

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY MEETING AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING - SECTION 91
OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

Green Hill Solar Farm Development Consent Order

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN010170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (company number 13362769) of Unit 25.7 Coda Studios 189 Munster Road, London, United Kingdom, SW6 6AW (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order under Sections 14(1)(a), 15(2) and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Application”).

The Application is for development consent for the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm (“the Scheme”) which is a renewable energy scheme situated within the administrative areas of West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council, and Milton Keynes City Council.

The Application (Reference No. EN010170) was submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 23 May 2025 and was accepted on 19 June 2025.

The Examining Authority issued the Rule 6 Letter dated 23 September 2025 that contains a draft timetable for the examination of the Application. Within the letter, the Examining Authority also gave notice of the Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) detailed in the table below.

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue
Tuesday 21 October 2025	Preliminary Meeting	Registration and seating available from: 9:30am Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 9.30am Meeting starts: 10:00am	Blended event at: Mercure Hotel Northampton, Silver St, Northampton, NN1 2TA and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams.
Wednesday 22 October 2025	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) regarding Environmental Matters	Registration and seating available from: 9:30am Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

Details regarding attending and speaking at the Hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 6 notification available via the Green Hill Solar Farm project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010170>

If you wish to attend and/or participate in the above Preliminary Meeting or Hearing, you must register by completing the Planning Inspectorate's [Event Participation Form](#) on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage by **Tuesday 7 October 2025**. The physical venue referred to above will also be open to the public.

If you require assistance to register your attendance either virtually or in person, please contact the Planning Inspectorate by calling 0303 444 5000 or by email greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and quote the Application's reference number: EN010170

If you simply wish to observe the Preliminary Meeting or Hearing then you do not need to register as you will be able to 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.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue, the Examining Authority requests that you register your attendance to **observe only** by Tuesday 7 October 2025 using the [Event Participation Form](#).

Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **Tuesday 7 October 2025**. By attending the event either in person or online you are agreeing to be filmed for the purposes of the online livestream of the event and the recording of the event which will get published on the project webpage. A limited number of seats will be available for observers who wish not to be filmed at the event. Please contact the case team to notify them if you prefer not to be filmed at the event. A transcript of the event will also be published on the project webpage after the event.

Virtual Registration – All virtual participants will be required to take part in a registration process before each Hearing. This will be held with the Planning Inspectorate before the start of the Preliminary Meeting or Hearing. This gives time for the Planning Inspectorate to admit everyone to the Hearing.

Cancellation Of Hearing – If the Preliminary Meeting or Hearing are no longer required then notification that a particular date is no longer required will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage, providing reasonable notice to interested parties of the decision to cancel them.

Any Hearings further to that listed will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties (and where relevant, affected persons) of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable, how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make

written submissions will also be available on the Green Hill Solar Farm Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

The Scheme is proposed to be located on nine sites (Green Hill A to G and Green Hill BESS) across the administrative areas of West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council, and Milton Keynes City Council.

The Scheme comprises:

- Green Hill A, A.2, B, C, D, E, F, G, and Green Hill BESS: eight solar array sites and a dedicated battery energy storage system (BESS) site. The solar array sites will include solar panels, conversion units, inverters and 132 kilovolt (kV) substations in Green Hill A, B, E, F and G, and two 400 kV substations, located in Green Hill C and Green Hill BESS.
- A battery energy storage system at the Green Hill BESS and/or Green Hill C sites.
- Underground electricity cables within a cable corridor connecting the Green Hill sites, substations and the energy storage system to the National Grid substation at Grendon.
- Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works including fencing, security, local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.

A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab and at the following link: https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010170-000108-GH2.1_Location%20Plan.pdf

Development consent is required for the Scheme as it is a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 megawatts ("MW"). It is for this reason that the Scheme falls within the remit of the Secretary of State for decision-making.

The Development Consent Order would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily, as needed to implement the Scheme. The Development Consent Order would also authorise the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Scheme, the temporary stopping up or diversion of public rights of way, street and highway works, and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

APPLICATION FORM AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans and Environmental Statement (ES) and non-technical summary of the ES ("Application Documents") can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Green Hill Solar Farm Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010142/documents>

The Application Documents will be available to view online at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision whether or not to grant the Development Consent Order for the Scheme.

The locations listed below have public internet access, through which the Application documents can be accessed on the Planning Inspectorate’s website free of charge. Please check directly with the facilities to confirm their opening hours, as well as any bookings or registrations that might be required to access the documents digitally through the computers available at the respective locations.

Location	Address	Opening Times
Brixworth Library	Spratton Road, Brixworth, Northampton, NN6 9DS	Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm
Earls Barton Community Library	27 Broad Street, Earls Barton, Northampton NN6 0ND	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 2:00pm – 5:00pm Wednesday – 10:00am – 1:00pm
Duston Library	Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road, Northampton NN5 6DT	Monday – Friday – 9:00am – 5:00pm Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
Milton Keynes Library	555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL	Monday – Friday - 9 am – 6 pm, Saturday - 9 am – 5 pm

If you require a copy of the Application Documents to be supplied on a USB stick, this can be provided free of charge (one device per household). Please use the contact details for the Applicant below to request for this to be provided.

The Application Documents can be supplied in hard copy format on request at a cost of £5,000. For any bespoke or hard copy document requests (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) please contact the Applicant using the contact details in this notice. Copies of individual documents are also available on request from the Applicant using the contact details below, and a reasonable copying charge may apply.

APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any questions about the Application Documents, you can email info@greenhillsolar.com, or call 0800 012 9882.

The Planning Inspectorate can also be contacted by telephone on 0303 444 5000 or email greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. Latest details can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website. Please quote the Application reference number EN010170 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this DCO.

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