

Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Application for a Development Consent Order for the proposed Mallard Pass Solar Farm project.
Planning Inspectorate Reference number: EN010127.

Rule 13(6) Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Notice of Preliminary Meeting, Issue Specific Hearing and Open Floor Hearing.

1. Notice is hereby given that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, (the "Secretary of State")) for the examination of the application made by **Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited** (Company No. 12575861) of 111 Park Street, Mayfair, London, W1K 7JF (the "Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Sections 14,15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application").

2. The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 24 November 2022, and accepted for examination on 21 December 2022. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is **EN010127**. The Examining Authority was appointed on 19 January 2023 to examine the Application.

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue and Joining details
Preliminary Meeting	Tuesday 16 May 2023	Seating available at venue from: 9:00am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:15am Meeting starts: 10:00am	East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE (For SAT NAV, please use the postcode PE2 6HE); and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Wednesday 17 May 2023 Morning	Seating available at venue from: 9:30am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE (For SAT NAV, please use the postcode PE2 6HE); and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)	Wednesday 17 May 2023 Evening	Seating available at venue from: 6:30pm Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 6:30pm Hearing starts: 7:00pm	East of England Showground, Peterborough, PE2 6XE (For SAT NAV, please use the postcode PE2 6HE); and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

3. Interested Parties and Affected Persons wishing to speak at the Preliminary Meeting or any of the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by Procedural Deadline A (03 May 2023) via the Mallard Pass Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/mallard-pass-solar-project/>

4. If you require assistance with registering your attendance, please contact the Case Team at **MallardPassSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk** or by calling **0303 444 5000**. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (EN010127) should be quoted in any correspondence.

5. The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

6. The Procedural Deadline and subsequent Deadlines are set out in the Draft Examination Timetable, available to view in the Rule 6 Letter on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above).

7. Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable (and amendments), how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

8. Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Mallard Pass Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

9. Any further Hearings will be publicised as required by the Planning Inspectorate and by the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Summary of the Proposed Development:

10. The Application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility with a capacity of over 50 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the National Grid.

11. The Applicant is a partnership between Windel Energy and Canadian Solar Inc. Mallard Pass Solar Farm (the "Proposed Development") will be near Essendine, partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland, and will cover an area of approximately 852 hectares (ha). The principal components of the Proposed Development comprise solar PV arrays, mounting structures, inverters, transformers, switchgears, onsite substation and ancillary buildings, low voltage distribution cabling, fencing, security and ancillary infrastructure, access tracks, temporary construction compounds, mitigation and enhancement areas and green infrastructure. To view a plan showing the location and route of the Proposed Development as submitted in the Application, please refer to the Location, Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plans (Document Reference: EN010127/APP/2.6), available here:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010127/EN010127-000084-2.6_Location_Order%20Limits%20and%20Grid%20Coordinates%20Plans.pdf

12. Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity greater than 50 MW. It is for this reason that the Proposed Development falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.

13. The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Proposed Development, the temporary stopping up or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Application form and accompanying documents

14. The application form and its accompanying documents (including maps and plans, the Environmental Statement, Non-Technical Summary and the draft Order (the "Application Documents")), can be viewed and downloaded free of charge on the Mallard Pass Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/mallard-pass-solar-project/> and on the 'Documents' section of the Applicant's project-dedicated website:

15. An electronic copy of the Application Documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email **info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk**, write to **FREEPOST MALLARD PASS SOLAR FARM** (free of charge; no need for a stamp) or telephone **0808 196 8717** (free of charge).

16. The full suite of Application Documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £5,000 per copy. For any bespoke document requests, please contact the Applicant using the contact details at the bottom of the notice, who will provide the cost. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable copying charge may apply.

17. If you require alternative methods for inspection of the Application Documents (for example in large print, audio or braille formats), contact the Applicant by telephone **0808 196 8717** or email **info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk**.

Contact us

18. Further information can be obtained from the Applicant using the contact details provided.