



# Planning Inspectorate

## Application by Elements Green Trent Limited for an order granting development consent for the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

### Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 on the Draft Development Consent Order (ISH2):

| Hearing  | Date and Time  | Location  |
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| <b>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)<br/>Draft Development Consent Order</b> | <b>Tuesday 3 February 2026</b><br><b>Hearing starts at 10:00</b><br>Registration and seating available at venue from 09:30 and virtual registration process from 09:30 | The Conference Centre, YMCA Community and Activity Village, Lord Hawke Way, Newark, NG24 4FH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams |

### Agenda

- Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**
- Matters for discussion at the hearing**

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| Item 1 | <b>Overview of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)</b><br><a href="#"><u>[REP2-006]</u></a><br><br>Up to 5 minute overview by the applicant confirming that its dDCO has taken into consideration Government <a href="#">DCO Guidance</a> and PINS advice note 15.  |
| Item 2 | <b>Parts and schedules of the dDCO</b> to include identified articles, differences from guidance, recently made comparable orders, changes made by applicant and amendments sought by interested parties to these and outline management plans<br><br>2.0 Structural comparison with the NSIP solar order most recently made by the SoS: <a href="#">Helios</a> Dec 3 2025 |

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|        | <p>2.1 Part 1 Preliminary - including guidance on scope of “permitted preliminary works” and comments from the Environment Agency (EA) [<a href="#">REP2-091</a>]</p> <p>2.2 Part 2 Principal powers – including Application and modification of statutory provisions (8), Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance (9)</p> <p>2.3 Part 3 Streets - principally comments from National Highways [<a href="#">REP2-093</a>] and Nottinghamshire Count Council (NCC) [<a href="#">REP2-087</a>]</p> <p>2.4 Part 6 Miscellaneous and general - including articles 48, 49, 50, 51, noting that these are not present in the most recently made order for Helios.</p> <p>2.5 Schedule 2 – Requirements including the term ‘substantially in accordance with’, and requirements 8,11,12,15, 24 including Newark and Sherwood council’s comments (1), comments from NCC (11), EA (12) and National Highways (5, 14, 19 and 22).</p> |
| Item 3 | <p><b>Schedule 13 of the dDCO – Protective Provisions</b></p> <p>3.1 The ExA will invite the applicant to provide an update on protective provisions.</p> <p>3.2 The ExA will invite the statutory undertakers and other parties that would benefit from the protective provisions to comment.</p>  |
| Item 4 | <p><b>Opportunity for any further comments from interested parties on the dDCO and applicant’s response</b></p>   |
| Item 5 | <p><b>Any other matters</b></p>   |

#### 4. Next steps

#### 5. Closing

#### Attendees

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

- Applicant
- Newark and Sherwood Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Environment Agency
- National Highways
- Those seeking protective provisions

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.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail 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.

**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 **10.00** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09.30** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

### **Procedure at the 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.