

Example of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Examination Timetable

Requirements of the Local Planning Authority are denoted in bold under each Deadline

2 August 2023 - Procedural Deadline A

Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:

- **Written submissions about how the application should be examined, including the draft Examination Timetable**
- **Requests to register for the Preliminary Meeting**
- **Requests to register for Open Floor Hearing 1**
- **Requests to register for Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order**
- **Suggested locations for site inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to private land**
- Other

5 September 2023 - Preliminary Meeting

Preliminary Meeting

5 September 2023 - Open Floor Hearing 1

Open Floor Hearing 1

6 September 2023 - Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order

Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order

17 October 2023 - Deadline 1

For receipt by the ExA of:

- **comments on Relevant Representations**
- **Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA**
- **Local Impact Reports from local authorities**
- **Written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held during the week commencing 4 September 2023**
- **Written Representations and summaries for any that exceed 1500 words**
- **Requests from Interested Parties to be heard at a further Open Floor Hearing**
- Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing
- the Applicant's proposed itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)
- the Applicant's updated documents (draft Development Consent Order)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Explanatory Memorandum)

- the Applicant's updated documents (Book of Reference)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Statement of Reasons)
- the Applicant's reports on progress (Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects)
- the Applicant's reports on progress (Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight)
- the Applicant's reports on progress (Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers)
- the Applicant's reports on progress (Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified)
- the Applicant's reports on progress (Schedule of progress in securing other consents)
- any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline
- other

31 October 2023 - Publication of Examining Authority's (ExA's) First Written Questions (ExQ1)

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 Publication of the ExA's First Written Questions

21 November 2023 - Deadline 2

For receipt by the ExA of:

- **comments on submissions for Deadline 1**
- **responses to the ExA's First Written Questions**
- **updated Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions**
- the Applicant's updated documents (Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects)
- the Applicant's updated documents (draft Development Consent Order)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Explanatory Memorandum)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Book of Reference)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Statement of Reasons)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress in securing other consents)
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4 December 2023 - Reserved week for Hearings commencing Monday 4 December 2023

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Time reserved for hearings and an Accompanied Site Inspection (if required: Issue Specific Hearings Compulsory Acquisition Hearing Open Floor Hearing Accompanied Site Inspection

5 December 2023 - Issue Specific Hearing 2 - Environmental Matters

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5 December 2023 - Issue Specific Hearing 3 - Environmental Matters

Issue Specific Hearing 3 - Environmental Matters

6 December 2023 - Issue Specific Hearing 4 - Environmental Matters

Issue Specific Hearing 4 - Environmental Matters

7 December 2023 - Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1

7 December 2023 - Open Floor Hearing 2

Open Floor Hearing 2

8 December 2023 - Issue Specific Hearing 5 - Draft Development Consent Order

Issue Specific Hearing 5 - Draft Development Consent Order

19 December 2023 - Deadline 3

For receipt by the ExA of:

- **comments on submissions for Deadline 2**
- **updated Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions**
- **written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held during the week commencing 4 December 2023**
- the Applicant's updated documents (Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects)
- the Applicant's updated documents (draft Development Consent Order)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Explanatory Memorandum)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Book of Reference)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Statement of Reasons)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress regarding Protective Provisions and Statutory Undertakers)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified)

- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress in securing other consents)
- any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline
- other

16 January 2024 - Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) and Report on Implications for European Sites (if required)

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Publication of:

the ExA's Second Written Questions the Report on Implications for European Sites (if required)

30 January 2024 - Deadline 4

For receipt by the ExA of:

- **responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions**
- **comments on submissions for Deadline 3**
- **updated Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions**
- **written summaries of oral submissions made at Hearings held during the week commencing 4 December 2023**
- the Applicant's final documents (draft Development Consent Order in the Statutory Instrument template with the Statutory Instrument template validation report)
- the Applicant's final documents (Explanatory Memorandum)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Book of Reference)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Statement of Reasons)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight)
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- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of the latest versions of the Applicant's submission documents and documents to be certified)
- the Applicant's updated documents (Schedule of progress in securing other consents)
- any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline
- other

13 February 2024 - ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order

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Publication by the ExA of: the ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order

27 February 2024 - Deadline 5

For receipt by the ExA of:

- **comments on submissions for Deadline 4**
- **comments on the ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order**
- **comments on the Report on Implications for European Sites (if required)**
- **final Statements of Common Ground in clean and tracked changes versions**
- the Applicant's final documents (Report on the interrelationship with other National Infrastructure projects)
- the Applicant's final documents (Book of Reference)
- the Applicant's final documents (Statement of Reasons) *the Applicant's final documents (Schedule of progress regarding objections and agreements in relation to Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession, other land rights, and blight)
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- the Applicant's final documents (Schedule of progress in securing other consents)
- any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline
- other

5 March 2024 - Deadline 6

For receipt by the ExA of:

- **summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination that have not been resolved to their satisfaction**
- comments on submissions for Deadline 5
- any other information requested by the ExA for this deadline
- other

5 March 2024 - Conclusion of Examination for Cottam Solar Project

Conclusion of Examination for Cottam Solar Project

The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting