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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
and Other Persons invited to the
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010085

Date: 07 June 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

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

Application by Cleve Hill Solar Park Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cleve Hill Solar Park Project

Examination Timetable and procedure, Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

This letter provides you with the Examination Timetable, details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) Written Questions and other important information about the Examination.

All documentation associated with this project, including a note of the Preliminary Meeting and the audio recording taken at that meeting, can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/cleve-hill-solar-park/?ipcsection=docs>

The Examination Timetable

We have made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A**.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter dated 18 April 2019¹. In finalising the Examination Timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting.

¹ Your invitation 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 Interested Parties send, where practicable, electronic copies of their submission as email attachments to CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk on or before the applicable deadline. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. 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.

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will only be sent to Interested Parties and Other Persons² invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/cleve-hill-solar-park/?ipcsection=overview>.

Other Procedural Decisions

We have made a Procedural Decision to accept an Additional Submission, dated 29 May 2019, on behalf of London Array Ltd. This has been published on the website and can be found in the Examination Library (Document AS-019).

Annex B contains important details and clarifications about our other Procedural Decisions made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting. These include:

- **Revisions to the Draft Timetable; and**
- **The inclusion of an Issue Specific Hearing on Need.**

We have also made a Procedural Decision to examine Need. We anticipate that we will examine this topic in light of the applicant's Need Statement; the relevant Policy Framework; the need for the proposed development having particular regard to its design and scale; the extent to which alternative technologies and alternative sites are relevant to the application proposal; and the applicant's experience of large scale solar pv projects.

We are also able to clarify that we will expressly consider unknown buried archaeology as part of the Cultural Heritage Principal Issue.

Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

² Other Persons are persons that we chose to invite to the Preliminary Meeting, in addition to the prescribed persons listed in section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 – see 'Your status in the Examination and future notifications' below

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues discussed at the Preliminary Meeting and included in our Rule 6 letter³. Nor are they restricted to the content of our Written Questions (see next heading, below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why⁴. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations "*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*"⁵.

Further written submissions will be requested by the ExA at various points in the Examination.

Any Written Representations, and any further written submissions requested by the ExA in the course of the Examination which 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.

ExA's Written Questions

We have compiled Written Questions (WQ) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published in the documents tab on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010085-000544>

Answers to our WQs must be provided by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

If you require a hard copy of our WQs, please contact the Case Team who will send you a copy.

Hearings

We have decided to hold a series of Hearings between 16 – 25 July 2019. Notice of the dates, times and places of these Hearings is provided at **Annex C** along with other important information about these events including details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a Hearing and the procedure that will be followed at Hearings.

³ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010085/EN010085-000510-20190418%20EN010085%20CLEVE%20Rule%206%20Letter.pdf>

⁴ Required under Rule 10(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008-Examination-of-applications-for-development-consent>

The dates and times of these Hearings are also confirmed in the Examination Timetable at **Annex A**.

Annex C provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a Hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at Hearings.

Accompanied Site Inspection

Information about the Accompanied Site Inspection, scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24 July 2019, is also contained in **Annex B**.

Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

All documentation and audio recordings associated with the Examination of this application can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/cleve-hill-solar-park/?ipcsection=docs>

Annex D provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which all Examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge.

Advice to Interested Parties about how to access and navigate the Examination Library is also provided at **Annex D**.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>.

If your reference number begins with 2001, 2002, CLEVE-AFP or CLEVE-s57 you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with CLEVE-SP you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with CLEVE-OP you are in Group C.

If having read the FAQ document published at the link above you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Award of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an Examination under the PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the government guidance 'Awards of costs: Examinations of applications for development consent

orders' (July 2013)⁶. It is in everyone's interest that information is brought forward as early as possible in the Examination process so you are encouraged to do so.

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided, is published at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/cleve-hill-solar-park/?ipcsection=overview>.

All Examination documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, we consider it 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 M H Rose

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
- C** Notice of Hearings and requests to appear and procedure to be followed at Hearings
- D** Availability of representations and application documents

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

Please view our [Privacy Notice](#) before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-Examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1.	Preliminary Meeting	Thursday 30 May 2019
2.	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Written Questions 	Friday 7 June 2019
3.	Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH); • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH); • Notification of wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI); • Submission of suggested locations / sites for the Panel to include as part of the ASI including the issues to be observed there, information on whether the site can be accessed on public land and reasoning for each nominated site; • Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI to be held on Wednesday 24 July 2019; • Local Impact Reports (LIR) from Local Authorities. 	Wednesday 12 June 2019
4.	Deadline 2 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions; • Written Representations (WRs); • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words; 	Wednesday 26 June 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to participate in Issue Specific Hearings; • Initial Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA; • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs); • Comments on the Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's s51 advice [AS-001 to AS-010];¹ • An updated Guide to the Application; • The Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean, tracked and word versions; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 1; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules². 	
5.	Open Floor Hearing 1	Tuesday 16 July 2019 (Morning)
6.	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	Tuesday 16 July 2019 (Afternoon)
7.	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on Need	Wednesday 17 July 2019
8.	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on the draft Development Consent Order	Thursday 18 July 2019
9.	Open Floor Hearing 2	Monday 22 July 2019 (Evening)
10.	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Landscape and Visual Amenity Matters	Tuesday 23 July 2019

¹ Submitted under cover of a letter dated 22 January 2019

² The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

11.	Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Wednesday 24 July 2019
12.	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Biodiversity/Nature Conservation Matters	Thursday 25 July 2019
13.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 16 and 25 July 2019; • Comments on LIR(s); • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 2; • Progressed Statements of Common Ground; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	Thursday 1 August 2019
14.	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Further Written Questions (FWQ) (if required) <p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of any further hearings to be held during the week commencing 9 September 2019. 	Friday 9 August 2019
15.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's FWQ (if published); • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 3; • Progressed Statements of Common Ground; 	Friday 30 August 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	
16.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required); Any further Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required); A second dDCO Hearing (if required); A second CA Hearing (if required). 	<p>Week Commencing 9 September 2019</p>
17.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held during the week commencing 9 September 2019; Comments on responses to the ExA's FWQ (if published); An updated Guide to the Application; An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 4; Progressed Statements of Common Ground; Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	<p>Friday 20 September 2019</p>
18.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An updated Guide to the Application; An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 5; Progressed Statements of Common Ground; Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	<p>Friday 4 October 2019</p>

19.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required); • The ExA's dDCO (if required); • Any requests for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). 	<p>Wednesday 23 October 2019</p>
20.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES (if required); • Comments on the ExA's dDCO (if required); • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required); • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the dDCO in clean, tracked and word versions; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule; • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 6; • Finalised Statements of Common Ground and S106 Agreements. 	<p>Wednesday 13 November 2019</p>
21.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months</p>	<p>Friday 29 November 2019</p>

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after each deadline for submissions.

Hearing agendas

We will aim to publish a draft agenda for each Hearing on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the Hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Report on the Implications for European Sites

Given that the Applicant has provided a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report to inform an appropriate assessment with the DCO application [**APP-026**] and [**APP-027**], the ExA may decide to issue a Report on the Implication for

European Sites (RIES) during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of the Habitats Regulations³ and/ or Regulation 28 of the Offshore Marine Regulations.

³ The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

We have made a number of Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting¹:

1. Examination Timetable

Having carefully considered the representations made at the Preliminary Meeting on 30 May 2019, we have made a Procedural Decision to apply 2 changes to the draft Examination Timetable provided at Annex C to the Rule 6 letter dated 18 April 2019.

We have also determined that requests to participate in Issue Specific Hearings, scheduled to be heard between 16 – 25 July 2019, should be made to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team by **Deadline 2** indicating:

- Which Issue Specific Hearing you wish to attend;
- Whether you wish to speak at the Hearing and the issues about which you wish to make oral representations; and
- Notifying us of any special need you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

The final Examination Timetable is provided at **Annex A**.

The applied changes are:

- The new date for the Issue Specific Hearing on Biodiversity/Nature Conservation Matters confirmed as Thursday 25 July 2019 (replacing Wednesday 17 July 2019 previously set out in the draft Examination Timetable).
- The inclusion of an Issue Specific Hearing on Need to be held on Wednesday 17 July 2019.

We have considered the request to make additional time available in July for Open Floor Hearings. We have decided to make no change to the draft programme as provision is made for any further Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required) in week commencing 9 September 2019.

We have also considered the request to hold an Issue Specific Hearing on Traffic and Transport. We have decided to make no change to the draft programme as we consider that this topic can be most effectively dealt with by hearing local concerns at Open Floor Hearings and by means of written questions from the Examining Authority.

