

Application by Tillbridge Solar Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Tillbridge Solar Project

Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1):

Notification of the date, time, and venue for OFH1 on 16 October 2024 was provided in Annex E to the Examining Authority's (ExAs) [Rule 6 letter](#) [PD-005] dated 17 September 2024.

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Wednesday 16 October 2024 Hearing Starts at 10.00am Registration and seating available at venue from 09.30am and virtual Registration Process from 09.45am	Thonock Park, The Belt Road, Thonock, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 1PZ and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing

2. Purpose of the Open Floor Hearing

3. Oral submissions from Interested Parties

- Each Interested Party (IP) who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited forward in turn.
- A maximum speaking time of five minutes will apply to oral submissions made by individual Interested Parties (IPs) and a maximum speaking time of ten minutes will apply to oral submissions made by Organisations, Groups, or Representatives of a number of individual Interested Parties.
- The ExA may ask questions about matters arising from oral submissions. If it does so during a timed oral submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the allocated speaking time.

4. Responses by the Applicant

- The Applicant will be invited to respond to matters raised and to questions arising from the ExA either orally after all IPs and Non-IPs have spoken, or in writing by Deadline 1 on Tuesday 29 October 2024.

5. Close of Hearing

Purpose of OFH

This is the first Open Floor Hearing to be held in this Examination. It is being held to allow Interested Parties (IPs) to make oral representations about the application.

Open Floor Hearings (OFHs) do not have subject-matter controlled agendas and participants may raise any matters arising from the application that are important and relevant to the decision taken under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

All speaking slots are time limited for reasons of fairness. The ExA may remind you to conclude approximately one minute before the end of your allotted speaking time.

OFHs aim to identify planning issues that are important and relevant. Once an issue has been identified it does not necessarily need to be repeated. It is sufficient to say that you agree with something a previous speaker has raised.

Attendees

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. Interested Parties 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 hearing is not expected to go beyond 5pm.

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

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) 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 **9.45am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) 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.