



# Preliminary Meeting Note

<b>Application:</b>	North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park
<b>Reference:</b>	EN010116
<b>Time and date:</b>	15 November 2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Forest Pines Spa and Golf Resort, Ermine Street, Broughton, Brigg, DN20 0AQ

*This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed.*

## 15 November 2022

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/north-lincolnshire-green-energy-park/>

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Edwin Maund (EM) welcomed those present and introduced himself as the lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors, the Examining Authority (ExA) and Philip Brewer as panel member to examine the North Lincolnshire Green Energy Project application.

EM explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of BEIS on 19 August 2022.

EM explained that the ExA would be examining the application made by North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

EM explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

### 2. Audio recording

The full audio recording of this Preliminary Meeting is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed [here](#).

### 3. Examination Process

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#)

### 4. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (IAP)

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in **Annex C** of the [Rule 6 letter](#).

Andrew Law from North Lincolnshire Council confirmed the Council is content the IAP identifies all principal issues.

The Applicant confirmed they are content the IAP identifies all the principal issues.

No other parties raised any issues either virtually or in person.

### 5. Examination Timetable

The ExA welcomed suggestions from the parties in attendance to amend the draft Examination Timetable contained in **Annex D** of [Rule 6 letter](#). It was recognised, that Deadline 9 erroneously refers to May 2022 as opposed to 2023.

The Applicant reaffirmed the request made in writing at Procedural Deadline A that Deadline 7 be moved by two days to 14 April 2023 to give greater time to respond in light of the proximity of the Easter weekend. The Applicant asserted that in their view this would have no adverse effect on the overall timetable and would not prejudice the ability to conclude the examination by Deadline 10.

North Lincolnshire Council confirmed

Councillor Elaine Marper requested that consideration be given to later starts to accommodate workers who could not otherwise attend during normal working hours.

Simon Nicholson for RAIN agreed with Councillor Marper's comment, stating start and finish times need to be considered for workers.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and consideration of the issues will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 8](#) letter published on 23 November 2022.

### 6. Procedural decisions

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

ExA confirmed late representations from

- Network Rail
- National Highways

Procedural decisions can be found in **Annex F** of the Rule 6 Letter.

## **7. Hearings and Site Inspections**

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Accompanied Site Inspections – 23 January 2023
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections.

The ExA sought comments on the arrangements for the above events. No additional issues were raised by the parties.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in our [Advice Note 8.5](#)

## **8. Any other business**

No other business