In terms of other matters raised, we consider that our examination of managed retreat issues; hazards and access for emergency vehicles; climate change and carbon sequestration; the character and socio-economics of small towns; security cameras; and decommissioning is likely to overlap with our consideration of the Principal Issues already set out, including the effects of the proposal on the achievement of sustainable development, embracing the mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and/or our Written Questions.

We have decided not to extend Deadline 1 in relation to Local Impact Reports for Local Authorities given Swale Borough Council's confirmation that it was working to that deadline.

¹ Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

2. Examining Authority's Written Questions

The ExA's Written Questions have been published here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010085-000544>

Some of our Written Questions (WQ) are directed to specific Statutory Parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become Interested Parties for the purposes of the examination of the application.

All relevant Statutory Parties will receive this correspondence and we request for each to check our WQs carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. No party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

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 2015².

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. Final signed versions of the SoCGs listed in our Rule 6 letter are requested to be submitted by **Deadline 7 (Annex A)**.

All of the SoCGs listed should cover the Articles and Requirements in the draft DCO. Any Interested Party seeking for an Article or Requirement to be reworded should provide in the SoCG the form of words which are being sought.

Where a particular SoCG cannot be agreed between the parties by Deadline 3, or in so far as any local authority position represents an officer level view only, draft versions of that SoCG are requested to be submitted **by the Applicant to Deadline 3**. The position of the relevant Interested Parties should then be confirmed in the course of the Examination.

The content of SoCGs is necessary to help inform us as to the need to hold any Issue Specific Hearings in September 2019, and to enable us and the Applicant to give notice of such Hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place.

4. Local Impact Reports (LIRs)

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 our Advice Note One: Local Impact Reports³.

Local authorities⁴ are invited to submit LIRs by **Deadline 1 (Annex A)**.

² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/legislation/>

³ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

⁴ Defined in s56A of the Planning Act 2008

5. Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

The ASI will take place on Wednesday 24 July 2019. Participants are asked to meet at Graveney Village Hall at 0915 in time for the visit to commence at 0930. It should be noted that parking is restricted to a maximum of 20 cars and participants are asked to either share transport or, where practicable, walk to the meeting point.

The Applicant will be providing a draft itinerary for the ASI by **Deadline 1 (Annex A)**. Interested Parties are also required to confirm whether they wish to attend the ASI, and suggest any locations in which they wish for the ExA to view the site from, by the same Deadline. Comments from any Interested Party on the Applicant's draft itinerary are requested by **Deadline 2 (Annex A)**.

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the Project Page of the National Infrastructure website no later than Wednesday 17 July 2019:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/cleve-hill-solar-park/?ipcsection=overview>

As explained in our Rule 6 letter, the Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant, Local Authorities, together with other Interested Parties (or their representatives).

It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany us for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. Please contact the Case Team if you wish to meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary.

Interested Parties should be aware that **ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development**. However, we may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

Notice of Hearings and requests to appear and procedure to be followed at Hearings

Notification of Hearings, under Sections 91, 92, 93 of the Planning Act 2008, to be held between Tuesday 16 July 2019 and Thursday 25 July 2019

Please be advised that the Examining Authority will hold a combination of Open Floor Hearings and Issue Specific Hearing on the following dates:

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue	Parking
16 July 2019	Open Floor Hearing 1	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	The Alexander Centre, 17 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NZ	Please see table below.
16 July 2019	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	2.00pm (seating available from 1.30pm)	The Alexander Centre, 17 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NZ	Please see table below.
17 July 2019	Issue Specific Hearing: Need	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	Hempstead House Hotel, London Road, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, ME9 9PP	Parking available at the hotel.
18 July 2019	Issue Specific Hearing: Draft Development Consent Order	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	The Alexander Centre, 17 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NZ	Please see table below.
22 July 2019	Open Floor Hearing 2	6.30pm (seating available from 6.00pm)	Hempstead House Hotel, London Road, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, ME9 9PP	Parking available at the hotel.
23 July 2019	Issue Specific Hearing: Landscape and Visual Amenity Matters	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	Hempstead House Hotel, London Road, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, ME9 9PP	Parking available at the hotel.
25 July 2019	Issue Specific Hearing: Biodiversity/Nature Conservation Matters	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	The Alexander Centre, 17 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NZ	Please see table below.

