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All interested parties, statutory parties and any other person invited to the preliminary meeting

Our Ref: EN0110014

Date: 23 September 2026

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 8 and 9**

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

**Examination timetable and procedure**

This letter (the Rule 8 Letter) provides important information about the examination of this application. The letter includes:

- The examination timetable
- An invitation to submit written representations
- Details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) initial written questions
- Other procedural decisions made by the ExA
- Information about hearings and accompanied site inspections
- Information about the availability of examination documents
- Guidance on the use of the 'Have your say' tab on the project webpage

All documentation associated with this examination, including a note of the preliminary meeting and the recording of that meeting, can be viewed on the [documents page](#) on the project webpage of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website ([project webpage](#)).

## The examination timetable

The ExA has made a procedural decision about the way the application will be examined. The final examination timetable is attached at **annex A** to this letter.

The examination timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in our [Rule 6 Letter](#). In finalising the examination timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made orally or in writing to the preliminary meeting.

Please note that the examination timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We request that all interested parties make their submissions using the '[Have your say](#)' page on the project webpage on or before the applicable deadline. **Annex E** to this letter provides further information about using the 'Have your say' page.

If we consider it necessary to vary the examination timetable during the examination, notification will be sent to interested parties, statutory parties and any other persons invited to the preliminary meeting. The changes will be published on the [project webpage](#).

## Written representations

All interested parties are invited to submit written representations and any comments on the relevant representations already submitted. As previously set out in our draft timetable, these should be submitted by **deadline 1 (Tuesday 6 October 2026)** in the examination timetable.

Written representations, where needed, should develop the case set out in the party's relevant representation by providing further detail or supporting information. Written representations should focus on matters already identified in a party's relevant representation and not seek to introduce new issues, except when requested to do so by the ExA or where necessary to respond to submissions made by other parties on those matters. Interested parties do not need to just repeat points already made in their relevant representations, as repetition does not carry any greater weight. Written representations should include any supporting evidence or documents to avoid delays in the examination. See paragraphs 3.11 to 3.15 of the [governments guidance on the examination stage of an application](#) for further information about written representations.

We have also requested further types of written submissions at various points in the examination (see **annex A**).

Any written representations and any further written submissions requested during the examination, that exceed 1500 words, should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Representations **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/evidence hosted on third party websites. See the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions.

## Examining Authority's written questions

We have prepared our initial written questions (ExQ1) about certain matters in connection with the application. These questions are published on the project webpage and can be accessed at the following link:

### [Examining Authority's First Written Questions \(ExQ1\)](#)

Responses to ExQ1 must be provided by **deadline 1 (Tuesday 6 October 2026)** in the examination timetable.

If you require an editable Microsoft Word version of ExQ1, please [contact the Case Team](#) using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Our further detailed written questions will be published on 10 November 2026 following the receipt of written representations, local impact reports and any subsequent comments on these.

## Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority

**Annex B** to this letter contains important details and clarifications about other procedural decisions we made at, or following, the preliminary meeting. These include statements of common ground, local impact reports, changes to land interests, status of the applicant's examination documents, site inspections and a DCO interrelationship report.

## Hearings and site inspections

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for more information.

The Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public also provides important information about hearing procedures:

- [What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)
- [Registering to speak at, or attend, a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#)

On this basis the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter includes periods of time reserved for any hearings to be held, and we will notify all interested parties of any hearings scheduled as part of the examination in advance of them taking place. That notification will include a deadline for interested parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to participate at the notified hearing(s).

The format of hearings will be as blended (part in-person and part virtual) or fully virtual events where this is necessary. Our initial preference is for blending hearings, but we will confirm the format of any hearing when we provide formal notification in advance of it taking place.

**Annex B** of this letter provides further information on the ExA's procedural decision in relation to accompanied and other site inspections.

**Annex C** includes arrangements for hearings, details of what interested parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing and the procedure that will be followed at hearings.

### **Managing examination correspondence**

Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to interested parties during an examination, we aim to communicate with people by email as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the taxpayer.

If you have received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate but are able to receive communications by email, please inform the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter as soon as possible.

As the examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with the [project webpage](#).

A '[Have your say](#)' page is available on the website which provides a portal through which parties should make written submissions at relevant deadlines during the examination. Further information about the 'Have your say' page is provided at **annex E** to this letter.

