



WHITESTONE
solar farm

Community Update Newsletter

July 2026

We have submitted our application for a Development Consent Order for Whitestone Solar Farm, which has been accepted for examination. Please read on to learn more about the application, the next steps and how you can get involved.

Application submission

On 10 June 2026, we submitted our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate. We want to thank everyone who took the time to engage in our consultations over the past two years; your feedback led to significant changes to the project design.

The submitted application documents included a Design Approach Document that explains how the project has evolved through the pre-application period, the Consultation Report which details the consultation activities and feedback, as well as the full results of the Environmental Impact Assessment. All of the application documents are now available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website [here](#).

On **Monday, 20 July at 6pm**, our project team will host an online webinar to present more information about the final application and answer your questions. Click [here](#) to register.

Pre-examination period

The project has now entered the 'pre-examination' stage. During this time, which usually lasts three to four months, the Planning Inspectorate will prepare for the upcoming examination. They will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application.

During this period, you can register to be an 'interested party' and submit your relevant representation.

Only individuals or organisations that are registered as interested parties or have a statutory right to be involved will be able to submit further representations into the examination or speak at public hearings.

To register, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website from **13 July to 27 August 2026** and complete the Registration and Relevant Representation Form. If you would like to submit a hard copy of the form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate at **0303 444 5000** and quote 'Whitestone' and the project reference number: **EN0110020**.



Click here

to register to be an interested party.



Read the Planning Inspectorate's advice note for more information about how to submit your relevant representations [here](#) and guidance on how to use AI [here](#).

If you have any difficulty signing up, contact us through the project's communications lines for assistance. Our community engagement team will be available in the local area on **21 August** to help you sign up, and we will have more information about the details soon.

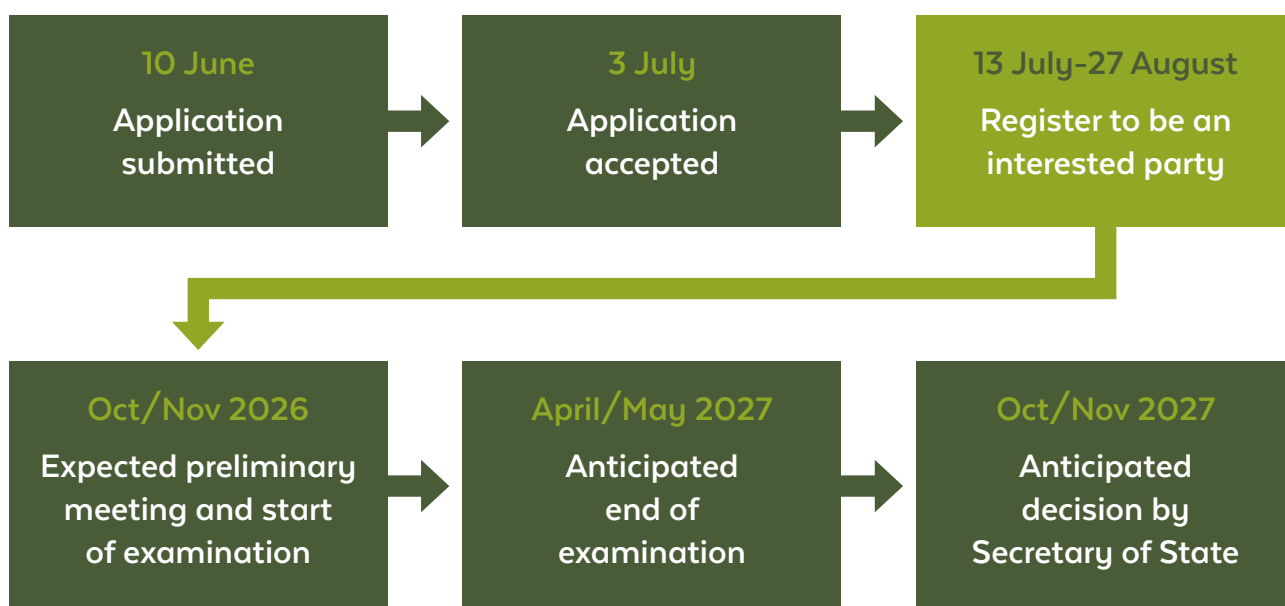


Examination period

After the registration period ends, the Examining Authority will hold a 'Preliminary Meeting' to discuss the main issues they will examine and the timetable for the examination period. The examination will take up to six months and will likely include a series of public hearings on various topics and deadlines for written questions and answers.

After the timetable is finalised, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the examination timetable on its website and send it to everyone who registered as an interested party. We will also provide notification of the hearings.

Indicative timeline



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