Car Parking in Faversham

Location	Type
Central, Cross Lane, ME13 8PN	Pay and Display - short stay
Institute Road, ME13 8AE	Pay and Display - short stay
Partridge Lane, ME13 7JB	Pay and Display - long stay
Queens Hall, Victoria Place, ME13 8PL	Pay and Display - long stay
Ospringe, ME13 8TP	Free
Front Brents, ME13 8TP	Free
Park Road, ME18 8ET	Free

If you wish to participate in or observe either of the Open Floor Hearings, please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing CleveHillSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk no later than Wednesday 12 June 2019 (Deadline 1) indicating:

- Which Open Floor Hearing you wish to attend;
- Whether you wish to speak at the Hearing and the issues about which you wish to make oral representations; and
- Notifying us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Notification in respect of the above should be sent separately from any other written submission, and appropriately titled to allow the Planning Inspectorate to quickly identify which event the notification relates to.

Each Interested Party should assume that they will be allowed a maximum speaking time of 5 minutes in total for all submissions that they wish to make in these sessions. Please note in the event that there are an exceptional number of potential submissions, it may be necessary to be more restrictive and/or schedule a further Open Floor Hearing(s) in week commencing 9 September 2019.

Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the oral representations are made.

Procedure at Hearings

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010⁵. Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the oral representations are made.

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 parties⁶. Our examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions, and we will decide whether a Hearing on a particular issue or topic is necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

⁵ Rule 14

⁶ Rule 14(5)

Hearing agendas

We will aim to publish a draft agenda for each Hearing on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the Hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

September 2019 Hearings

The Examination Timetable reserves 9 - 13 September 2019 for any further Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required); any further Open Floor Hearing(s) if required; a second draft Development Consent Order Hearing (if required); and a second Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required).

We will provide notification of these Hearings, if required, by no later than 9 August 2019.

Availability of representations and application documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/cleveland-hill-solar-park/>.

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published at the above location.

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge, at the following locations. Please note that you may need to bring a form of identification to use a computer at these locations.

Local authority	Venue	Opening hours and printing costs
Kent County Council	Boughton-under-Blean Library School Lane Faversham ME13 9AW	Tuesday: 10:00 – 12:00, 13:00 – 16:00 Friday: 14:00 – 16:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 12:00 The computers are free to use, and prints are charged 15p per side for black and white or 50p colour A4 page. 20p for A3. Library membership required.

Kent County Council	Faversham Library Newton Road Kent ME13 8DY	<p>Monday: 09:00 – 18:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 18:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 18:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 18:00 Friday: 09:00 – 18:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 17:00</p> <p>The computers are free to use and free Wi-Fi facility. Black and white prints are charged 15p per A4 page. Colour prints are charged 50p per side A4. Library membership required.</p> <p>Photocopier facility, this only copies in black and white and costs 15p per side for an A4 copy and 20p per side for an A3 copy.</p>
Kent County Council	Kent County Council Sheppey Gateway 38-42 High Street Sheerness Kent ME12 1NL	<p>Monday: 09:00 – 18:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 18:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 18:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 18:00 Friday: 09:00 – 18:00 Saturday: 09:00 – 17:00</p> <p>The computers are free to use, and prints are charged 15p per side for black and white or 50p colour A4 page. Library membership required.</p>
Kent County Council	Teynham Library 131 London Road Teynham Kent ME9 9QL	<p>Monday: 14:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 09:30 – 12:00 Wednesday: 14:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 09:30 – 12:00 Friday: Closed Saturday: 09:00 – 11:00</p> <p>The computers are free to use, and prints are charged 15p per A4 page, 30p double sided. Library membership required.</p>

Swale Borough Council	Swale Borough Council Alexander Centre 15-17 Preston Street Faversham Kent ME13 8NZ	Monday: 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 17:00 Friday: 09:00 – 17:00 The computers are free to use. No printing or copying facility available.
Swale Borough Council	Swale Borough Council Swale House East St Sittingbourne Kent ME10 3HT	Monday: 08:45 – 17:00 Tuesday: 08:45 – 17:00 Wednesday: 08:45 – 17:00 Thursday: 08:45 – 17:00 Friday: 08:45 – 16:30 The computers are free to use. No printing or copying facilities available.
Canterbury Borough Council	Canterbury City Council Military Road CT1 1YW	Monday: 09:00 – 17:00 Tuesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Wednesday: 09:00 – 17:00 Thursday: 09:00 – 17:00 Friday: 09:00 – 17:00 The computers are free to use, and no ID is required. No printing facilities available.
Links to all council library locations		
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