



Preliminary Meeting Note

Application:	Oaklands Farm Solar Park
Reference:	EN010122
Time and date:	10.00am 10 July 2024
Venue:	Branston Golf and Country Club

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

Stuart Cowperthwaite welcomed those present and introduced himself as the single Examining Authority (ExA) to examine the Oaklands Farm Solar Park application.

The ExA explained that he would be examining the application made by Oaklands Farm Solar Limited ('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.

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

3. General Data Protection Regulation

The ExA explained that the Planning Inspectorate's [Privacy Notice](#) establishes how the personal data of our customers is handled in accordance with the principles set out in data protection laws.

4. 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](#).

The ExA invited submissions about the way in which he proposed to examine the application.

No comments were made by any of the parties in attendance.

5. Examination Timetable

The ExA welcomed suggestions from the parties in attendance to amend the draft Examination contained in [Appendix C](#) of [Rule 6](#) letter.

Councillor Amy Wheelton asked for confirmation that there would still be an opportunity for an Open Floor Hearing. The ExA advised that there is an item in the timetable for requests to be heard. A further Open Floor Hearing will be held if we receive any requests to be heard.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 letter.

6. Updates from the Applicant

The ExA invited comments on [Appendix G](#) of the [Rule 6](#) letter which sets out the request for Statements of Common Ground and [Appendix D](#) of the [Rule 6](#) which sets out the updates requested of the Applicant during the Examination.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 letter.