

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

**Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1):**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)</b>	<b>Wednesday 10 December 2025</b>  Seating available from 13:30  <b>Hearing Starts at 14:00</b>  Online Registration Process from 13:30	<b>Blended event at the Hilton Northampton, 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton NN4 0XW</b>  <b>and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams</b>  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 Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1**
- 3. Matters for discussion at this Hearing**

**Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item:**

- [REP1-004] and [REP1-005] – Land Plan (Revision B)
- [REP1-006] – Works Plan (Revision B)
- [REP1-008] – Development Consent Order (Revision A)
- [REP1-010] – Explanatory Memorandum (Revision A)
- [REP1-012] – Book of Reference (Revision B)
- [REP1-015] – Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Revision A)
- [REP1-159] – Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (Revision A)
- [REP1-165] – Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
- Any other written submissions submitted at Examination Deadlines 1 and 2 that include Land Rights representations

<p><b>3.1</b></p>	<p><b>Summary of cases from Affected Persons attending CAH1</b></p> <p>Affected persons (AP) attending CAH1 will be asked in turn by the ExA to summarise their cases with respect to the compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) powers sought by the applicant.</p> <p>Affected persons in explaining their cases should explain whether they consider the powers sought by the applicant do or do not accord with conditions stated in section 122 (Purpose for which compulsory acquisition may be authorised) of the Planning Act 2008 and the ‘Planning Act 2008 Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land’ (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2013).</p> <p>The applicant will then be given the opportunity to respond to any summary cases made by affected persons.</p> <p>The ExA will ask any questions of the applicant and affected persons as it considers necessary.</p>
<p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p><b>Applicant’s Land Rights negotiations update</b></p> <p>The applicant will be asked by the ExA to provide an update with respect to its land rights negotiations since its previous updates.</p> <p>The ExA will ask the applicant any questions it considers necessary.</p>

#### **4. Any Other Business**

The ExA may extend an opportunity for the applicant and affected persons to raise matters relevant to topics raised in CAH1 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 or affected persons following CAH1. A written action list will be published if required.

#### **6. Close of Hearing**

## **Attendees**

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

- North Northamptonshire Council
- West Northamptonshire Council
- Milton Keynes Council
- Helen Elderkin
- Sheena Howell on behalf of John Hope, Trinity Land Ltd
- Serien Partridge
- National Highways
- National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
- National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc

However, this does not indicate that other parties with a land rights interest in the proposed development will not be able to contribute. All affected parties 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 **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.