

Application by Light Valley Solar Limited for an order granting development consent for the proposed Light Valley Solar project.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)

Date: Tuesday 28 July 2026

Venue: The Parsonage Hotel & Spa, Escrick, York, YO19 6LF and MS Teams

Action points

Reference	Party	Action	Deadline
CAH1-1	Applicant	To review the definitions of 'Order Land' and 'Order Limits' within the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and provide reasoning for excluding yellow coloured land from the definition of order land. The response should consider precedent from recently made orders.	DL1
CAH1-2	Applicant	Provide justification as to why freehold compulsory acquisition powers are sought for the proposed solar development sites when voluntary agreements seek leasehold. This should explain why the permanent acquisition of rights or temporary possession of land would be insufficient.	DL1
CAH1-3	Applicant	Explain how the applicant would ensure that a landowner is not disadvantaged if compulsory acquisition powers are exercised instead of a voluntary arrangement? Explain what internal governance or decision-making process would be followed before deciding to exercise such powers where voluntary agreements exist?	DL1
CAH1-4	Applicant	Clarify the mechanism or approach that would ensure compulsory acquisition powers would only be exercised for the final routes where optionality is sought eg CRC1-4 <u>or</u> CRC1-4a Explain the approach to how and when affected persons would be informed that	DL2

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		their land or rights would no longer be interfered with. To check and update Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 3, paragraph 3.5.15 for accuracy in relation to CRC1-4 and CRC1-4a.	
CAH1-5	Applicant	Explain why the optionality of CRC3-4 and CRC3-4a remains necessary in context of consent being granted for the third-party development referred to in ES Chapter 3, paragraph 3.5.15.	DL2
CAH1-6	Applicant	Provide a list that identifies the land plots or rights that would fall away if optional elements of the proposed development were not taken forward including CRC1-4, CRC1-4a, CRC3-4, CRC3-4a and all three access options for SDS8.	DL2
CAH1-7	Applicant	Provide a response setting out what specific alternative accesses to Field House Farm were considered and reasons for option chosen.	DL1
CAH1-8	Sandra Pickin / Wendy Tomlinson	Submit a written copy of the oral submission made at CAH1	DL1
CAH1-9	Applicant	Provide on a plot-by-plot basis, the justification for the extent of land identified on the submitted Land Plans and could be subject to compulsory acquisition powers. Provide justification for seeking rights over plots of land where this extends beyond those which reflect lines of deviation and design parameters.	DL2
CAH1-10	Applicant	Provide a table that identifies cable corridor access locations, their phase of use (i.e. construction, operational or decommissioning) and an explanation of the strategy and justification for the powers sought. Check for consistency between ES Chapter 14, table 14-23 and the submitted Land Plans.	DL2
CAH1-11	Applicant	Provide a response why the applicant does not consider it necessary to assess the	DL1

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		effect upon individual affected persons and the private loss that would result from the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers in each case independently of the compensation regime; and in the absence of this assessment, how can the decision-maker be satisfied that the true extent of the interference with private property rights has been properly weighed against the public benefits of the scheme.	
CAH1-12	Applicant	Update the land rights tracker to include objections from category 2 affected persons, the relevant plot numbers and current position of negotiations.	DL2
CAH1-13	Applicant	Update land rights tracker to clearly identify the status of negotiation for each plot number (eg signed option agreement, heads of terms agreed or an objection).	DL2