

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

Agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	Thursday 16 January 2025 Hearing Starts at 1000hrs Registration and seating available at venue from 0930hrs and virtual Registration Process from 0930hrs	Lincolnshire Showground Grange-de-Lings LINCOLN LN2 2NA and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing
2. Purpose of the Hearing
3. Main issues

Item 3a	The Applicant's Case for Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant will be asked to present and justify its case for CA and TP by addressing the following points: • Identification of the powers sought and their purposes. • Relevant draft Development Consent Order provisions. • How the relevant statutory and policy tests under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) (including s122, s123, s127 and s138) and Department for Communities and Local Government guidance related to compulsory acquisition would be met. • The Applicant's strategy / criteria for determining whether to seek powers for CA of land, CA of rights or TP of land. • Consideration of alternatives to CA / TP. • Human rights considerations.
Item 3b	The Applicants Update as a consequence of the Change Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant will be asked to explain the implications of the Change Request in terms of the CA and TP provisions sought and how they meet the tests of the PA2008.
Item 3c	Site Specific Matters

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on the progress of negotiations with Affected Persons (AP) and the timetable for their conclusion. • APs will be asked to briefly set out any outstanding concerns in relation to CA / TP for the land in which they have an interest that have not been addressed by the Applicant. • The ExA will ask questions of the Applicant and APs about negotiations and matters arising from written and oral submissions relating to land rights, unless objections have been withdrawn.
Item 3d	<p>Statutory Undertakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant will be asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarise any outstanding matters arising from representations by Statutory Undertakers. - Summarise whether the relevant tests for the exercise of power pursuant to s127 and s128 of PA2008 would be met in the event that agreement is not reached with all statutory undertakers. • Any Statutory Undertaker or other relevant body in attendance and wishing to speak in relation to an objection or issue raised that is relevant to the effects of the Proposed Development on its undertaking, apparatus or land will be invited to put oral submissions to the ExA. • The ExA may ask questions of the Statutory Undertaker or other relevant body, and the Applicant, about matters arising from written and oral submissions
Item 3e	<p>Crown Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA will ask the Applicant (and any Crown authorities present) to provide an update on matters relating to Crown land and s135 of PA2008.
Item 3f	<p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA will ask the Applicant to summarise, and advise of any updates to, the Funding Statement.

4. Other Matters

5. Action Review

5. Close

Purpose of CAH

The main purposes of the CAH are:

- To enable the ExA to inquire into the Applicant's case for CA of land or rights over land and / or to take TP of land.
- To discharge the ExA's duty to hear any APs who request to be heard.
- To enable the ExA to consider whether relevant legal and policy test applicable to CA / TP proposals have been met.
- To address any related matters.

Attendees

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

- The Applicant
- Any Affected Persons - who wish to discuss CA / TP matters.
- Statutory Undertakers - including Lincolnshire County Council (as lead local flood and local highways authority).
- Any Crown authorities - who wish to discuss matters relating to Crown land.

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.

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. 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 agenda 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

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 **1000hrs** those attending virtually should join promptly at **0930hrs** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at CAH

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.