



# The Planning Inspectorate

## Application by Oaklands Farm Solar Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for Oaklands Farm Solar Park

### Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1

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<b>Time and date</b>	<b>3:00pm on Wednesday 10 July 2024</b> Please note that the meeting will start promptly, and access may not be possible for late arrivals.
<b>Format</b>	<b>Blended event</b> - some people will attend at the venue in person and others will attend using Microsoft Teams.
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Branston Golf &amp; Country Club, Burton Road, Branston, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 3DP and using Microsoft Teams</b> Full instructions on how to attend will be provided to those that completed the Event Participation Form in accordance with the <a href="#">Rule 6 letter</a> .
<b>Seating available at venue</b> for those attending in person	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>Arrangements conference</b> for those attending using Microsoft Teams	<b>2:30pm</b>

If you would just like to **observe the hearing online**, then you can either:

1. watch a livestream of the event - a link to the livestream will be made available on the [project webpage](#) shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/ or
2. watch the recording of the event which will be published on the [project webpage](#) shortly after the event has finished.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the top of the [Rule 6 letter](#) if you require any support to observe, attend, or speak at Open Floor Hearing 1.

Anyone wishing to make an oral representation at Open Floor Hearing 1 or attend it in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

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<b>Item 1</b>	<p><b>Welcome, opening remarks and introductions</b></p> <p>The hearing will formally open at 3.00pm.</p> <p>The Examining Authority (ExA) will welcome participants and lead introductions. The public livestream and recording will start.</p>
<b>Item 2</b>	<p><b>The purpose of the hearing and how it will be conducted</b></p> <p>The ExA will introduce the hearing, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the hearing is to give Interested Parties an opportunity to make oral representations about the application.</li> <li>• The hearing is subject to the powers of control of the ExA, as set out in the PA2008 and supporting legislation.</li> <li>• The ExA will invite parties to speak and will ask questions as it considers necessary and all comments, questions and answers are to be directed to the ExA and not directly to any other party.</li> </ul>
<b>Item 3</b>	<p><b>Parties who wish to make an oral representation</b></p> <p>The ExA will identify the Interested Parties who wish to make an oral representation and the order that they will be invited to speak.</p>
<b>Item 4</b>	<p><b>Oral representations</b></p> <p>The ExA will invite Interested Parties to make oral representations.</p> <p>Oral representations should be up to <b>10 minutes</b> long. If many people wish to speak, the ExA may restrict the time available to each speaker.</p> <p>Representations should provide further detail, explanation and corroborative evidence on the matters raised in the speaker's Relevant Representation.</p> <p>The ExA will, as it considers necessary, ask questions of the speaker, and will provide the Applicant with an opportunity to respond.</p>
<b>Item 5</b>	<p><b>Any other matters</b></p>
<b>Close of Open Floor Hearing 1</b>	

The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA, who is mindful of the need to provide opportunities for fair involvement to all invited parties.

Participants may need to make allowances if there are technology issues during the hearing. The ExA is conscious of videoconferencing fatigue and will aim to take regular breaks.

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide 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 Interested Party has had a fair chance to put its case.