

Deadline 1 Submission Reference

S25A01A1A – 23rd October 2025

Preliminary Hearing – Written Representation

FFF note that the timetable runs from 11th November 2025 to 10th April 2026, a period of 150 days. This period includes several Bank Holidays and School Holidays. The FFF Group represents a material number of residents, households and businesses from the villages surrounded by, and directly affected by the Steeples Renewables Project. We are a group of volunteers who work and have both family and holidays scheduled and there is a huge volume of highly technical detailed reports contained within this specific application (>8,000).

This is not the only project of National Significance that is affecting the local area and there are also a number of other large scale operations ongoing in and around the village that have a significant impact in the village that we input into via various working groups and liaisons (refer to our initial submission Cumulative Impact), and we thank the Examining Authority for acknowledging this fact and that the list is continuing to grow.

Given we have, are or maybe expected to also review and comment on these other developments the timeline proposed is very short and we feel, does not give us sufficient time to actively engage in the process. Fields for Farming is a community group of volunteers, nominated to represent residents which currently lacks financial resources to engage expert witnesses/consultants.

We respectfully request that the timetable is extended to allow for holidays and school holidays and to allow time for non-specialist participants like ourselves time to get familiar with the process and effectively engage and respond.

Preliminary Hearing – Request to Attend

FFF would like to attend to observe the PL (comments already submitted). We would ask that 10 places are made available for our group, and other individuals may join by TEAMS and we will email requests before the deadline.