritage assets and updated Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 9 [REP2-027] b) Suitability of proposed mitigation
Item 7	Transport and Access a) The applicant's assessment of transport and access matters, including assumptions in the Transport Assessment [APP-131] b) Suitability of the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [REP2-065] c) Public rights of way (PRoW) diversions and enhancements
Item 8	Population a) Effects on agricultural businesses and non-agricultural businesses b) Suitability of proposed mitigation, including replacement land and grazing animal corridor through field E23
Item 9	Soils a) Effects on soil, including best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land b) Scope for continued agricultural use c) Suitability of the Outline Soil Management Plan (SMP) [REP2-069]
Item 10	Noise and Vibration a) The applicant's assessment of noise effects and related mitigation, including for PRoW users and consideration of impacts on businesses and associated animals
Item 11	Air Quality a) Compliance with NPSs and Institute of Air Quality Management Guidance b) Mitigation
Item 12	Health

	a) Presentation of health effects b) Landscape related and cumulative wellbeing effects c) Geographically sensitive sub-populations
Item 13	Cumulative Effects a) Update on projects included in the assessment b) Assessment methodology c) Cumulative effects on soil and agriculture d) Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan
Item 14	Review of actions
Item 15	Closing

Purpose of ISH

This issue specific hearing is being held to further consider specific issues and questions identified by us through our reading of submissions to date including those recently made at deadline 2.

We consider that the matters set out in this agenda would benefit from further questioning by the Examining Authority (ExA) and oral representations. 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. With this in mind, as a guide to attendees, the ExA envisages covering items 1 to 7 on the first day of the hearing.

The ExA will continue to consider written submissions, noting that there are also other matters, not included in this agenda, that are also relevant to our examination.

Attendees

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

- Applicant
- Buckinghamshire Council
- Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
- Environment Agency
- Local Lead Flood Authority
- National Grid Electricity Transmission Limited
- Natural England
- Claydons Solar Action Group
- Preston Farms Limited and TCS Biosciences Limited
- A.E.J. & F.J. Claridge

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.