You can also use the '[Get updates](#)' button on the project webpage to register to receive automatic e-mail updates at key stages during the examination.

### **Your status in the examination**

You have received this letter because you are a person or organisation who is involved in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project process. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: National Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process](#) for further details.

If, having read the advice, you are still unsure about how you are involved in the process please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

### **Awards of costs**

All parties will normally be expected to meet their own costs. Costs can be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the examination. You

should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

## **Management of information**

Information, including representations, submitted in respect of this examination (if accepted by the Examining Authority) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate is published on the [project webpage](#).

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair examination, it is necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

*David Cliff*

**Lead member of the Examining Authority**

## **Annexes**

- A** Examination timetable
- B** Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Arrangements for hearings
- D** Examination documents
- E** Information about the 'Have your say' tab

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## Examination Timetable

| Item | Matters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Date                                                                                                       |
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| 1.   | <b>Procedural deadline A</b><br>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written submissions on the examination procedure, including the draft examination timetable</li> <li>• requests to be heard orally at the preliminary meeting (PM) and/or attend at the venue in person</li> <li>• requests to speak at open floor hearing 1 on 15 September 2026 (pm) and/or attend the venue in person</li> <li>• requests to speak at open floor hearing 2 on 16 September 2026 (am) and/or attend the venue in person</li> <li>• requests to participate in issue specific hearing 1 on 16 and 17 September 2026 (ISH1) and/or attend the venue in person</li> <li>• comments on relevant representations</li> <li>• suggested locations for ExA site inspections (including justification and whether suggested locations can be seen from public land or require private access)</li> </ul> | <b>Tuesday 1 September 2026</b>                                                                            |
| 2.   | <b>Preliminary meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 10:00 am</b>                                                               |
| 3.   | <b>Open floor hearing 1 (OFH1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 2:00 pm</b>                                                                |
| 4.   | <b>Open floor hearing 2 (OFH2)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 10.00am</b>                                                              |
| 5.   | <b>Issue specific hearing (ISH1)</b><br>ISH1 relating to site selection, the scope of the proposed development and the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 2.00pm</b><br><b>and</b><br><b>Thursday 17 September 2026 at 10.00am</b> |

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| 6. | <b>Issue by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the examination timetable (the Rule 8 letter)</li> <li>the ExA's initial written questions (ExQ1)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>As soon as practicable after the preliminary meeting</b> |
| 7. | <b>Deadline 1 (D1)</b><br>For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>local impact reports (LIR) from local authorities</li> <li>written representations (WR) and summaries of any WR which exceed 1500 words</li> <li>responses to ExA's initial written questions (ExQ1)</li> <li>post hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases heard in OFH1, OFH2 and ISH1</li> <li>initial statements of common ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA – refer to <b>annex F</b> of the Rule 6 letter and <b>annex B</b> of the Rule 8 letter</li> <li>requests by interested parties to be heard at a further open floor hearing (OFH3) where they have not previously been heard at OFH1 or OFH2</li> <li>requests by affected persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH)</li> <li>comments on relevant representations (RR) if not submitted by procedural deadline A</li> <li>applicant's suggested draft itinerary for ExA accompanied and/or unaccompanied site inspection</li> <li>any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> <li>comments on any further information/submissions accepted by the ExA</li> <li>updates from the applicant – refer to <b>annex F</b> of the Rule 6 letter</li> <li>notification by statutory parties of their wish to be considered as an interested party by the ExA</li> </ul> | <b>Tuesday<br/>6 October 2026</b>                           |
| 8. | <b>Deadline 2 (D2)</b><br>For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>comments on WRs</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Tuesday<br/>27 October 2026</b>                          |

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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comments on LIRs</li> <li>• comments on responses to ExQ1</li> <li>• the applicant's updated documents if required (refer to annex F of the Rule 6 letter)</li> <li>• comments from any party on submissions and information received at deadline 1</li> <li>• responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010</li> </ul>                        |                                         |
| <b>9.</b>  | <b>Publication by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's second written questions (ExQ2)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Tuesday 10 November 2026</b>         |
| <b>10.</b> | <b>Dates reserved (if required) for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any further open floor hearing (OFH3)</li> <li>• Compulsory acquisition hearing</li> <li>• ExA's accompanied and/or unaccompanied site inspection</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Week commencing 16 November 2026</b> |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Deadline 3 (D3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to ExQ2</li> <li>• Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 2</li> <li>• Updated SoCG</li> <li>• The applicant's updated documents (if required) (refer to <b>annex F</b> of the Rule 6 letter)</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul> | <b>Tuesday 24 November 2026</b>         |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Dates reserved (if required) for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any issue specific hearing</li> <li>• any compulsory acquisition hearing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Week commencing 14 December 2026</b> |
| <b>13.</b> | <b>Deadline 4 (D4)</b><br>For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• post hearing submissions, including written summaries of any oral cases heard at hearings and responses to hearing action points</li> <li>• comments on responses to ExQ2</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Wednesday 6 January 2027</b>         |

