

Application by Light Valley Solar Limited for an order granting development consent for Light Valley Solar

Agenda for open floor hearing 1 (OFH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open floor hearing 1	Wednesday 29 July 2026 Session 1: Hearing starts at 9.30am Registration and seating available at venue from 9.00am and virtual registration process from 9.00am Session 2: Hearing starts at 1:30pm Registration and seating available at venue from 1.00pm and virtual registration process from 1.00pm	The Parsonage Hotel & Spa, Escrick, York YO19 6LF and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

- 1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the open floor hearing (OFH)**
- 3. Confirmation of those who notified the Examining Authority (ExA) of a wish to be heard at the OFH**

Each interested party who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn. Each party will be given the following limited amount of time:

- 5 minutes for an individual interested party
- 8 minutes for membership organisations, formal groups or a spokesperson on behalf of several interested parties

Any other party who has not registered but would wish to speak on the day may be accommodated by the ExA, if time allows, and subject to the same time limits as set out above.

Following each oral submission the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions.

4. Responses by the applicant

The applicant will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExA either orally after all oral representations have been heard, or in writing by deadline 2 on **Tuesday 1 September 2026**.

5. Closing

Purpose of the OFH

An OFH does not have a subject matter controlled agenda. An OFH is an opportunity for individuals, groups and organisations who are registered as interested parties or other persons to raise any matters that they consider are important and relevant to the consideration of the application.

Submissions should be based on previous representations; however, participants do not need to repeat submissions that they already made in writing. It is also acceptable to say that you agree with all or parts of another participant's oral submission, rather than repeat it, but you can provide further detail, explanation or evidence to help inform the examination of the application. Please note that once you have spoken at one OFH you do not have the right to speak again at another. It is important therefore that you use the allotted time well to communicate your message to the ExA.

To allow everyone on the speakers list to have a fair opportunity to be heard, the speaking time limits shown on this agenda will be strictly applied. Anyone who is not able to provide all of their oral submission by the end of their time limit or by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

Attendees

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. Those who have not previously registered to speak in this hearing may be allowed to speak if time allows and at the discretion of the ExA. However, please note that the ExA has reserved time for a second OFH during the examination period and so there will be another opportunity for interested parties who have not registered and may be unable to attend OFH1 to make oral submissions at a later hearing.

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. Interested Parties 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. The hearing is to be heard in two sessions with one commencing at **9.30am** and the second session commencing at **1.30pm**.

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 an email with joining instructions before the hearing. For those attending virtually this will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone.

The event will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start at **9.30am**. Those attending virtually should join promptly at **9.00am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time. For the second session, those attending virtually should join promptly at **1.00pm** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

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 interested party has had a fair chance to put its case.