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All interested parties, statutory parties and any other person invited to the

Date:

Case ref:

EN010159 17 July 2025

preliminary meeting

**Dear Recipient** 

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 - rule 8 and 9

Application by One Earth Solar Farm Ltd for an order granting development consent for the One Earth Solar Farm

# **Examination timetable and procedure**

This letter (the Rule 8 Letter) provides important information about the examination of this application. The letter includes:

- The examination timetable
- An invitation to submit written representations
- A request for statements of common ground
- A request for local impact reports from local authorities
- Other procedural decisions made by the ExA
- Information about the availability of examination documents
- Guidance on the use of the 'Have your say' tab on the project webpage

All documentation associated with this examination, including a note of the preliminary meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed under the documents page on the project webpage of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website (project webpage).

#### The examination timetable

We have made a procedural decision about the way the application will be examined. The final examination timetable is attached at annex A to this letter.



The examination timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in our Rule 6 Letter. In finalising the examination timetable, we have clarified the need for an updated Application Guide to be provided at each deadline as referenced during the preliminary meeting. A list of the main changes we made to the draft examination timetable is set out at annex B to this letter.

Please note that the examination timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We request that all interested parties make their submissions using the <u>Have your say on</u> <u>an application</u> page on the project webpage on or before the applicable deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the 'Have your say' page.

If we consider it necessary to vary the examination timetable during the examination, notification will be sent to interested parties, statutory parties and other persons invited to the preliminary meeting. The changes will be published on the <u>project webpage</u>.

#### Written representations

All interested parties are now invited to submit written representations and any comments on the relevant representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **deadline 1, Tuesday 29 July** in the examination timetable.

Written representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our <u>initial assessment of principal issues</u>.

Any person, other than the applicant, who submits a written representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why. Interested parties should also provide with their written representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions to avoid delays in the examination (see paragraph 009 of the government's guidance on the examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects for further information about written representations).

We have requested further types of written submissions at various points in the examination (see **annex A**).

Any written representations and any further written submissions requested during the examination that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on third party websites. See the Planning Inspectorate's <u>Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments</u> for important information about making written submissions.

#### **Examining Authority's written questions**



We will prepare written questions (ExQ1) about the application and the representations received following receipt of submissions at deadline 1. These questions will be published on the project webpage

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **deadline 2, 21 August 2025** in the examination timetable.

# Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority

**Annex B** to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other procedural decisions we made at, or following, the preliminary meeting. These include:

- Statement of Common Ground to be prepared with Lincolnshire County Council to include Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service,
- Statement of Common Ground to be prepared with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service,
- Statement of Common Ground to be prepared with Anglian Water Services, and
- Statement of Common Ground to be prepared with National Grid Electricity Transmission.

#### Format of examination events

Both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events will form part of the operating model. We remain flexible and will confirm the format of any hearings when we provide formal notification of each hearing in advance of it taking place.

#### **Hearings and site inspections**

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say for more information.

The Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public also provides important information about hearing procedures:

- What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event
- Registering to speak at, or attend, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event

On this basis the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and we will notify all interested parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the examination in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a deadline for interested parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

We will also undertake site inspections. Where we are able to view the site from public land we are likely to do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be

published on the <u>project webpage</u>. The examination timetable also reserves time for us to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI) during the week commencing Monday 1 September 2025. We will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the applicant's draft itinerary, to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. We will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an unaccompanied site inspection on an access required basis.

**Annex C** provides details about what interested parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings. It also provides important information about the accompanied site inspection and attendance at the inspection.

# Managing examination correspondence

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to interested parties during an examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the project webpage.

A <u>Have your say on an application</u> page is available on the website which provides a portal through which parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the examination. Further information about the Have your say page is provided at **annex E** to this letter.

There is also a function on the right-hand side of the <u>project webpage</u> called '<u>email updates</u>'. This provides you with an opportunity to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the examination.

#### Your status in the examination

You have received this letter because you are a person or organisation who is involved in the NSIP process. See the Planning Inspectorate's <u>Advice for members of the public:</u>

<u>National Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process</u> for further details.

If, having read the advice, you are still unsure about how you are involved in the process please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

#### Awards of costs

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the



award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance <u>Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders</u>.

# Management of information

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the <u>project webpage</u>.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our <u>Privacy Notice</u>.

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Edwin Maund

# **Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

#### **Annexes**

- A Examination timetable
- **B** Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
- **C** Requests to appear and procedure to be followed at hearings
- **D** Examination documents
- E Information about the 'Have your say' page

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

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# **Examination Timetable**

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting.

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item	Matters	Date
1.	Procedural Deadline A	1 July 2025
	For receipt by the ExA of:	
	Comments about how the application is to be examined, including the draft examination timetable and virtual methods	
	Requests to speak at or observe the Preliminary Meeting, or other hearings if held.	
	Requests to speak at any hearings held in wc 7 July 2025.	
	<ul> <li>Suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	
2.	Preliminary meeting	8 July 2025
3.	Preliminary meeting, reserved time (if required)	8 July 2025
4.	Open floor hearing (OFH1)	8 July 2025
5.	Open floor hearing (OFH2)	9 July 2025
6.	Issue specific hearing (ISH1)	9 July 2025
7.	Issue specific hearing (ISH1) continued if not completed on 9 July 2025	10 July 2025
8.	Issue by the ExA of:	As soon as
	the examination timetable	practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
9.	Deadline 1	Tuesday 29
	For receipt by the ExA of:	July 2025

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> When suggesting locations, please have regard to the places already visited by the ExA on any unaccompanied site inspections (USI) it undertakes. Suggestions must explain why the location needs to be visited, information about whether the location can be accessed or seen using public rights of way or publicly accessible land, and what access arrangements would need to be made.

- Written representations (WR), and summaries of any WR which exceed 1500 words
- Written summaries of oral submissions given at the hearings during the week of 7 July 2025
- Comments on relevant representations (RR) (registration comments)
- Requests to speak at a further open floor hearing (OFH)
- Requests to speak at a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH)
   Requests can be made by affected persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a CAH
- Requests to speak at further issue specific hearings (ISH)
- Comments on any updated or additional documents received from the applicant
- Post hearing submissions, requested by the ExA
- Comments on any additional submissions accepted by the ExA
- Responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules

# From local authorities only:

Local Impact Reports (LIR)

#### From the applicant only:

- Draft itinerary for an accompanied site inspection (ASI)
- Drafts of any DCO obligations (s106) if necessary
- Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)
- Applicant's revised dDCO and schedule of changes to dDCO
- Applicant's revised Explanatory Memorandum
- Updated land and rights negotiations tracker
- Schedule of statutory undertakers and progress on protective provisions
- Updated 'Application Guide' with any updated documents in tracked and clean form

# 10. Publication by the ExA of: Written questions (ExQ1), if required Thursday 7 August 2025

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17.	Deadline 5	Wednesday
	Post hearing submissions	12 November
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	Applicant's revised dDCO and schedule of changes to dDCO	
	Applicant's revised Explanatory Memorandum	
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18.	Deadline 6	Wednesday
	Comments on any additional submissions received by D5 and accepted by the ExA	3 December 2025
	Responses to any further information request by the ExA	
19.	Deadline 7	Tuesday 16
	Comments on responses to ExQ3, if required	December 2025
	Comments on responses to the ExA's proposed dDCO	

- Comments on any additional submissions received by D6 and accepted by the ExA
- Responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules

## From the applicant only

- Final navigation document or guide to the application
- Applicant's final preferred dDCO and schedule of changes to dDCO. The applicant must provide the email notification from <a href="https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation">https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation</a> confirming the document has successfully passed validation, and the PDF version of the SI validation report obtained from the link in the notification email. The applicant should also provide a clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page
- Final Explanatory Memorandum
- Final SoCG
- List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised
- Final land and rights negotiations tracker
- Final status of negotiations with statutory undertakers
- Final BoR, schedule of changes to the BoR, Statement of Reasons and Land Plans
- Final outline control documents
- Final position of Protective Provisions
- Final position on securing other consents
- Final Policy Compliance document
- Final signed and dated Section 106 agreements, if required
- Final updated 'Application Guide' with any updated documents in tracked and clean form

# 20. Deadline 8 Comments on any documents submitted at D7 Responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 21. Close of examination The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.

The ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.	
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#### Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

#### **Publication dates**

All information received will be published on the <u>project webpage</u> as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions.

# Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's recommendation to the Secretary of State. The ExA may also raise questions in the RIES to confirm or clarify matters that remain outstanding.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

# Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

We have made a number of procedural decisions following the preliminary meeting:

#### 1. Examination timetable

No party who attended the Preliminary Meeting made a request for any changes to the examination timetable, however we have chosen to add at each deadline a request for the applicant to provide an updated Application Guide in both clean and tracked form to aid all parties in tracking the progress of documents through the examination.

# 2. Examining Authority's written questions

Our written questions (ExQ1) will be published after deadline 1 on 7 August 2025.

Whilst most of our written questions will be directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

Some of our questions will be directed to specific statutory parties and all relevant statutory parties are requested to check our written questions carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. For the avoidance of doubt, statutory parties are defined as the parties listed in schedule 1 to <a href="The Infrastructure">The Infrastructure</a> <a href="Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions)</a>) Regulations 2015. Statutory parties, including relevant local authorities, that have not already registered to become an interested party should consider notifying the ExA of their wish to be considered as an interested party, under Section 89(2A)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) as soon as possible.

#### 3. Statements of common ground (SoCG)

The applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the examination if all interested parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the applicant in respect of their production. We set out in **annex F** of our <u>Rule 6 Letter</u> the SoCGs we request are submitted during the examination of this application.

During the Preliminary Meeting we sought clarification as to the most appropriate way to engage with the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Services. The helpful responses at the Preliminary Meeting have allowed us to adjust the list of SoCG accordingly.

Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed below are requested to be submitted by the applicant to deadline 7:

- 1. Lincolnshire County Council including Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service;
- 2. Nottingham County Council;
- 3. Newark and Sherwood District Council;
- 4. Bassetlaw District Council;

- 5. West Lindsey District Council;
- 6. The Environment Agency;
- 7. Natural England;
- 8. Historic England;
- 9. Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service;
- 10. National Grid Electricity Transmission; and
- 11. Anglian Water Services.

All of the SoCGs listed above should cover the articles and requirements in the draft DCO. Any interested party seeking that an article or requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform us about the need to hold any issue specific hearings during the examination, and to enable us and the applicant to give notice of such hearings in advance of them taking place.

# 4. Local impact reports (LIR)

A LIR is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a proposed development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see the Planning Inspectorate's <a href="Advice for local">Advice for local</a> authorities.

Local authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **deadline 1** on **29 July 2025**.

#### 5. Changes to land interests

When the applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land the applicant is requested to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an interested party under section 102A of the PA2008. They should inform them that information about how to do this can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public: <a href="Nationally Significant">Nationally Significant</a> Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process.

The examination timetable includes various deadlines for the submission of an updated book of reference and schedule of changes to the book of reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

# 6. Status of the Applicant's Examination Documents

We request that the applicant provides, at each deadline, an updated 'Status of the Applicant's examination documents' document which provides a list of the most up-to-date status of the documents submitted, including which copies have been superseded in whole or in part. A final version must be submitted before the close of the examination. All examination documents submitted should include a version number and date.

#### 7. Format of document submissions

Interested parties, including the applicant, must add a cover page to every document. The cover page must contain a revision number. This is required to ensure that documents are published correctly to our website and to enable all parties to access the correct information on which to base their comments and decisions.

# **Arrangements for hearings**

Our examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the examination timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held (if required).

# Requests for hearings to be held

Interested parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) by deadline 1 on 29 July in writing of their wish for an open floor hearing (OFH) or compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) to be held.

If no written requests to take part in an OFH or CAH are received by the above deadline, we are not required to hold such a hearing, although we may choose to do so, nonetheless.

We may also choose to hold issue specific hearings (ISH) about topics that we think need to be explored orally. The decision to hold an ISH about a particular topic is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

The ExA will provide reasonable notice of the time, date and place of any hearings to all interested parties.

# **Hearing agendas**

For ISHs and CAHs the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website in advance of the hearing. However, the actual agenda may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA on the day of each hearing. For OFHs an agenda may not be published.

#### **Procedure at hearings**

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See the Planning Inspectorate's <u>Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say for more information.</u>

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

# Hearing livestream and recording

A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made available on the <u>project webpage</u> shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the <u>project</u> webpage as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any

member of the public who is interested in the application and the examination to find out what has been discussed.

# Accompanied site inspection (ASI) and requests to attend

The ASI is an opportunity for the ExA to view the site. The ExA may invite attendees to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

The ASI is **not** an opportunity to make any oral representations to us about the proposed development.

Time has been reserved in the examination timetable to undertake an ASI during the week commencing **1 September 2025**.

IPs were asked to provide suggested locations in the Rule 6 by PDA; however, no locations were identified, other than by West Lindsey District Council to view a layby on the A1133. This is part of the public highway and the ExA took the opportunity to visit this site on 8 July and is subject of a note which will be published as part of the Examination Library shortly.

Nevertheless, the ExA stated at the Preliminary Meeting that it would assist the ExA to be able to visit residential properties within the Order Limits or adjacent where the proposed development affects such properties and have invited the applicant to include these in the ASI and request that the applicant prepare a draft itinerary for the ASI that includes these locations.

The draft itinerary should be submitted by **deadline 1**.

Comments on the applicant's draft itinerary should be submitted by deadline 2.

We will then review the comments received and the draft itinerary and may make changes to it. Our final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the <u>project webpage</u> on or before **1 September 2025**.

#### **Examination documents**

The application documents and relevant representations can be inspected on the <u>project</u> <u>webpage</u>.

# How to stay up to date

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination will also be published on the documents page of the project webpage.

You can also sign up to get email updates.

If you have any questions about the process, examination events or how to access the documents, you can email project mailbox email address oneearthsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or contact us on 0303 444 5000.

# **The Examination Library**

For ease of navigation, please refer to the <u>Examination Library</u> (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue button under the documents tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document
- each representation and submission made to the examination
- each procedural decision made by the Examining Authority

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the examination. Please quote the **unique reference number from the** <u>Examination </u><u>Library</u> when referring to any examination documents in any future submissions that you make.

# Information about the 'Have your say' page

The <u>Have your say on an application</u> page is available on the <u>project webpage</u>.

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top your letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate). If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do have not your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique reference number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered interested party then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the <u>project webpage</u> as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our <u>Privacy Notice</u>.

You will be able to submit a document, make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents and evidence hosted on a third-party website, for example technical reports, media articles and so on. See the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments for important information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate submission item as described in the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the submission items, then please select the submission item 'Other' and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

If you experience any issues when using the <u>Have your say on an application</u> page please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.