

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day 5 – 28 January 2026		
9.30	Landscape topic (R6 witness): XX Alison Farmer by Appellant cont.	Up to 2 hours cont.
	Landscape topic (Appellant witness): EiC Jon Mason	1.5 hours
	Break	
AM	Landscape topic (Appellant witness): EiC Jon Mason cont.	1.5 hours cont.
AM	Landscape topic (Appellant witness): XX Jon Mason by Council	2hrs – 2hrs 30 mins
1.00	Lunch	
PM	Landscape topic (Appellant witness): XX Jon Mason cont. by Council	2hrs – 2hrs 30 mins
PM	Landscape topic (Appellant witness): XX Jon Mason by R6	Approx 2 hours, but will review in the light of matters covered by Council in XX
PM	Landscape topic (Appellant witness): Re-X Jon Mason by Appellant	[tbc]
5.00	Close	

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

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

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

Day 8 – 12 February 2026		
9.30	Overrun of evidence	[tbc]
AM	Conditions roundtable	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	