



Planning Act 2008 – section 61 and section 79

Application by The Droves Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for The Droves Solar Farm (EN0110013)

Notice of appointment of Examining Authority under rule 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Appointment of the Examining Authority

The above application was accepted for examination on 16 December 2025. This document provides confirmation of the Examining Authority that on **3 March 2026** has been appointed by The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to examine the application.

Initial choice of panel or single appointed person

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the government guidance¹ which identifies criteria relevant to appointing an Examining Authority and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, that the application should be examined by a single appointable person.

Appointment of single appointed person

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the skill set required and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to appoint Anthony Johnson as the Examining Authority.

This appointment is made in accordance with The Planning Inspectorate's conflict of interest policy.

The Planning Inspectorate

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government under delegated powers

¹ ['Planning Act 2008: Pre-examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects'](#) (April 2024)