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The applicant, all interested parties registered to speak and registered to attend the preliminary meeting, open floor hearing 1 open floor hearing 2 and issue specific hearing 1

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Dear recipient

Planning Act 2008, section 88, 91, 93 and 94

Application by East Pye Solar Limited for an order granting development consent for the East Pye solar project

Arrangements for preliminary meeting and hearings

This letter advises you of some practical arrangements for the preliminary meeting (PM), open floor hearings (OFH) 1 and 2 and issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1). This follows requests by interested persons (IPs) for a right to speak in person at, or to attend just to observe these events taking place from 15 to 17 September 2026.

As detailed in our Rule 6 letter [[PD-005](#)], these meetings and hearings are to be held at Dunston Hall, Ipswich Road, Norwich, NR14 8PQ. This is the closest available venue to the proposed development with a relatively large capacity. Following requests from interested parties (IPs) to attend in person to speak or observe the proceedings, it is apparent that the number of registered in person participants exceeds the capacity of the meeting room.

Subsequently, an additional room at the venue has been secured to broadcast the proceedings on the screen via the live stream, to enable registered attendees to be able to watch in real time.

Only those persons who registered by Procedural Deadline A on 1 September 2026 will be guaranteed access to the venue. In addition, meeting room priority will be given to the IPs who have registered to speak in person at the events, as well as individuals who have registered to attend and have accessibility requirements and/or require reasonable adjustments to be made to be able to participate.

Seating in the main meeting room will therefore be reserved for those persons in the first instance, with remaining capacity in the room to be allocated to other registered attendees

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on a first come first served basis. Once the meeting room is deemed to be full, other registered attendees who arrive at the venue will be directed to the additional viewing room.

Due to the numbers attending, there will be restricted seating in the main room for those observers who do not wish to be filmed. It is therefore advised that people who do not wish to be filmed use the viewing room. Two people have requested to speak off camera when they registered, and we have accommodated these requests.

The ExA reminds IPs that they do not need to attend in person to participate in the events or the examination overall. Virtual participation is also possible via MS Teams. Written submissions are as valid and carry the same weight as oral representations. In addition, events will be live streamed, and recordings of the proceedings will also be published on the National Infrastructure [project website](#) for playback later.

The PM on 15 September 2026 will start at 10am. In person attendees will need to be registered on arrival at the venue by the case team to gain access to the meeting room or viewing room (if required). Registration will open at 9.00am and aim to close at 9.45am. Following the close of the PM there will be a lunch break, and attendees will be required to vacate the room to enable it to be set up for the afternoon OFH1.

OFH1 will start at 2pm and registration at the venue will open at 1.30pm. OFH2 will commence the next day (16 September 2026) starting at 10.00am, with registration at the venue commencing at 9.30am.

The intended speaking order for participants of OFH1 and OFH2 are included in the published agendas for these meetings. The following maximum speaking times will be applied:

- Three minutes per person for oral submissions made by individual IPs
- Five minutes for oral submissions made by organisations and groups

With specific regard to the PM, IPs are reminded that the purpose of the PM is to discuss procedural matters only, specifically about how the application should be examined, the timetable and the ExA's identification of principal issues. It is not an opportunity to discuss concerns about the impacts of the proposal or the advantages or disadvantages of the scheme.

Oral representations on the merits of the proposed development can be made by IPs at OFH1 and OFH2. There will also be the opportunity for further written representations to be made by IPs at deadline 1 of the examination, along with other opportunities for submissions where appropriate, including any further issue specific hearings.

We look forward to the forthcoming examination.

Yours faithfully

David Cliff

Lead Member of the Examination Authority

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