

Application by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1 Environmental Matters	Wednesday 22 October 2025 Seating available from 09:30 Hearing Starts at 10:00 Online Registration Process from 09:30	Blended event at the Mercure Hotel, Silver Street, Northampton NN1 2TA and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

Agenda items

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing 1**
- 3. Matters for discussion at this Hearing**

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1 – Environmental Matters	
3.1	Introduction to agenda item 3
3.2	Effects for Landscape (including Design and Glint and Glare) Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item: [APP-040], [APP-041], [APP-042], [APP-045], [APP-052], [APP-062], [APP-078], [APP-079], [APP-080], [APP-081], [APP-082], [APP-083], [APP-155] to [APP-165] (inclusive), [APP-193] to [APP-220] (inclusive), [APP-259] to [APP-400] (inclusive), [APP-548], [APP-560], [APP-561], [APP-572]. The ExA will ask the Applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with regard to landscape, design and glint and glare effects, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Design details and evolution and the differences between tracker and fixed panels b) Landscape and visual impacts and key viewpoints

	<p>c) Mitigation of visual effects</p> <p>d) The assessment of glint and glare effects</p> <p>The ExA will invite Interested Parties (IPs) (five-minutes each IP) to comment on the Applicant's position in respect of landscape, design and glint and glare matters.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect to the oral and written cases made by the Applicant and other IPs.</p>
3.3	<p>Effects for Ecology and Biodiversity</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item: [APP-046], [APP-047], [APP-056], [APP-171], [APP-551], [APP-565].</p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with regard to Ecology and Biodiversity effects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Effects on internationally designated sites and protected species b) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) fire safety and drainage c) Effects on groundwater including aquifer and decommissioning impacts d) Ancient Woodland buffer zones <p>The ExA will invite IPs (five minutes each IP) to comment on the Applicant's position in respect of ecology and biodiversity effects.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect of the oral and written cases made by the Applicant and other IPs.</p>
3.4	<p>Effects for Traffic and Transport</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item: [AS-005], [APP-017], [APP-050], [APP-151 Part 1], [APP-432], [APP-436], [APP-445], [APP-553].</p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with regard to traffic and transport matters, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) National Highways protective provisions b) HGV routing c) Access to Construction Compound 4 d) Effects on public rights of way <p>The ExA will invite IPs (five minutes each IP) to comment on the Applicant's position in respect of traffic and transport effects.</p>

	The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect of the oral and written cases made by the Applicant and other IPs.
3.5	<p>Effects for Built Heritage and Archaeology</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item: [APP-015], [APP-049], [APP-110] to [APP-149] (inclusive), [APP-406] to [APP-422] (inclusive).</p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant to give a ten-minute summary of its case with regard to built heritage and archaeology, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Effects on the setting of designated heritage assets b) Effects on buried archaeological remains <p>The ExA will invite IPs (five-minutes each IP) to comment on the Applicant's position in respect of effects for built heritage and archaeology.</p> <p>The ExA will then ask any questions it may have in respect to the oral and written cases made by the Applicant and other IPs.</p>
3.6	<p>Other Matters</p> <p>Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item: [APP-047], [APP-057], [APP-060], [APP-097] to [APP-108] (inclusive), [APP-232], [APP-258], [APP-531] to [APP-533] (inclusive), [APP-550], [APP-563], [APP-566], [APP-571].</p> <p>If not addressed under earlier items, the ExA may ask further questions of the Applicant and other IPs in relation to the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Effects for agriculture b) Hydrology, flood risk and drainage c) BESS

4. Any Other Business

The ExA may extend an opportunity for the Applicant, IPs and Other Persons to raise matters relevant to topics raised in ISH1 that they consider should be examined.

5. Review of matters and actions arising

The ExA will discuss how any actions arising from the discussion are to be addressed by the Applicant, IPs or Other Persons following ISH1. A written action list will be published if required.

6. Close of Hearing

Attendees

Based on Relevant Representations received and the requests to attend ISH1 made at Pre-examination Procedural Deadline A, the ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing.

Agenda Item 3.2 Landscape, Design and Glint and Glare	Agenda Item 3.3 Ecology and Biodiversity	Agenda Item 3.4 Traffic and Transport
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant, including representatives with expertise in landscape and visual, design and glint and glare matters • North Northamptonshire Council • West Northamptonshire Council • Milton Keynes City Council • CPRE Northamptonshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant, including a representative with expertise in ecology and biodiversity • Natural England • Environment Agency • Forestry Commission • Any local authority with an interest in the agenda item 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant, including a representative with expertise in traffic and transport matters • National Highways • Any local authority with an interest in the agenda item • A representative of Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council
Agenda Item 3.5 Built Heritage and Archaeology	Agenda Item 3.6 Other Matters	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant, including representatives with expertise in built heritage and archaeology matters • North Northamptonshire Council • West Northamptonshire Council • Milton Keynes City Council • Historic England 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the Applicant who can respond on the topics covered under this item • Environment Agency • Anglian Water • Any local authority with an interest in one or more of the topics • Any IPs with an interest in one or more of the topics 	

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All IPs 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. This hearing is not expected to go beyond 17:00.

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 **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 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.