

The Planning Inspectorate

PLANNING APPEAL FORM (Online Version)

WARNING: The appeal **and** essential supporting documents **must** reach the Inspectorate within the appeal period. **If your appeal and essential supporting documents are not received in time, we will not accept the appeal.**

Appeal Reference: APP/D3505/W/25/3370515

A. APPELLANT DETAILS

The name of the person(s) making the appeal must appear as an applicant on the planning application form.

Name	Mr Andrew Cowley
Company/Group Name	Green Switch Capital Ltd
Address	C/O Agent 33 Sheep Street Cirencester GL7 1RQ
Preferred contact method	Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/>

B. AGENT DETAILS

Do you have an Agent acting on your behalf?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name	Mr Michael Ruddock
Company/Group Name	Pegasus Group
Address	33 Sheep Street Cirencester GL7 1RQ
Phone number	01285 641717
Email	michael.ruddock@pegasusgroup.co.uk
Preferred contact method	Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post <input type="checkbox"/>

C. LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY (LPA) DETAILS

Name of the Local Planning Authority	Babergh District Council
LPA reference number	DC/23/05656
Date of the application	04/12/2023

Did the LPA validate and register your application? Yes No

Did the LPA issue a decision? Yes No

Date of LPA's decision

D. APPEAL SITE ADDRESS

Is the address of the affected land the same as the appellant's address? Yes No

Does the appeal relate to an existing property? Yes No

Address

Grove Solar Farm
Bentley
IP9 2BZ

Is the appeal site within a Green Belt? Yes No

Are there any health and safety issues at, or near, the site which the Inspector would need to take into account when visiting the site? Yes No

E. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT

Has the description of the development changed from that stated on the application form? Yes No

Please enter details of the proposed development. This should normally be taken from the planning application form.

Construction of a solar farm (up to 40MW export capacity) with ancillary infrastructure and cabling, DNO substation, customer substation and construction of new and altered vehicular accesses.

Area (in hectares) of the whole appeal site [e.g. 1234.56]

Does the proposal include demolition of non-listed buildings within a conservation area? Yes No

F. REASON FOR THE APPEAL

The reason for the appeal is that the LPA has:

1. Refused planning permission for the development.
2. Refused permission to vary or remove a condition(s).
3. Refused prior approval of permitted development rights.
4. Granted planning permission for the development subject to conditions to which you object.
5. Refused approval of the matters reserved under an outline planning permission.
6. Granted approval of the matters reserved under an outline planning permission subject to conditions to which you object.
7. Refused to approve any matter required by a condition on a previous planning permission (other than those specified above).
8. Failed to give notice of its decision within the appropriate period (usually 8 weeks) on an application for permission or approval.
9. Failed to give notice of its decision within the appropriate period because of a dispute over provision of local list documentation.

G. CHOICE OF PROCEDURE

There are three different procedures that the appeal could follow. Please select one.

1. Written Representations

2. Hearing

3. Inquiry

You must give detailed reasons below or in a separate document why you think an inquiry is necessary. The reasons are set out in

the box below

Please see Section 2 ('Appeal Procedure') of our Statement of Case

(a) How many witnesses do you intend to call?

3

(b) How long do they need to give their evidence?

2-3 days

(c) How long do you estimate the inquiry will last?

5 day(s)

H. FULL STATEMENT OF CASE

see 'Appeal Documents' section

Do you have a separate list of appendices to accompany your full statement of case?

Yes

No

see 'Appeal Documents' section

(a) Do you intend to submit a planning obligation (a section 106 agreement or a unilateral undertaking) with this appeal? (Please attach draft version if available)

Yes

No

(b) Have you made a costs application with this appeal?

Yes

No

I. (part one) SITE OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATES

Which certificate applies?

CERTIFICATE A

I certify that, on the day 21 days before the date of this appeal, nobody, except the appellant, was the owner of any part of the land to which the appeal relates;

CERTIFICATE B

I certify that the appellant (or the agent) has given the requisite notice to everyone else who, on the day 21 days before the date of this appeal, was the owner of any part of the land to which the appeal relates, as listed below:

Owner's Name:	Donald Edward Baker
Address at which notice was served:	2 Falstaff Cottages, Church Road, Bentley, LP9 2BX
Date the notice was served:	04/08/2025
Owner's Name:	Donald Edward John Baker
Address at which notice was served:	Falstaff Manor, Church Road, Bentley, Ipswich, IP9 2BU
Date the notice was served:	04/08/2025
Owner's Name:	Edward John Baker
Address at which notice was served:	Grove Farm, Potash Lane, Bentley, Ipswich, IP9 2BZ
Date the notice was served:	04/08/2025
Owner's Name:	Robert Robinson

Address at which notice was served: Alton Hall Farm, Holbrook, Ipswich, IP9 2QG
Date the notice was served: 04/08/2025

Owner's Name: Highway Authority
Address at which notice was served: Suffolk County Council, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP
Date the notice was served: 04/08/2025

Owner's Name: Network Rail
Address at which notice was served: 1 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 2DN
Date the notice was served: 04/08/2025

CERTIFICATE C and D

If you do not know who owns all or part of the appeal site, complete either Certificate C or Certificate D and attach it below.

I. (part two) AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS

We need to know whether the appeal site forms part of an agricultural holding.

(a) None of the land to which the appeal relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

(b)(i) The appeal site is, or is part of, an agricultural holding, and the appellant is the sole agricultural tenant.

