

**Timetable for inquiry concerning the proposed Solar Farm on the Land at Bentley, Suffolk**

<b>Day 1 – 20 January 2026</b>		
10.00	Introduction and Inspector's opening remarks/housekeeping	30 minutes
	Appellant Opening	20 minutes
	Council Opening	20 minutes
	R6 Opening	20-25 minutes
AM	Break	
	Representations from Interested Parties	Est. 1-2 hrs.
	Lunch	
PM	<b>Lay witnesses on behalf of the R6 party</b> (subject to witness availability)	[tbc]
5.00	Close	

Day 2 – 21 January 2026		
AM	<b>Heritage topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): EiC Laurie Handcock	1 hr 30 mins
	Break	
AM	<b>Heritage topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): XX Laurie Handcock by Appellant	up to 4 hours
	Lunch	
PM	<b>Heritage topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): XX Laurie Handcock by Appellant cont.	up to 4 hours cont.
	<b>Heritage topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): Re-X Laurie Handcock by Council	[tbc]
	<b>Heritage topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): EiC Alison Farmer and Edward Martin	1 hour - 1 hr 15 mins Alison Farmer; 15 mins Edward Martin
PM	<b>Heritage topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): XX Alison Farmer and Edward Martin	1.5 hours Farmer + 45 minutes for Martin
5.00	Close	

<b>Day 3 – 22 January 2026</b>		
9.30	<b>Heritage topic (R6 witness): XX Alison Farmer and Edward Martin cont.</b>	1.5 hours Farmer + 45 minutes for Martin cont.
AM	<b>Heritage topic (R6 witness): Re-X Alison Farmer and/or Edward Martin</b>	[tbc]
	Break	
PM	<b>Heritage topic (Appellant witness): EIC Laura Garcia</b>	1.5 hours
	Lunch	
PM	<b>Heritage topic (Appellant witness): XX Laura Garcia by Council</b>	2 hrs 30 minutes
	<b>Heritage topic (Appellant witness): XX Laura Garcia by R6</b>	Approx 2 hours but will be reviewed in light of matters covered by Council
PM	<b>Heritage topic (Appellant witness): Re-X Laura Garcia</b>	[tbc]
5.00	Close	

<b>Day 4 – 27 January 2026</b>		
9.30	<b>Landscape topic (Council witness): EiC Michelle Bolger</b>	1 hr 30mins to 2 hrs
	Break	
AM	<b>Landscape topic (Council witness): XX Michelle Bolger</b>	3.5 hours

	Lunch	
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): XX Michelle Bolger by Appellant	3.5 hours cont.
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): Re-X Michelle Bolger	[tbc]
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): EiC Alison Farmer	1 hour -1.5 hours
	Break	
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): XX Alison Farmer by Appellant)	Up to 2 hours
5.00	Close	

9.30	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>R6 witness</u> ): XX Alison Farmer by Appellant cont.	Up to 2 hours cont.
	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Appellant witness</u> ): EiC Jon Mason	1.5 hours
	Break	
AM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Appellant witness</u> ): EiC Jon Mason cont.	1.5 hours cont.
AM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Appellant witness</u> ): XX Jon Mason by Council	2hrs – 2hrs 30 mins
1.00	Lunch	
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Appellant witness</u> ): XX Jon Mason cont. by Council	2hrs – 2hrs 30 mins
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Appellant witness</u> ): XX Jon Mason by R6	Approx 2 hours, but will review in the light of matters covered by Council in XX
PM	<b>Landscape topic</b> ( <u>Appellant witness</u> ): Re-X Jon Mason by Appellant	[tbc]
5.00	Close	

<b>Day 6 – 29 January 2026</b>		
AM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): EiC Steven Stroud	1hr 30 minutes
	Break	
AM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): XX Steven Stroud by Appellant	2.5 hours
1.00	Lunch	
PM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>Council</u> witness): Re-X Steven Stroud cont.	
PM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): EiC Ian Poole	1 hour - 1 hour 30 mins, depending on matters still to be covered
5.00	Close	

<b>Day 7 – 11 February 2026</b>		
9.30	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): XX Ian Poole by Appellant	up to 2 hours
	Break	
AM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): Re-X Ian Poole	[tbc]
AM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness): EiC Ian Poole	1 hour - 1 hour 30 mins, depending on matters still to be covered
	Lunch	
PM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>R6</u> witness) EiC Ian Poole cont	1 hour – 1 hour 30 mins cont.
PM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>Appellant</u> witness): EiC Paul Burrell	2 hours
	Break	
PM	<b>Planning Topic</b> ( <u>Appellant</u> witness): XX Paul Burrell by Council	2hrs 30 minutes

PM	<b>Planning Topic (Appellant witness): XX</b> Paul Burrell by R6	Approx 2 hours, but will review in the light of matters covered by Council in XX
	<b>Planning Topic (Appellant witness): Re-X</b> Paul Burrell	[tbc]
5.00	Close	

**Day 8 – 12 February 2026**

9.30	Overrun of evidence	[tbc]
AM	<b>Conditions roundtable</b>	2 hrs 30 mins
	Lunch	
PM	Council Closings	1hr 30 mins – 2 hrs
PM	R6 Closings	1 hr - 1hr 30 mins
PM	Appellant Closings	up to 2 hours
5.00	Close	