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Date: 28 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 8(3), 9, 13
and 17**

**Application by INRG Solar (Little Crow) Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Little Crow Solar Park**

Notification of hearings under Rule 13

I write to advise you that the following Open Floor and Issue Specific Hearings will be held on **Tuesday 29 June 2021**. Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) will continue on to Wednesday 30 June 2021 only if required.

I have taken into account the continuing uncertainties around COVID-19, including the latest Government guidance and restrictions, together with the likely level of participation in these hearings and I have decided to hold these hearings virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue
Tuesday 29 June 2021	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	10:00 (Arrangements conference from 09:40am)	Virtual event Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agenda
Tuesday 29 June 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH 2) on the environmental effects of the	13:30 (Arrangements conference from 13.10pm)	Virtual event Join by digital device or telephone using

	construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development and the draft Development Consent Order		details to be provided in forthcoming Agenda
Wednesday 30 June 2021	ISH 2 on the environmental effects of the construction and operational phases of the Proposed Development and the draft Development Consent Order continued (only if required)	10:00 (Arrangements conference from 09:40am)	Virtual event Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided in forthcoming Agenda

Please confirm your attendance, including if you are intending to speak, to the Case Team at littlecrowssolarpark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 18 June 2021.

If you are unable to submit your request to attend the hearings electronically, please contact the Little Crow Solar Park Case Team on 0303 444 5000 by the above deadline.

Please note that all Examination timetable deadline submissions should continue to be provided via the [Submissions Portal](#) on the Little Crow webpage of the National Infrastructure website.

Information about examination hearings is included in the [Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.5 – The Examination: Hearings and Site Inspections](#)

For information on attending and participating in online hearings please also see the [Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.6 - Virtual Events](#)

Procedural Decisions and Requests for further information under Rules 9 and 17

1) Interested Parties speaking at OFH1

The submission by **16:00 on Monday 28 June 2021** of speaking notes from Interested Parties intending to speak at OFH1. Any such speaking notes should be submitted using the project email address of LittleCrowSolarPark@planninginspectorate.gov.uk rather than making a submission via the Submissions Portal.

2) North Lincolnshire Council

The submission by no later than Examination Deadline 3 (23:59 on Monday 7 June 2021) of copies of the policy wording and explanatory text for all of the Development Plan policies that North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) considers are important and relevant to the consideration of the Proposed Development. This request is being made further to NLC's submission of its Local Impact Report [REP2-026] and my fourth Procedural Decision set out in Annex B of the Rule 8 letter of 27 April 2021 [PD-006].

3) The Applicant

The Applicant is requested to ensure that when it submits any Examination documents that include appendices, for example REP1-008 (post ISH1 submission) and REP2-022 (response to the ExA's first written questions), a contents sheet listing all of the appendices is provided and precedes the first appendix. This request is being made to assist with document navigation.

4) The Applicant and all Interested Parties

The Applicant and all Interested Parties are requested to ensure that when submitting their Examination documents those documents are fully paginated in order to make it easier for the ExA to make any cross references to parts of them, as may be necessary, most particularly in the recommendation report to be submitted for the Secretary of State's consideration.

Notice of variation of Examination Timetable under Rule 8(3)

In light of the Procedural Decision I have made with respect to the submission of speaking notes from Interested Parties intending to speak at OFH1, it is necessary that the Examination Timetable is varied. I have therefore made a variation to the Examination Timetable by adding a Deadline 3a as Item 8a. The varied version of the Examination Timetable is set out in Annex A to this letter

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Grahame Gould

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Examining Authority

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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 (PM)	Tuesday 20 April 2021
2	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 1 on the Environmental Statement, general matters and the draft Development Consent Order	Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 April 2021
3	Issue by the ExA of: The Examination Timetable Publication by the ExA of: First round of written questions (ExQ1)	Tuesday 27 April 2021
4	Deadline 1 For receipt by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information from the Applicant and North Lincolnshire Council as raised during the ISH1 and published in the Action Points from ISH1 • Comments on any updates to Application documents submitted by the Applicant before the PM • Comments on Relevant Representations (RR) • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of any WRs exceeding 1500 words • Post ISH1 submissions, including written submissions of oral cases given during that hearing • Updated Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), following its discussion at ISH1 and to be submitted in an editable format with any revisions to the preceding version shown using tracked changes • An updated Index to the Application documents 	Not later than 23:59 on Monday 10 May 2021

