

1. Notice is hereby given that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "Secretary of State")) for the examination of the application made by Light Valley Solar Limited (Company Number 13290180), whose registered office is Unit 25.7 Coda Studios, 189 Munster Road, London, England SW6 6AW ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application").
2. The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 10 February 2026 and accepted for examination on 9 March 2026. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is EN0110012.
3. The Examining Authority was appointed on 9 April 2026 to examine the Application.
4. A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, Open Floor Hearing and Issue Specific Hearing will be held at the dates, times and location set out in the table below.

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue and Joining Details
Preliminary Meeting	Tuesday 28 July 2026	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.30am Virtual registration from: 9.30am Hearing starts: 10.00am	The Parsonage Hotel & Spa, Escrick, York, YO19 6LF And By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Compulsory acquisition hearing 1 (CAH1)	Tuesday 28 July 2026	Registration and seating available at venue from: 1.30pm Virtual registration process from: 1.30pm Hearing starts: 2.00pm	Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1)	Wednesday 29 July 2026	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.00am Virtual registration process from: 9.00am Hearing starts: 9.30am	
Continuation of open floor hearing 1 (OFH1) (if required)	Wednesday 29 July 2026	Registration and seating available at venue from: 1.00pm Virtual registration process from: 1.00pm Hearing starts: 1.30pm	
Issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) – Scope of the proposed development, environmental matters and the draft Development Consent Order	Thursday 30 July 2026	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9.30am Virtual registration process from: 9.30am Hearing starts: 10.00am	

5. Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearing(s) were required to notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by 7 July 2026 via their project website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>
6. However, if you still wish to register your attendance, please contact the Case Team at lightvalleysolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by calling 0303 444 5000. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (EN0110012) should be quoted in any correspondence.
7. The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered to speak. Live streams will also be provided for each Hearing for those who wish to watch but not speak. The link for this will be available on the day at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>
8. Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable, how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

9. Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.
10. Any further Hearings (if required) will be publicised as required by the Planning Inspectorate and by the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.
11. If any Hearing is no longer required then notification that a particular date is no longer required will be published as soon as practicable on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage, providing reasonable notice to interested parties of the decision to cancel them.

Summary of the Proposed Development

12. The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 100MW (AC) and associated infrastructure including a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Grid Connection Infrastructure, and other ancillary works such as temporary construction compounds, enclosures and fencing, security, drainage, highways and access works, mitigation and enhancement measures (the "Proposed Development").
- The Proposed Development is located within the administrative boundary of North Yorkshire Council and comprises approximately 1270 hectares (ha) (3140 acres) of predominantly agricultural land between the villages of Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. This includes the Solar Development Sites (total area of 900 ha); Cable Route Corridor (total area of 328.5 ha); Highways Improvements Areas (HIA) (total area of 17.1 ha); and Solar Development Site 8 Access (total area of 24.1 ha). The Proposed Development would connect to the National Grid at the existing Monk Fryston substation.

A plan showing the location of the Proposed Development can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>

13. Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008. It is for this reason that the Proposed Development falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.
14. The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Proposed Development, the temporary stopping up or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Application form and accompanying documents

15. The Application Documents (including maps and plans, the Environmental Statement and the draft Order (the "Application Documents")), can be viewed and downloaded free of charge in the Documents section on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012/documents>.
16. For those without internet access at home, the Application Documents can also be viewed free of charge using public computers at local community hubs, including Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ; Barlby Library and Community Hub, Howden Road, Barlby, Selby, YO8 5JE; and Sherburn & Villages Community Library, Finkle Hill, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6EA. Opening hours for these libraries can be found at the following link: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/leisure-tourism-and-culture/libraries/local-libraries>
17. An electronic copy of the Application Documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk, write to FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR (free of charge; no need for a stamp) or telephone 0808 281 4784 (free of charge).
18. The full suite of Application Documents can be made available in hard copy format on request. Given the size and format of the Application documents, a full suite of documents may cost up to £5,000. For any bespoke document requests, please contact the Applicant using the contact details at the bottom of the notice, who will provide the cost. Copies of individual documents are also available on request, and a reasonable copying charge may apply.
19. If you require alternative methods for inspection of the Application Documents (for example in large print, audio or braille formats), please contact the Applicant by telephone 0808 281 4784 or email info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk.
- Contacting the Applicant
20. To contact the Applicant for further information or queries about the Application, please call 0808 281 4784 (free of charge); write to: FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR (no stamp or further details required); email: info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk. co.uk or visit www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk.