

Application by Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the proposed Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2	Thursday 31 October 2024	Blended event at The Colchester United Football Club
	available from: 09:30 JobServe Community	
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	Online Registration Process from: 09:30	Stadium
		United Way
	Hearing Starts at 10:00	Colchester
		CO4 5UP
		Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered

Agenda items

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing
- 2. Purpose of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2
- 3. Matters for discussion at this hearing

Documents that may be referred to during the discussion of this item:

- [APP-008] Onshore Land Plans
- [APP-010] Onshore Works Plans
- [APP-024] draft Development Consent Order
- [APP-025] Explanatory Memorandum
- [APP-026] Book of Reference
- [APP-030] Statement of Reasons
- [APP-263] Coordination Document
- [AS-004] Onshore Project Description
- [PD3-002] Land Rights Tracker

 Any other written submissions submitted at Examination Deadlines 1 and 2 that include Land Rights representations

3.1 Summary of cases from Affected Persons attending CAH2

Affected Persons attending CAH2 will be asked in turn by the ExA to summarise their cases with respect to the Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) powers sought by the Applicant. Affected Persons in explaining their cases should explain whether they consider the powers sought by the Applicant do or do not accord with conditions stated in Section 122 (Purpose for which compulsory acquisition may be authorised) of the Planning Act 2008 and the "Planning Act 2008 Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land" (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2013)

The Applicant will then be given the opportunity to respond to any summary cases made by Affected Persons.

The ExA will ask any questions of the Applicant and Affected Persons as it considers necessary.

3.2 Applicant's Land rights negotiations update

The Applicant will be asked by the ExA to provide an update with respect to its land rights negotiations since CAH1 (17 September 2024).

The ExA will ask the Applicant any questions it considers necessary.

4. Any Other Business

The ExA may extend an opportunity for the Applicant and Affected Persons to raise matters relevant to topics raised in CAH2 that they consider should be examined.

5. Review of matters and actions arising

The ExA will discuss how any actions arising from the discussion of CA and TP matters are to be addressed by the Applicant and Affected Persons following CAH2. A written action list will be published if required.

6. Close of Hearing

Attendees

- Applicant
- Essex County Council
- Tendring District Council
- The various Fairley family farms
- Liana Enterprise Limited
- Strutt and Parker (Farms) Limited
- The Executors of the Estate of the late Charles Tabor

However, this does not indicate that other parties with a land rights interest in the Proposed Development will not be able to contribute. All Affected Persons are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the <u>project webpage</u> of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond 13:00.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10:00** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:30** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at CAH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the

evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to puts its case.