

**Application by West Burton Solar Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the West Burton Solar Project**

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5):**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue Specific Hearing 5 on postponed elements of Issue Specific Hearings 3 and 4 (ISH5)</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 13 March 2024 (and morning of Thursday 14 March 2024 if required)</b></p> <p><b>Hearing Starts at 10:00am</b></p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from 09:30am</p>	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

**Agenda items**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Matters</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
2.	<b>Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing</b>
3.	<p><b>Cultural Heritage</b></p> <p>a. Study Area Selection</p> <p>b. Whether there has been a reasonable baseline assessment of the archaeological resource and the nature of development impacts upon it.</p> <p>c. Approaches to mitigation and the management of identified non-designated archaeological remains.</p> <p>d. The assessment of effects of the scheme on the Stow Park medieval bishops' palace and deer park, the identified harm and consideration of mitigation measures.</p> <p>e. Cumulative impacts, on the wider landscape of heritage assets setting with specific reference to effects on Roman Villa at Scampton.</p>
4.	<p><b>Landscape and Visual</b></p> <p>a. Review of design coherence and the assessment of landscape and visual effects.</p> <p>b. Identification and control of design parameters, including post-consent.</p>

	<p>c. Management/control of tree and hedgerow removal, and management of mitigation/enhancement measures post-consent.</p> <p>d. Assessment of cumulative landscape and visual effects.</p>
5.	<p><b>Cumulative Impacts</b></p> <p>a. Overview of the approach to the consideration of cumulative effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Applicant to provide an overview of work undertaken to date. This should include the methodology employed, the likely significant effects identified, significant updates and the approach to ongoing collaboration.</li> <li>ii. Consideration of whether and how other plans or projects should be included in the cumulative assessment.</li> <li>iii. Consideration of whether an appropriate level of detail has been considered at construction, operational and decommissioning stages, particularly in terms of how construction activity and mitigation measures would be coordinated.</li> </ul> <p>b. Topic based discussion (if not already covered earlier in ISH3/4/5 discussions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Climate Change</li> <li>ii. Construction traffic management</li> <li>iii. Cultural Heritage</li> <li>iv. Landscape</li> <li>v. Biodiversity and Ecology</li> <li>vi. Soils and Agriculture</li> <li>vii. Socio-economic</li> <li>viii. Waste</li> </ul> <p>c. Any other points not already covered on cumulative assessment and impacts.</p>
6.	<b>Other Matters</b>
7.	<b>Close</b>

### **Purpose of ISH**

This Issue Specific Hearing is being held to address matters and questions identified by the ExA including through its reading of application documents, Local Impact Reports, representations from Interested Parties, responses to written questions and site inspections to date.

It considers that the matters raised would benefit from consideration of oral representations in order to ensure adequate examination of these issues.

The agenda provided above is indicative and may be subject to change on the day. Documents within the Examination Library should be taken as read and need not be repeated in oral submissions, although signposting to key documents and representations may assist.

### **Attendees**

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing.

- West Burton Solar Project (the Applicant)
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- West Lindsey District Council
- Historic England

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

### **Timing**

The ExA will keep to the timings as much as possible. Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

### **Registration Process**

Anyone wishing to participate in ISH5, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible via the project mailbox [westburtonsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:westburtonsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk), or by calling 0303 444 5000.

Parties who have registered to speak will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10:00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:30am** to ensure that all attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

## **Procedure at ISH**

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides 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 IP has had a fair chance to put its case.