Request to be heard at the Preliminary Meeting

Conisbrough Parks Parish Council

Whitestone Solar Farm EN0110020
Procedural Deadline A 27 October 2026
Council reference [redacted]

Submission item 2

Conisbrough Parks Parish Council requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting on 10 November 2026 on the arrangements for the Examination.

Council representative

[redacted] will speak on behalf of the Parish Council. If he is unavailable, Cllr Paul Manning will represent the Council. This request accompanies the Council's Event Participation Form.

Purpose of the oral contribution

The Council wishes to explain the practical effect of the proposed examination arrangements on its community and seek directions on the procedural requests set out in its separate Written submissions on the examination procedure, submitted under item 1. The oral contribution will focus on procedure, not the detailed merits of the application.

Matters the Council wishes to raise

1. Accessible participation, including assistance for residents without digital access, reasonable adjustments and the needs of older and disabled residents.
2. Daytime hearings, the case for evening sessions and venues closer to Conisbrough Parks, and practical information about venue welfare, accessibility and parking.
3. Earlier hearing agendas, adequate preparation time and confirmation that contributions may be refined after detailed agendas are published.
4. Opportunities for residents' local evidence and equality concerns to be heard, sufficient time for heritage issues, and examination of enforceable mitigation.
5. The examination timetable, including later expert reports, responses to other parties' evidence and answers, and concise closing statements.
6. Consideration of the separately submitted inspection schedule and confirmation of arrangements for the two-minute silence at 11am on 11 November.

The Council will keep its contribution concise and follow the Examining Authority's directions. Its detailed procedural requests are in the separate item 1 submission; the inspection locations and justifications are in the separate item 3 submission.

Declaration of assistance

OpenAI ChatGPT assisted in reorganising the Council representative's draft and instructions into this request, using the Council's procedural submission and the Rule 6 letter. The Council must review and approve the final wording before submission.