



# Planning Inspectorate

**Application by Lime Down Solar Park Limited for an order granting development consent for the Lime Down Solar Project**

**Agenda for compulsory acquisition hearing 2 (CAH2) dealing with matters relating to compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP)**

| Hearing                                 | Date and Time                                                                                                                                                                         | Location                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Compulsory acquisition hearing 2</b> | <b>Wednesday<br/>23 September 2026</b><br><b>Hearing starts at 9:30am</b><br><br>Registration and seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual Registration Process from 9:00am | The National Self Build & Renovation Centre, Lydiard Fields, Great Western Way, Swindon, SN5 8UB<br><br>and<br><br>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams |

## Agenda items

| Item          | Matters to be covered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Item 1</b> | <b>Welcome, housekeeping, purpose of the hearing, participant introductions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Item 2</b> | <b>Change request</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further to the applicant's submission of a change request, the applicant will be invited to explain the extent, purpose and type of rights sought over the additional land (Plot 04-036) and the status of negotiations with the additional Affected Persons (APs) identified on pages 296-297 of its amended Book of Reference [<a href="#">CR1-025</a>] (tracked version) and in its Regulation 9 Notice [<a href="#">REP6a-002</a>].</li><li>• The ExA wishes to provide the additional APs the opportunity to appear and make oral representations in line with Regulation 15 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010. For each additional affected person, the ExA will ask:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) for an outline of the current scope of any objections, taking account of any progress in negotiations with the applicant; and</li><li>b) what relief is being sought?</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>Item 3</b> | <b>Site specific representations by APs</b> <p>The ExA will ask APs who have registered to speak at this CAH2 to briefly set out their individual areas of concern for the land in which they have an</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Item                                                                                                                                  | Matters to be covered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                       | <p>interest. These persons include (but may not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KMT Farming and Consultancy on behalf of or with Mr and Mrs Eavis</li> <li>• Dr Peter Phillips</li> </ul> <p>The ExA will invite the Applicant to respond to each representation individually under this agenda item.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Item 4</b>                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Site specific issues for the Applicant</b></p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide an update on the progress of ongoing negotiations with APs (other than those APs who speak on Agenda Item 3) and what efforts are being made to resolve remaining points of concern. This will include a review of the Land Rights and Negotiations Tracker <a href="#">[REP6-008]</a> (tracked version) and the Land and Rights Communication Log <a href="#">[REP6-059]</a> (tracked version) for the ExA to be clear on likely outstanding objections at the close of the examination and to confirm that all relevant APs are included in those documents.</p> <p>Item 4 will also require an update from the applicant on how parties with Category 2 status only in the Book of Reference have been considered in the land and rights acquisition process.</p> |
| <b>Item 5</b>                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Crown land interest</b></p> <p>The ExA will seek to understand the status of Plot 09-012 and the implications if a Crown land interest in this plot is confirmed and consent of the Crown authority is not in place at the close of the examination.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Item 6</b>                                                                                                                         | <p><b>Statutory Undertakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ExA will ask the Applicant to provide a brief overview of any recent updates to Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker in respect of negotiations with Statutory Undertakers.</li> <li>• Any Statutory Undertaker 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. (Note that specific drafting issues with protective provisions should be reserved for Issue Specific Hearing 9 on the draft Development Consent Order)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Item 7</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>Any other matters</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Close of hearing (no later than 1:00pm in light of draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) hearing commencing at 2:00pm)</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## **Purpose of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing**

A CAH is being held to:

- ensure adequate examination of the provisions within the dDCO seeking to authorise the CA of land and/ or rights over land;
- assess whether the conditions relating to the land and/ or rights being required for the proposed development or required to facilitate or be incidental to that development are met; and
- assess whether there is a compelling case in the public interest for the land to be acquired compulsorily.

## **Attendance at the hearing**

The ExA would find it helpful if the Applicant could attend this hearing. Whilst any AP is welcome to attend CAH2 and provide oral submissions (subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing(s)), the following attendees made an explicit request to speak at the Hearing and will thus be given priority:

- KMT Farming and Consultancy on behalf of, or with, Mr and Mrs Eavis
- Dr Peter Phillips

The ExA would also like to invite the following APs to attend (in person or virtually) to make representations or to take some questions from the ExA:

- The additional APs listed in the applicant's amended Book of Reference [[CR1-025](#)] (tracked version) and in its Regulation 9 Notice [[REP6a-002](#)] related to the Change Request Plot No. 04-036:
  - David Matthew Irvine
  - Mary Elizabeth Cundick
  - The Executor of the Estate of the Late Rex Charles Smith
  - The Executor of the Estate of the Late Sheila Ann Smith
  - Wiltshire Council
- Angus Methuen-Campbell (The Corsham Estate)
- Bridget Marie Gregory
- Carter Jonas on behalf of Messrs. Nicholas
- Clyde Burgess
- Any Statutory Undertakers, who wish to discuss CA/ TP matters, not least:
  - National Highways
  - Network Rail
  - National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC
  - National Gas Transmission PLC
  - Exolum Pipeline System Ltd
  - Wessex Water Services Ltd

Any AP wishing to attend the hearing, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible. Whilst the ExA will endeavour to hear from any AP who has not registered in time, due to the 3½ hours allowed for this hearing priority will need to be given to parties listed above or who have registered in advance.

The hearing 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. APs, Interested Parties and other 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 virtual 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 **09:30am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:00am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

For those parties who simply wish to observe the hearing, they should log into the livestream link, which will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

### **Procedure at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing**

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. Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. 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 AP has had a fair chance to put its case.

The agenda is for guidance only, although every effort will be made to ensure that the issues listed in the agenda will be discussed on the day. However, due to a timetabled dDCO hearing at 2:00pm that afternoon, the CAH must finish no later than 1:00pm to allow the ExA and case team, the Applicant, the audio visual team, and any participants registered for both the CAH and dDCO hearing to have a break between sessions.

### **Any questions about this hearing**

Please contact the case team if you have any questions regarding the arrangements for the hearing or how to participate as follows:

Email: [limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:limedown@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Telephone: 0303 444 5000

### **Post Hearing Submissions and Closing Statements**

The ExA draws your attention to **deadline 7** in the examination timetable (**Friday 2 October 2026**) and requests that full summaries of all oral submissions given at the hearing by those who made them are submitted at that deadline. In addition, anyone who is unable to complete all of their oral submission during the hearing should follow it up in writing at that deadline.

Finally, **deadline 7** is also the time for any AP to submit a closing statement into the examination.