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Well, good morning everybody.

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00:00:01.785 --> 00:00:05.925

Um, it is now 10:00 AM and time for this hearing to begin.

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Um, could I just confirm

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that everybody in the room can hear me clearly?

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00:00:11.655 --> 00:00:13.685

Thank you. Um,

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00:00:14.145 --> 00:00:16.725

and can I just also have an indication from anyone online

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00:00:16.725 --> 00:00:18.405

that they can also hear?

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00:00:23.295 --> 00:00:25.555

Oh, yeah. Great. Thank you for that.

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Um, and can I also confirm with the case team

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00:00:29.225 --> 00:00:30.835

that the live streaming

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and recording of this event has commenced?

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00:00:34.085 --> 00:00:38.395

Thank you. Um, so I'd like to welcome you

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to this issue specific hearing, um, which we will refer to

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as ISH four, um, relating

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to environmental matters

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00:00:49.135 --> 00:00:51.475
and the draft development consent order

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00:00:52.215 --> 00:00:54.795
for the Greenhill Solar Farm Project.

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00:00:56.015 --> 00:00:57.715
My name is Mark Harrison.

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00:00:58.275 --> 00:00:59.955
I am a chartered town planner

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00:01:00.495 --> 00:01:03.635
and examining inspector With the planning inspectorate.

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00:01:04.355 --> 00:01:06.635
I have been appointed by the Secretary of State

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00:01:07.015 --> 00:01:09.555
to be the lead member of the panel

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comprising the examining authority,

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00:01:13.005 --> 00:01:15.595
which will be examining this application.

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I'm now going to ask my colleagues

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and fellow panel members of the examining authority, um, one

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00:01:23.715 --> 00:01:27.515

of whom will be joining us online for this week of hearings

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to introduce themselves.

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Thank you. Good morning. My name's Rebecca Norman.

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I'm a charter town planner and examining inspector.

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I've been appointed as a panel member

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of the examining authority.

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Good morning. My name is Catherine Bebe.

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I'm a town planner and an examining inspector.

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00:01:48.715 --> 00:01:50.165

I've been appointed as a panel member

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of the examining authority.

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So our role is to examine the application

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00:01:58.615 --> 00:02:03.115

and to report to the Secretary of State for Energy Security

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and net zero with a recommendation as to whether

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or not the development consent order should be made.

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At this point, I'd like to introduce the members

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of the Planning Inspectorates case team

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who are supporting us today.

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We have Ryan Sedgman, who is case manager for this project,

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and Sam Stevens case officer, um,

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00:02:28.495 --> 00:02:29.875

who are sitting at the back of the room.

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Um, we also had another case officer,

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Gerwin Rigby online to assist

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with any initial virtual registrations for those online.

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Um, in addition, technicians from the Audio Visual Company

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event video

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and TM services are in attendance at the back of the room

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00:02:54.635 --> 00:02:58.935

solely for the purpose of managing the recording

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00:02:59.105 --> 00:03:01.205

and live streaming for this hearing.

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Um, before proceeding any further with this hearing, um,

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can I clarify whether any new interested parties are

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00:03:14.815 --> 00:03:16.955

in attendance today, uh,

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00:03:16.955 --> 00:03:21.755

and wish to make any oral submissions in respect of matters

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that were discussed during the course

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of issue specific hearings, one to three.

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Um, those hearings predating the acceptance

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00:03:33.495 --> 00:03:37.835

of the applicant's first change request, um,

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which was, uh, examination library references

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to CR 1 0 4 0, uh,

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and the opportunity for any additional

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or new interested parties to participate in them.

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Um, we think given the very limited changes, um,

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that were made to the order limits resulting from the first

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change request, um, that only two new

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affected persons have been brought into the examination, uh,

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being Acan Developments Limited

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and Swell Solar Limited.

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00:04:26.525 --> 00:04:30.305

Um, so, um, do we have anyone in the room

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00:04:30.445 --> 00:04:33.345

who is new to this examination

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00:04:34.005 --> 00:04:37.145

and wishes to speak regarding the changes

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00:04:37.365 --> 00:04:38.385

to the application?

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00:04:43.405 --> 00:04:45.535

Okay. Note. Um,

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and turning, uh, online, do do we have anyone online

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00:04:50.435 --> 00:04:52.055

who is new to this examination

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00:04:52.355 --> 00:04:55.615

and wishes to speak regarding the changes

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00:04:55.995 --> 00:04:57.415

to the application?