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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 3</li> <li>• The applicant's updated documents if any revisions have been made, as set out in <b>annex F</b> of the Rule 6 letter</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                 |
| <b>14.</b> | <b>Publication by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the ExA's third written questions (ExQ3) (if required)</li> <li>• the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO (if required)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Tuesday 19 January 2027</b>  |
| <b>15.</b> | <b>Deadline 5 (D5)</b><br>For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responses to ExQ3 (if required)</li> <li>• comments on the ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the dDCO (if required)</li> <li>• comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 4</li> <li>• any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Tuesday 2 February 2027</b>  |
| <b>16.</b> | <b>Deadline 6 (D6)</b><br>For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments from any party on any other submissions received at deadline 5</li> <li>• any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</li> <li>• final signed SoCGs including list of matters not agreed</li> <li>• applicant's closing statement with summary of areas of disagreement</li> <li>• any interested party closing statements (if desired) regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination and which have not been resolved to their satisfaction</li> <li>• <b>final updated documents from the applicant (in clean and tracked versions), including:</b></li> </ul> | <b>Tuesday 16 February 2027</b> |

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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• final draft dDCO to be submitted by the applicant in the statutory instrument (SI) template along with the SI template validation report and a clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page</li> <li>• explanatory memorandum</li> <li>• the final updated Book of reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to BoR</li> <li>• land and rights negotiations tracker</li> <li>• any signed and dated planning agreements and obligations (if required)</li> <li>• management plans and control documents (if required)</li> <li>• guide to the application</li> <li>• policy compliance document</li> <li>• DCO interrelationship report</li> </ul> |                                     |
| <b>17.</b> | <b>Close of examination</b><br>The ExA intends to close the examination on this date.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Tuesday 23<br/>February 2027</b> |

### Note about the close of examination date

The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the preliminary meeting. The ExA may however decide to close the examination earlier and on the date specified in the timetable if it considers that the application and relevant matters have been examined adequately.

### Submission times for deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the ExA.

### Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions.

### Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

For examinations commencing in June 2026 or later, Reports on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) will be discontinued and will no longer be produced by Examining Authorities. In place of a RIES, the ExA may include Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) related questions within its written questions. These questions will be included in a

dedicated section titled ‘Habitats Regulations Assessment’, to clearly distinguish HRA matters from other environmental assessment regimes.

Where relevant, the written questions will also include a summary table setting out the ExA’s understanding of the applicant’s HRA conclusions and the position of the relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Body or Bodies (SNCB(s)) as at the date of issue. A Microsoft Word version of the table will be provided to applicants and SNCB(s) to enable them to propose amendments using tracked changes and to return the amended table within their responses to written questions, supporting a clear and efficient understanding of their respective positions.

For the avoidance of doubt, the ExA may continue to use issue specific hearings, requests for further information under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, and any other appropriate examination procedures to address HRA-related matters.

## Other procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

We have made a number of procedural decisions following the preliminary meeting:

### 1. Examination timetable

Having considered all the matters raised before and at the preliminary meeting, the ExA has decided that no changes are required to the deadlines within the examination timetable from those set out in our draft timetable.

It is noted that, as agreed at the preliminary meeting, Hempnall Parish Council may provide further supporting information, on landscape and visual matters, following its deadline 1 written representation. In order to promote an efficient examination this supporting information should be submitted by **deadline 2 (27 October 2026)**.

### 2. Examining Authority's written questions

The ExA's initial written questions (ExQ1) have been published alongside this Rule 8 letter. Whilst most of these written questions are directed at specific parties, no other party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

All relevant statutory parties are requested to check our written questions carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them.

