

Planning Act 2008 – section 92

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Application by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Longfield Solar Farm project

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)

I notified Interested Parties (IPs) on Thursday 25 August 2022 of the decision to hold a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing.

Date	Hearing	Starting Time	Location
Wednesday 28 September 2022	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	Arrangements conference start: 09:30 Event start: 10:00	Microsoft Teams

Purpose of the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

The Compulsory Acquisition Hearing is being held to enable me to inquire into the Applicant's case to compulsorily acquire land or rights over land or to take Temporary Possession (TP) of land. It also seeks to discharge my duty to hear persons 'affected' by Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and TP proposals who request to be heard and will enable me to consider whether relevant legal and policy tests applicable to CA and TP have been met.

Agenda

In order to ensure that those attending the hearings can make the best use of the time, I have prepared the agenda below. Please note that this is indicative and is subject to change. I may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of enquiry during the discussion which are not on the agenda.

Invited Participants

All Affected Persons (APs) are invited to attend the compulsory acquisition hearing. However, as the event is being held virtually it would assist with the running of the hearing if you could let the Inspectorate's Case Team (LongfieldSolarFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) know by **Thursday 22 September 2022** of a wish to participate in the hearing so that the relevant instructions can be sent for you to join the event.

Please note that the hearing will also be livestreamed for those who may wish to view but not participate directly. A link to a livestream for each hearing will be made



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available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before any hearing is due to open. The livestream is available to anybody who wishes to observe a hearing in real time.

All hearings are recorded, and the recordings will be made available on the project webpage as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed.

Participation, conduct and management of hearing

Each AP is entitled to make oral representations. Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearings will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the Examining Authority that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. As such, questioning at the hearing will be led by me.

Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

The virtual event will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. The hearing will finish as soon as I deem that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

Rory Cridland

Examining Inspector



AGENDA FOR COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING

Item	Matters
1.	Welcome, introductions, purpose and arrangements for the Hearing
2.	Applicant's introduction and update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant to briefly outline the case for compulsory acquisition and temporary possession, and how they meet the tests of the PA2008.• Applicant to briefly summarise how the application demonstrates that all reasonable alternatives to CA (including modifications to the scheme) have been explored.• Applicant to provide an update on the progress and expectations on negotiations.
3.	The objections to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affected Persons will be invited to set out any outstanding matters of concern.• The Applicant will be provided with an opportunity to respond.• The Applicant and APs may be asked to respond to questions from the ExA.
4.	Statutory Undertakers - s127 and 138 PA 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on the progress of Protective Provisions for the benefit of Statutory Undertakers; and• SUs will be given an opportunity to raise or expand on any concerns or objections.
5.	Consideration of whether updates or revisions to the Statement of Reasons and Book of Reference are required, and any implications for the drafting of the DCO.
6.	Other matters
7.	Close

Please note: The hearing will close at the conclusion of business. Interested parties who have registered to speak in advance will be provided with meeting link to join the meeting. Individuals who have not registered in advance may participate at the

discretion of the ExA (and should contact the case team for a link to join the meeting).