

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

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)	Tuesday 3 February 2026 Hearing starts at 14.00 Registration and seating available at venue from 13.30 and virtual Registration Process from 13.30	The Conference Centre, YMCA Community and Activity Village, Lord Hawke Way, Newark, NG24 4FH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing

2. Purpose of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

3. Agenda

3.1	The applicant's case for Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) The ExA will ask the applicant to briefly present and justify its case for CA and TP, including addressing the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the powers sought and their purposes • Relevant draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) provisions • How the relevant statutory and policy tests under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) (including s122, s123, s127, s132 and s138) and Department for Communities and Local Government guidance related to CA would be met • The applicant's strategy/ criteria for determining whether to seek powers for CA of land, CA of rights or TP of land • Consideration of alternatives to CA/ TP • Human rights considerations.
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	<p>The ExA may ask questions in relation to the applicant's case for CA and TP.</p> <p>The ExA will invite submissions from affected persons (APs) who wish to raise general matters in relation to the applicant's case for CA and TP. However, site specific submissions will be reserved to agenda items 3.2 and 3.3.</p>
3.2	<p>Site-specific issues for the applicant</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to provide an update on the progress of negotiations with APs and the timetable for their conclusion.</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions of the applicant about negotiations and matters arising from written and oral submissions.</p>
3.4	<p>Site-specific representations by APs</p> <p>The ExA will ask APs to briefly set out any outstanding concerns in relation to CA/ TP for the land in which they have an interest that have not been addressed by the applicant.</p> <p>The ExA will invite submissions from the following APs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drone Defence Services Ltd • Richard Gill and Lisa Gill • Pamela Gladwin and Paul Mitchell • Other APs who wish to speak <p>The ExA may ask questions of APs about matters arising from written and oral submissions.</p>
3.5	<p>Statutory undertakers</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant to summarise any outstanding matters arising from representations by statutory undertakers. Any statutory undertaker or other relevant body in attendance and wishing to speak in relation to an objection or issue raised that is relevant to the effects of the proposed development on its undertaking, apparatus or land will be invited to put oral submissions to the ExA.</p> <p>The ExA may ask questions of the statutory undertaker or other relevant body, and the applicant, about matters arising from written and oral submissions.</p> <p>The applicant will be provided with a right of reply.</p>

	Protective provisions and any commercial/side agreements will be considered at the Issue Specific Hearing concerned with the draft Development Consent Order.
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4. Any other business

5. Review of matters arising

6. Closing

Attendees

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

- Applicant
- Drone Defence Services Ltd
- Richard Gill and Lisa Gill
- Pamela Gladwin
- Paul Mitchell
- Cadent Gas
- RWE Generation UK PLC
- National Grid

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.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond 5pm.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

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 **14.00** those attending virtually should join promptly at **13.30** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at CAH

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.