For the avoidance of doubt, statutory parties are defined as the parties listed in schedule 1 to [The Infrastructure Planning \(Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions\) Regulations 2015](#). Statutory parties, including relevant local authorities, that have not already registered to become an interested party should consider notifying the ExA of their wish to be considered as an interested party, under Section 89(2A)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) as soon as possible.

Our second written questions (ExQ2) will be published on **Tuesday 10 November 2026**. We may also publish a third set of written questions, if required, on **Tuesday 19 January 2027**.

### 3. Statements of common ground (SoCG)

The applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of SoCGs and it will aid the smooth running of the examination if all interested parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the applicant in respect of their production. We set out in **annex F** of our [Rule 6 Letter](#) the SoCGs (with named parties) we request are submitted during the examination of this application. Initial versions of the SoCGs are requested to be submitted **by the applicant at deadline 1 (6 October)** with final versions submitted, at the latest, by **deadline 6 (16 February 2027)**.

SoCGs should include coverage of the articles and requirements in the draft DCO. Any interested party seeking that an article or requirement is reworded should provide the form of words which are being sought.

It is noted that it is the intention for separate SoCGs to be submitted with the General Aviation Council and Norfolk Gliding Club, but if these respective parties have an agreed position on relevant matters, then a combined SoCG may be appropriate. Noting the submissions made at issue specific hearing 1, the applicant is asked to proactively engage with both parties so that any remaining issues of disagreement are identified early in the examination.

The content of SoCGs will help to inform us about the need to hold any issue specific hearings during the examination.

#### **4. Local impact reports (LIR)**

A LIR is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a proposed development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for local authorities](#).

As set out in the Rule 6 letter, local authorities, defined in section 56A of the Planning Act 2008, are invited to submit LIRs by **deadline 1 (6 October 2026)**.

#### **5. Changes to land interests**

When the applicant becomes aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest, in relevant land the applicant is requested to make the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an interested party under section 102A of the PA2008. They should inform them that information about how to do this can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's advice for members of the public: [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and the people and organisations involved in the process](#).

The examination timetable includes various deadlines for the submission of an updated book of reference and schedule of changes to the book of reference, which should include confirmation that relevant persons have been informed of their rights under section 102A.

#### **6. Status of the applicant's examination documents**

We request that the applicant provides, at each deadline, an updated 'Guide to the Application' document [[PDA-001](#)] which provides a list of the most up-to-date status of the documents submitted, including which copies have been superseded in whole or in part. A final version must be submitted before the close of the examination. All examination documents submitted should include a version number and date.

#### **7. Site inspections**

As discussed at the preliminary meeting, where we are able to view the site from public land, we will do this unaccompanied and a note of the site inspection will be published on the [project webpage](#). We received suggested locations from interested parties at procedural deadline A and further suggestions were made at the preliminary meeting and open floor hearings 1 and 2.

The examination timetable reserves time for us to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI) in **week commencing 16 November 2026**.

We will consider each suggested site location, including those provided in the applicant's draft itinerary to be submitted at **deadline 1 (6 October 2026)**, to determine if it could be viewed from public land on an unaccompanied basis or if it is necessary to view it on an accompanied basis. Accompanied site inspections will only be necessary to view land to which there is no public right of access, or with no clear view from nearby locations with open public access. Where we consider it necessary to view the site from private land, including residential property, we request that we are accompanied by individual representatives of (i) the landowner, (ii) the applicant and (iii) either of the host local authorities.

We will also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of an unaccompanied site inspection on an access required basis.

## 8. Development consent order (DCO) interrelationship report

As proposed by the applicant and discussed at issue specific hearing 1, it is agreed that the applicant prepares a report on the interrelationships with other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects to be submitted at **deadline 1**. In addition to any matter raised in discussion between the applicant and any relevant local authority, this should include the following:

- An overview of the proposed development and the other nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIP). These may include projects beyond the administrative boundary of Norfolk County Council.
- The timings, construction phasing, grid connection and start of operation of each of the projects.
- A plan showing the relationship of the order limits of the proposed development with other NSIPs. This should also include other relevant major planning applications (whether consented or not). The plan should include the locations of the main features of each project such as including any solar arrays, energy storage facilities, substations, electrical cable routes, grid connection, environmental mitigation areas, temporary construction and decommissioning areas, and construction haulage routes.
- How the applicant has coordinated the proposed development with the other projects up to and including during the examination and, if applicable, how this would continue.
- Any development consent order provisions required for the proposed development to be implemented satisfactorily in relation to other projects should be identified, and commentary provided.
- Any mitigation measures shared with other projects should be identified. This should cover the specific measures included in those for the proposed development, and how they are secured.
- Any other information on the other projects relied on for the cumulative impact assessment. This should summarise any changes made since application.
- A summary of the relevant matters coordinated with the other projects, setting out matters that have been agreed, any inconsistencies or outstanding matters, and next steps to be taken to resolve them.

