

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

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) – Environmental Matters:**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue Specific Hearing 2 – Environmental Matters</b>	<p><b>Tuesday</b>  <b>14 January 2025</b>  <b>Hearing Starts at 1400hrs</b></p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from 1330hrs and virtual Registration Process from 1330hrs</p>	<p>Lincolnshire Showground            Grange-de-Lings            LINCOLN            LN2 2NA            and            By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p>

**Agenda**

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**
- 3. Environmental Matters**

<b>Item 3a</b>	<p><b>Water Environment Including Flood Risk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The flood risk of the site and its surrounds due to the Proposed Development over its whole life.</li> <li>• The management of surface water run off.</li> <li>• Cumulative effects.</li> </ul>
<b>Item 3b</b>	<p><b>Soils and Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The effects of the Proposed Development on the land including soil condition and agriculture.</li> <li>• The assessment of the agricultural land classification and proposed use with reference to the recent written ministerial statement and use of best and most versatile agricultural land.</li> <li>• The overall effect of the Proposed Development on UK food security.</li> <li>• The effects on land determined by the cable route corridor option proposed.</li> <li>• The proposed ongoing management of the land.</li> </ul>
<b>Item 3c</b>	<p><b>General and Other Planning Matters</b>            Including but not limited to-</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BESS – associated development.</li><li>• Need/energy (in response to representations from IPs).</li><li>• Overplanting.</li><li>• Commonality with other consented NSIPs.</li></ul>
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#### **4. Other Matters**

#### **5. Review of Actions**

#### **6. Close**

#### **Purpose of ISH2**

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.

#### **Attendees**

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

- West Lindsey District Council
- Bassetlaw District Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- 7000 Acres
- Environment Agency
- Canals and Rivers Trust
- Representatives or promoters of any other Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, including as a minimum: Cottam, West Burton and Gate Burton.

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.

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.

### **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 **1400hrs** those attending virtually should join promptly at **1330hrs** to ensure that all virtual 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.