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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16

Application by Indaver Rivenhall Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rivenhall IWMF and Energy Centre Scheme

Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

The Examination Timetable at Annex A of the Examining Authority's (ExA) [Rule 8 letter](#), dated 16 April 2024, included reserved dates for Hearings.

We are now writing to advise you that the following Hearings will be held under Sections 91 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008. The Hearing will be Virtual Events, via Microsoft Teams.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)	Tuesday 4 June 2024	Virtual Registration Process from: 09.30am Event start: 10.00am	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	Tuesday 4 June 2024	Virtual Registration Process from: 3pm Event start: 3.30pm	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

NOTE: If any of the above Hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel.

Applicant's notification duties

The Applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under Rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Purpose of Hearings

Please refer to the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note 8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#) for information about the purpose of Open Floor, Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings.

Registration and requests to participate in Hearings

You must register by **Friday 24 May 2024** if you intend to participate in the Hearings and provide all the information requested.

Please register by email at Rivenhalliwmf@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or telephone 0303 444 5000.

Any request to participate in a Hearing should include the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- confirmation of the Hearing(s) you wish to participate in, the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise; and
- the Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to.

Joining instructions for Hearings will be issued by the Case Team via email shortly before the Hearing dates.

Please contact the Case Team if you require any support or assistance to attend any Hearing.

If you simply wish to observe any of the Hearings 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.

Attendees

I would find it helpful if the following parties could attend ISH1:

- the Applicant;
- Essex County Council; and
- East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

Hearing Agendas

The Agenda and any detailed arrangements for ISH1 will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days before the Hearing. However, the actual Agenda on the day of the Hearing may be subject to change at my discretion. There may not be an Agenda for an Open Floor Hearing. The ExA is providing an outline agenda here for ISH1.

ISH1 Outline Agenda
1. Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases
2. Consented Development
3. Noise
4. General & Miscellaneous
5. Draft Development Consent Order

Procedure at Hearings and Post Hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Participation in a Hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the Hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the Hearing for the making of a person's representations. The Hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the Hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time. For Issue Specific Hearings Interested Parties (IPs) may be invited to make oral representations at the Hearing on the specific issues being examined at the Hearing as set out in the Agenda.

All Hearings are recorded. The recordings and transcripts will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the Hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at a Hearing. It is therefore important to note that anyone speaking at the Hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, **each time they speak** to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the Hearing is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or

removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the Development Consent Order (DCO). If you actively participate in the Hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at Hearings should be included in post Hearing submissions and submitted at the relevant deadline in the [Examination Timetable](#).

Accompanied Site Inspection

I also write to advise you that an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)	Thursday 6 June 2024	Meeting time for safety briefing from the Applicant and introduction by the ExA: 10.00am Departure time: 10.15am	Rivenhall IWMF Information Hub, Woodhouse Lane, Colchester, CO5 9DF

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the ASI

If you wish to attend the ASI please let the Case Team know by emailing Rivenhalliwmf@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **Friday 24 May 2024**, providing telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Please also let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the Applicant, Local Authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. In the case of a large number of attendees any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and study footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments

Please note refreshments will not be provided.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in [Advice note 8.5](#).

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the [project webpage](#) approximately one week in advance.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team Rivenhalliwmf@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Manning

Examining Authority

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