

Planning Act 2008 – section 93**EN010118****Application by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Longfield Solar Farm project****Agenda for Open Floor Hearing**

I notified Interested Parties on Thursday 25 August 2022 of the decision to hold an Open Floor Hearing on the following date:

Date	Hearing	Starting Time	Location
Friday 30 September 2022	Open Floor Hearing 1	Arrangements conference start: 09:30 Event start: 10:00	Microsoft Teams

Participation, conduct and management of hearing

This is the first Open Floor Hearing to be held in this Examination. It is being held to allow Interested Parties (IPs) to make oral representations about the application.

I will be inviting registered participants to make an oral representation. Depending on the number of requests to speak, the timing for each IP may be limited. With this in mind you may wish to run through your representation in advance to ensure it can be completed within 5 minutes to avoid me having to cut your contribution short.

To facilitate an efficient hearing, I would also ask those with common points to come together and to nominate a spokesperson or representative speakers to cover specific topics, so as to avoid repetition.

Invited Participants

All IPs are welcome to attend the Open Floor Hearing. It is intended to offer the opportunity for people to bring to my attention issues of concern to them.

The Applicant is invited to attend and may be asked to address questions raised by the IPs and will be provided with a brief opportunity to respond to IPs oral cases.

All representations should be based on the Relevant Representations or Written Representations made by the person by whom (or on whose behalf) the oral representations are made. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further

detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the Examination. I may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other party to comment or respond. Breaks will be taken during the hearing as necessary.

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 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.

Rory Cridland

Examining Inspector



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OPEN FLOOR HEARING

Item	Matters
1.	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the Hearing
2.	Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the Open Floor Hearing
3.	Oral Submissions from Interested Parties <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each Interested Party who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn. Depending on the number of requests, each party may be given a limited amount of time.• Following each submission, the Examining Authority may wish to ask the speaker questions.• The Applicant is likely to be requested to briefly respond to any matters raised by each of the Interested Parties or in summary at the close of the Hearing.• Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the Examining Authority.
4.	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).