

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) – Environmental Matters:

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3 – Environmental Matters	<p>Wednesday 15 January 2025</p> <p>Hearing Starts at 10.00am</p> <p>Registration and seating available at venue from 09.30am and virtual Registration Process from 09.30am</p> <p>This hearing will likely adjourn for lunch and continue thereafter until its conclusion.</p>	<p>Lincolnshire Showground Grange-de-Lings LINCOLN LN2 2NA</p> <p>and</p> <p>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**

Item 3a	<p>Health, Safety and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effects of the Proposed Development on human health – including the long term wellbeing of the adjacent communities and the risk presented by incidents related to battery energy systems storage and working adjacent to other major hazards. • Cumulative effects.
Item 3b	<p>Landscape and visual Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology – including study area, viewpoints and zones of theoretical visibility, and the approach to cumulative/in-combination effects. • Assessment of landscape effects. • Assessment of visual effects. • Glint and glare. - • Consideration of good design.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation measures. • Cumulative effects.
Item 3c	Noise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effects of noise during construction, operation and decommissioning. • Mitigation measures.
Item 3d	Biodiversity and Ecology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The effect of the Proposed Development on wildlife at the site throughout the life of the development and beyond. • The effect of the Proposed Development on woodland and hedgerows at the site throughout the life of the development and beyond. • The potential for electromagnetic field effects on migratory aquatic and terrestrial life. • The measures proposed to deliver and maintain biodiversity net gain throughout the life of the project and after its decommissioning.
Item 3e	Development Consent Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Articles to be removed and remaining in the dDCO. • Status of Protective Provisions and views of the relevant Statutory Undertakers. • Status of the Requirements and views of the Local Authorities.

4. Other Matters

5. Review of Actions

6. Close

Purpose of ISH3

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
- Natural England
- 7000 Acres

- 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 **10.00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09.30am** 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.