## Arrangements for hearings

Our examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions however the examination timetable reserves periods of time for hearings to be held (if required). Dates for a possible compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) and further open floor hearing (if required) are reserved for week commencing 16 November 2026. Dates for any issue specific hearings and further CAH (if required) are reserved for week commencing 14 December 2026.

## Requests to participate at hearings

Interested parties are required to notify the Examining Authority (ExA) in writing of their wish to take part in a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) on or before Tuesday 6 October 2026 (see **deadline 1**).

Any request to participate in a hearing **should include** the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate)
- Email address (if available) and contact telephone number
- Name and unique reference number of any person/ organisation that you are representing (if applicable)
- For blended events, confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person
- Confirmation of the hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/ or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise
- For CAHs, the plot number(s) of the relevant land provided in the [Book of Reference](#) and the [Land Plans](#)
- The [Examination Library](#) reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to

The ExA will provide reasonable notice of the time, date and place of any hearings to all interested parties.

Requests to participate should be made using an **event participation form** which will be provided with the notification of the hearing.

**Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter if you require any support or assistance to attend an event, either virtually or in person.**

If no written requests to take part in a CAH are received by the above deadline, we are not required to hold such a hearing, although we may choose to do so nonetheless.

We may also choose to hold issue specific hearings (ISH) about topics that we think need to be explored orally. The decision to hold an ISH about a particular topic is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

## Hearing agendas

For ISHs and CAHs the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

## Procedure at hearings

The examination of the application will principally be a written process supplemented where necessary by various types of hearings. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for more information.

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in rule 14 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties.

## Hearing livestream and recording

A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the examination to find out what has been discussed.

## Examination documents

The application documents and relevant representations can be inspected on the [project webpage](#).

### How to stay up to date

All further documents submitted in the course of the examination will also be published on the [documents](#) page of the project webpage.

You can also sign up to get [email updates](#).

If you have any questions about the process, examination events or how to access the documents, you can email [eastpyesolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:eastpyesolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or contact us on 0303 444 5000.

## The Examination Library

For ease of navigation, please refer to the [Examination Library](#) (EL) which is accessible by clicking the blue link at the top of the documents page. The EL is updated regularly throughout the examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document
- each representation and submission made to the examination
- each procedural decision made by the Examining Authority

Each document is given a unique reference number which will be fixed for the duration of the examination. **Please quote the unique reference number from the EL when referring to any examination documents in any future submissions that you make.**

## Information about the 'Have your say' page

The '[Have your say](#)' page is available on the [project webpage](#).

You will need to enter your unique reference number ('Your ref' found at the top of your letter or email from The Planning Inspectorate). If you are making a submission on behalf of another person or organisation, and do not have your own unique reference number, then you should enter the unique reference number of the person or organisation you are representing. If you are not a registered interested party then it is at the discretion of the Examining Authority whether or not your submission is accepted.

Submissions will be published on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the close of the relevant deadline. For further information about publishing submissions please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

You will be able to submit a document (upload file), make a text representation or both. It is possible to upload multiple files for each individual submission item. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 50MB.

Submissions **must not include hyperlinks** to documents/ evidence hosted on a third party website, for example technical reports, media articles and so on. See The Planning Inspectorate's [Advice for members of the public: Advice for submitting representations or comments](#) for important information about making written submissions. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website. Any submissions that exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary; this summary should not exceed 10% of the original text.

You should select the relevant deadline for your submission and then, on the next webpage, select the appropriate submission item as described in the examination timetable at **annex A** to this letter. Please ensure you make a separate submission for each submission item and **do not duplicate your submission**. If you consider that your submission does not fit the description of any of the submission items then please select the submission item 'Other' and ensure that it is titled appropriately.

If you experience any issues when using the '[Have your say](#)' page, please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter and they will assist.