Planning Inspectorate

Application by The Droves Solar Farm Ltd for an order granting development consent for The Droves Solar Farm

ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING 2

Date: 8 September 2026

Venue: The Duke's Head Hotel, King's Lynn and MS Teams

Action points

No	Party	Action	Deadline
1	Norfolk County Council (NCC)	Agenda Item 3.1 – Regarding Article 6(1) (a) to (c) – NCC to respond to the applicant's response to question 2.	Deadline 4
2	NCC	Agenda Item 3.1 – Regarding Article 49 – NCC to respond to applicant's response to question 5.	Deadline 4
3	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.1 – Regarding question 7, Requirements 3 & 5, applicant to discuss further with National Highways and to present items for requirements and protective provisions separately in the Statement of Common Ground.	Deadline 5
4	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.1 – Regarding questions 9 & 10, concerning Aviation effects, applicant to discuss wording to agree requirements for precision approach radar and glint and glare management plan with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO).	Close of examination or earlier if possible
5	NCC	Agenda Item 3.1 – Regarding Schedule 13, NCC to respond to the applicant's response to question 11 regarding the ground reinstatement.	Deadline 4
6	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.1 – Regarding Schedule 15, applicant to have further discussions with National Highways and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc on their outstanding concerns with protective provisions.	Deadline 5
7	National Highways (NH)	Agenda Item 3.1 – NH to respond to the applicant's response concerning Schedule 16 response time for NH.	Deadline 4
8	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.1 – applicant to respond to Sporle with Palgrave parish council regarding the wording in the outline landscape and environmental management plan.	Deadline 4

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9	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.1 – applicant to respond to Castle Acre parish council (CAPC) regarding the ground reinstatement query.	Deadline 4
10	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.2 – applicant to provide a drawing showing the extent of mitigation for the precision approach radar.	Deadline 4
11	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.2 – Regarding questions 3, 4 & 5, concerning Aviation effects, applicant to discuss wording for updates required to the outline construction environmental management plan and outline operational environment management plan (oOEMP) with the DIO.	Close of examination or earlier if possible
12	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.2 – concerning mitigation for the precision approach radar, applicant to update the parameters in the Design Principles, Parameters and Commitments document	Deadline 5
13	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.3 – Breckland District Council (BDC) and Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (BCKLWN) to comment on Biodiversity Net Gain.	Deadline 5
14	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.3 – Applicant to arrange a meeting to discuss impacts to trees adjacent to highway with BDC and NCC	Deadline 5
15	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.3 – Applicant to provide references to oOEMP in response to concerns from Sporle with Palgrave parish council.	Deadline 5
16	BCKLWN	Agenda item 3.4 – BCKLWN to respond to applicant's response to question 1 concerning operational noise effects.	Deadline 4
17	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.5 – Applicant to provide response to NCC regarding construction traffic associated with mitigation measures for precision approach radar.	Deadline 4
18	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.6 – concerning question 1 part 2, applicant to set out thresholds for the significance of effect of permanent land take as a separate item in the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England.	Deadline 5
19	Applicant	Agenda Item 3.6 – Applicant to comment in response to interested party's concern regarding highly productive land.	Deadline 4