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00:05:03.695 --> 00:05:06.705

Okay. Not, not seeing any, any hands up there?

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00:05:11.145 --> 00:05:15.845

So, um, ISH four has been arranged

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because following the acceptance of a change request,

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the examining authority must under Regulation 14 two

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of the infrastructure planning compulsory acquisition

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regulations 2010 arrange another issue

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specific hearing for any new interested parties

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to participate in the purpose of ISH

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for being to provide any additional interested parties

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in effect with the opportunity to engage with matters

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that were covered during the course of ISH one

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to ISH three, um, convening

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and then opening this hearing has met the requirements

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of Regulation 14 two

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and with no new interested parties being in attendance,

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00:06:17.015 --> 00:06:20.915

um, I do now propose to close ISH four.

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00:06:21.815 --> 00:06:26.235

Um, but before I do that, um, does anyone present have any

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questions, um, starting with anybody in the room?

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00:06:35.395 --> 00:06:37.985

Um, Ms. Ms. Broderick,

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00:06:38.565 --> 00:06:41.105

Uh, Claire Project, um, for the applicant.

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Um, just by way of introduction for the purposes

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of the recording, um, uh, my name is Claire, bro.

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I'm a partner at Princeton Masons,

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LLP solicitors for the applicant.

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00:06:50.905 --> 00:06:53.745

Greenhill, uh, solar Farm, uh, limited.

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I just wanted to clarify one point if I, if I may,

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just in relation to, um, whether

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00:07:00.205 --> 00:07:04.185

or not there were any completely new, um, interested parties

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00:07:04.285 --> 00:07:06.825

or affected persons as a result of change request.

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00:07:07.285 --> 00:07:11.345

Uh, one, um, you had mentioned, um, two particular, uh,

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00:07:11.705 --> 00:07:14.545

companies there, and I, I just wanted to clarify that both

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00:07:14.545 --> 00:07:19.225

of those entities were already listed in the, um,

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00:07:19.325 --> 00:07:21.025

in the book of reference from the outset.

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So swell, um, solar Farm Limited was already noted

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as a category one person, um, as they have, um,

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00:07:28.205 --> 00:07:30.785

at leasehold interests within the, um, order limits

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as a result of a solar farm located just to the, uh, north.

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Um, ACAN Developments Limited had already been included, um,

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in the book of reference from the outset, um, in respect

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of a presumed, um, uh,

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00:07:46.615 --> 00:07:49.345
subsoil interest in the, uh, public highway,

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and that was plot oh three dash oh three four.

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00:07:53.565 --> 00:07:56.785
Um, so they were in the book of reference,

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however, as a result of change request one, um,

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the small extension to the order limits meant that some land

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that they were the registered title holder

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of was then brought into the scheme.

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So they have a, a confirmed registered interest in,

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in the scheme now scheme,

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whereas previously it was just a presumed subsoil interest,

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but I just wanted to clarify for the record that,

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00:08:17.735 --> 00:08:19.785
that they weren't completely new, um,

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interests, um, in the scheme.

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But that was all that we had to say in respect

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of this particular hearing.

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Thank you.

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00:08:28.775 --> 00:08:31.005

Great. Thank you for that, that confirmation.

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And, and of course, um, you know, the, the purpose

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of this hearing was also for any,

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any other party if they wanted to have comments on, um, any

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of the, the, the changes

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and, uh, whether they sort of had any effect on anything

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that they'd previously said.

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00:08:47.945 --> 00:08:52.125

Um, and just turning online, um, was there anybody online

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00:08:52.345 --> 00:08:57.005

who, uh, wanted to, uh, ask any questions before we close?

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00:09:09.855 --> 00:09:12.305

Okay. Um, not seeing any hands up.

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00:09:12.605 --> 00:09:16.585

Um, so in that case, uh,

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just a reminder

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that we have an open floor hearing this afternoon, um,

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00:09:23.875 --> 00:09:25.825

again, for parties who didn't have a chance

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to participate in the previous open floor hearings

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that were held in December, uh, starting at 2:00 PM

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with registration from 1:30 PM Um,

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so thank you all for your attendance this morning,

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even brief, um,

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and ISH four having been opened is now closed.