	<p>to be submitted by the Applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification by Statutory Parties of wish to be considered as an Interested Person (IP) by the ExA • Submission by the Applicant and IPs of suggested locations for the ExA to include in Unaccompanied and/or Accompanied Site Inspections, including the reason for nomination and issues to be observed; information about whether the location can be accessed using public rights of way or what access arrangements would need to be made; and the likely time requirement for the visit to that location (if not covered within an Unaccompanied Site Inspection) • Notification of wish to speak at any future ISHs • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA • Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	
<p>5</p>	<p>Deadline 2 (D2)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs • Responses to ExQ1 • Local Impact Report(s) (LIR) • An updated Statement of Commonality for SoCGs • Update on the preparations of Statements of SoCG requested by the ExA • An updated Index to the Application documents submitted by the Applicant • Applicant's revised dDCO to be submitted in an editable format with any revisions made to the preceding version shown using track changes (if required) • Comments on any amendments made to the dDCO by the Applicant at D1 	<p>Not later than 23:59 on Monday 24 May 2021</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D1 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA • Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	
6	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <p>Notification of hearings to be held on 29 and 30 June 2021 (if required)</p>	Friday 28 May 2021
7	<p>Deadline 3 (D3)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on LIR(s) • Comments on responses to the ExQ1 • Comments on any updated SoCG received at D2 • Update on the preparation of SoCG • An updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG • An updated Index to the Application documents submitted by the Applicant • Applicant's revised dDCO to be submitted in an editable format with any revisions shown using tracked changes (if required) • Comments on any amendments made to the dDCO by the Applicant at D2 • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D2 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA • Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	Not later than 23:59 Monday 7 June 2021
8	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's further written questions (ExQ2) (if required) 	Friday 11 June 2021
8a	Deadline 3a (D3a)	Not later than

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <p>A speaking note(s) from Interested Parties who intend to speak at Open Floor Hearing 1</p>	16:00 Monday 28 June 2021
9	<p>Dates reserved for Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISHs (if required) • OFH (if required) 	Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 June 2021
10	<p>Deadline 4 (D4)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExQ2 (if required) • Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral cases made by the Applicant and IPs (if hearings on 29/30 June 2021 are required) • Applicant's revised dDCO to be submitted in an editable format with any revisions to the preceding version shown using tracked changes (if required) • Comments on any amendments made to the dDCO by the Applicant at D3 (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received at D3 • Comments on any updated SoCG received at D3 • Update on the preparation of SoCG • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG • An updated Index to the Application documents submitted by the Applicant • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA • Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	Not later than 23:59 on Wednesday 7 July 2021
11	<p>Deadline 5 (D5)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExQ2 • Applicant's revised dDCO to be submitted in an editable format with any revisions to the preceding version shown using tracked changes (if required) 	Not later than 23:59 on Monday 9 August 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any additional information/submissions received at D4 • Comments on any amendments made to the dDCO by the Applicant at D4 (if required) • Comments on any updated SoCG received at D4 • Update on the preparation of SoCG • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG • An updated Index to the Application documents submitted by the Applicant • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA • Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	
12	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Hearings to be held 9/10 September 2021 (if required) <p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) 	Monday 16 August 2021
13	<p>Deadline 6 (D6)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's ExQ3 (if required) • Applicant's revised dDCO to be submitted in an editable format with any revisions to the preceding version shown using tracked changes (if required) • Comments on any amendments made to the dDCO by the Applicant at D5 (if required) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received at D5 • Comments on any updated SoCG received at D5 • Final and signed SoCGs • Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG • Any executed s106 Agreement • An updated Index to the Application documents submitted by the Applicant • Responses to any further information requested 	Not later than 23:59 on Tuesday 31 August 2021

	<p>by the ExA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	
14	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any requests for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) <p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda for Hearings to be held 9 and 10 September 2021 (if required) The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) The ExA's proposed Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required and if no DCO specific ISH is held on 9 or 10 September 2021) 	Wednesday 1 September 2021
15	<p>Dates reserved for Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISHs (if required) OFH (if required) 	Thursday 9 and September 10 2021
16	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's Further Written Questions (ExQ4) (if required) The ExA's draft Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required and if not issued on 1 September 2021) <p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any requests for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	Friday 10 September 2021 OR Monday 13 September 2021 if Hearings are held on 9 and 10 September 2021
17	<p>Deadline 7 (D7)</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-hearing submissions, including written summaries of oral cases made by the Applicant and IPs (if hearings on 9/10 June 2021 are required) Comments on responses to ExQ3 (if required) Responses to the ExA's ExQ4 (if required) Comments on any amendments made to the 	Not later than 23:59 on Monday 20 September 2021

	<p>dDCO by the Applicant at D6 (if required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any additional information/submissions received at D6 • Final version of the dDCO to be submitted by the Applicant in both clean and tracked changed forms and in the SI template format, with an SI template validation report • An updated Index to the Application documents submitted by the Applicant • Comments on the ExA's Schedule of Changes to the dDCO published either on 1 or 13 September 2021 (if required) • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA • Any requests from the ExA for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules 2010 (if required) 	
18	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any additional information/submissions received at D7 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 (if required) 	<p>Not later than 23:59 on Friday 1 October 2021</p>
19	<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>Wednesday 20 October 2021</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

Where the Applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the DCO application, 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 Regulations¹ and/ or Regulation 28 of the Offshore Marine Regulation

¹ The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

