

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 Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition 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 Energy Security and Net Zero (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 and the Examination began on 17 May 2023.

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and related Matters	Tuesday 26 September 2023	Registration and seating available from: 9.30am Virtual Registration Process from: 9.30am Hearing starts: 10.00am	Orton Hall Hotel & Spa, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, PE2 7DN 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.
Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) Environmental Matters	Tuesday 26 September 2023 and Wednesday 27 September 2023	Registration and seating available from 1.30pm on Tuesday 26 September and 9.30am on Wednesday 27 September Virtual Registration Process from 1.30pm on Tuesday 26 of September and 9.30am on Wednesday 27 of September Hearings starts: 2.00pm on Tuesday 26 September 2023 and 10.00am on Wednesday 27 September 2023	Orton Hall Hotel & Spa, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, PE2 7DN 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.
Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) Environmental Matters and the Draft Development Consent Order	Thursday 28 September 2023	Registration and seating available from: 9.30am Virtual Registration Process from: 9.30am Hearing starts: 10.00am	Orton Hall Hotel & Spa, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, PE2 7DN 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. Details regarding attending and speaking at the hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 13(3) notification available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010127/EN010127-001183-230823%20-%20Mallard%20Pass%20Solar%20-%20Rule%2013%20Hearing%20notification.pdf>

4. Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by 18 September 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/>

5. 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.

6. 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 to speak. Live streams will also be provided for each Hearing for those who wish to watch but not speak, the link for this will be available on the day at:

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

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: <https://www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents>

They can also be accessed at the electronic deposit locations referenced in the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010127/EN010127-000445-Rule%208%20letter%20holding.pdf>

15. Submissions that have been made to the Examination to date can be found on the Planning Inspectorate link only.

16. 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).

17. 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.

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

Contact us

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