

Appeal refs: 6001284 Land at Treading Field, Treading Drain, Tydd St. Giles, PE13 4PL and 6001285 Land east of Guanockgate Road, Nr. Sutton St Edmund, PE13 4PY

Case Management Conference summary note

1. The case management conference (the conference) was led by the Hearing Inspector, Michael Chalk, starting at 2pm on 22 June 2026.
2. The appeals relate to a proposal for a 49.9 Megawatt solar farm on a site that straddles the boundary between Fenland District Council and South Holland District Council.
3. The councils are encouraged to draw the attention of interested parties to this note, including posting a copy on its website.

Procedural matters

4. The hearing is currently scheduled to resume in the week beginning 28 September. It is expected to sit for 2 days. That time should be held in reserve by all parties for now.
5. The main parties have also agreed to review dates in August for a possible earlier resumption. A split date may be acceptable rather than 2 consecutive days, although if so it would be preferable for the dates to be close together. The appellant has offered to pay for a suitable venue and sound equipment, as necessary.
6. The dates will need to be acceptable for all parties. The councils would each be represented by 2 officers and 1 external consultant. Mr Leigh, the case officer for Fenland Council, is involved in a planning inquiry in August and his availability may be constrained as a result.
7. The Inspector currently can accommodate dates in the weeks commencing 10 and 17 August. He may also be available on the 5 or 6 August, but please note that this is liable to change.
8. Additional representations from interested parties, including some in relation to the Environmental Statement, have now been sent to the main parties for their information and for them to prepare responses too, as necessary

Environmental Statement

9. A request for additional information from the Planning Inspectorate's Environmental Services Team was sent to the appellant earlier this week.
10. The appellant should factor that into any consideration for revised dates, as it will be necessary for any response to be reviewed.

11. It was agreed during the conference that public consultation for the updated Statement can be extended until 6 July for South Holland due to issues with making the document available to the public. The council should direct further responses to north3@planninginspectorate.gov.uk where they will be collated and shared with the main parties as required.
12. The Inspector is reviewing what further consultation requirements, if any, may apply to the additional information requested this week by the Environmental Services Team. He will advise as soon as possible should any further consultations be required.

Hearing running order

13. The Hearing will resume at 10am on the first day unless otherwise agreed. The Inspector will aim to adjourn no later than 5pm each day, subject to completing discussion on any issue at hand. Depending on progress the Inspector may suggest an earlier start on the second day.
14. The scheduling of issues can be agreed closer to the resumption of the Hearing.

Document submission dates

15. The updated statement(s) of common ground between the main parties should be submitted **1 week before the Hearing resumes**.

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16. Thank you for your co-operation.

M Chalk

26 June 2025