(b)(ii) The appeal site is, or is part of, an agricultural holding and the appellant (or the agent) has given the requisite notice to every person (other than the appellant) who, on the day 21 days before the date of the appeal, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which the appeal relates, as listed below.

Tenant's Name: No agricultural tenants
Address at which notice was served: n/a
Date the notice was served: 04/08/2025

J. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

01. A copy of the original application form sent to the LPA.

02. A copy of the site ownership certificate and agricultural holdings certificate submitted to the LPA at application stage (if these did not form part of the LPA's planning application form).

03. A copy of the LPA's decision notice (if issued). Or, in the event of the failure of the LPA to give a decision, if possible please enclose a copy of the LPA's letter in which they acknowledged the application.

04. A site plan (preferably on a copy of an Ordnance Survey map at not less than 10,000 scale) showing the general location of the proposed development and its boundary. This plan should show two named roads so as to assist identifying the location of the appeal site or premises. The application site should be edged or shaded in red and any other adjoining land owned or controlled by the appellant (if any) edged or shaded blue.

05. (a) Copies of all plans, drawings and documents sent to the LPA as part of the application. The plans and drawings should show all boundaries and coloured markings given on those sent to the LPA.

05. (b) A list of all plans, drawings and documents (stating drawing numbers) submitted with the application to the LPA.

05.(c) A list of all plans, drawings and documents upon which the LPA made their decision.

06. (a) Copies of any additional plans, drawings and documents sent to the LPA but which did not form part of the original application.

06. (b) A list of all plans, drawings and documents (stating drawing numbers) which did not form part of the original application.

07. A copy of the design and access statement sent to the LPA (if required).

08. A copy of a draft statement of common ground if you have indicated the appeal should follow

the hearing or inquiry procedure.

09. (a) Additional plans, drawings or documents relating to the application but not previously seen by the LPA. Acceptance of these will be at the Inspector's discretion.

09. (b) A list of all plans and drawings (stating drawing numbers) submitted but not previously seen by the LPA.

10. Any relevant correspondence with the LPA. Including any supporting information submitted with your application in accordance with the list of local requirements.

11. If the appeal is against the LPA's refusal or failure to approve the matters reserved under an outline permission, please enclose:

(a) the relevant outline application;

(b) all plans sent at outline application stage;

(c) the original outline planning permission.

12. If the appeal is against the LPA's refusal or failure to decide an application which relates to a condition, we must have a copy of the original permission with the condition attached.

13. A copy of any Environmental Statement plus certificates and notices relating to publicity (if one was sent with the application, or required by the LPA).

14. If the appeal is against the LPA's refusal or failure to decide an application because of a dispute over local list documentation, a copy of the letter sent to the LPA which explained why the document was not necessary and asked the LPA to waive the requirement that it be provided with the application.

K. OTHER APPEALS

Have you sent other appeals for this or nearby sites to us which have not yet been decided? Yes No

L. CHECK SIGN AND DATE

(All supporting documents must be received by us within the time limit)

I confirm that all sections have been fully completed and that the details are correct to the best of my knowledge.

I confirm that I will send a copy of this appeal form and supporting documents (including the full statement of case) to the LPA today.

Signature

Date

Name

On behalf of

The gathering and subsequent processing of the personal data supplied by you in this form, is in accordance with the terms of our registration under the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Planning Inspectorate takes its data protection responsibilities for the information you provide us with very seriously. To find out more about how we use and manage your personal data, please go to our [privacy notice](#).

M. NOW SEND

Send a copy to the LPA

Send a copy of the completed appeal form and any supporting documents (including the full statement of case) not previously sent as part of the application to the LPA. If you do not send them a copy of this form and documents, we may not accept your appeal.

To do this by email:

- open and save a copy of your appeal form
- locating your local planning authority's email address:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sending-a-copy-of-the-appeal-form-to-the-council>
- attaching the saved appeal form including any supporting documents

To send them by post, send them to the address from which the decision notice was sent (or to the address shown on any letters received from the LPA).

When we receive your appeal form, we will write to you letting you know if your appeal is valid, who is dealing with it and what happens next.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

N. APPEAL DOCUMENTS

We will not be able to validate the appeal until all the necessary supporting documents are received.

Please remember that all supporting documentation needs to be received by us within the appropriate deadline for the case type. Please ensure that any correspondence you send to us is clearly marked with the appeal reference number.

You will not be sent any further reminders.

The documents listed below were uploaded with this form:

Relates to Section:	FULL STATEMENT OF CASE
Document Description:	A copy of the full statement of case.
File name:	R001v3_CIR_PL_PB Statement of Case.pdf
Relates to Section:	FULL STATEMENT OF CASE
Document Description:	A separate list of appendices to accompany your full statement of case
File name:	Appendix 1 Amended Scheme Clarification Note.pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	01. A copy of the original application sent to the LPA.
File name:	A1 - Application Form.pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	04. A site plan (preferably on a copy of an Ordnance Survey map at not less than 10,000 scale) showing the general location of the proposed development and its boundary. This plan should show two named roads so as to assist identifying the location of the appeal site or premises. The application site should be edged or shaded in red and any other adjoining land owned or controlled by the appellant (if any) edged or shaded blue.
File name:	A2 - 3223-01-01 Site Location Plan.pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	05.a. Copies of all plans, drawings and documents sent to the LPA as part of the application. The plans and drawings should show all boundaries and coloured markings given on those sent to the LPA.
File name:	A7 - 3223-01-04 Solar Photovoltaic Frame, Panels and String Inverters.pdf
File name:	A14 - 3223-01-09b DNO Substation.pdf
File name:	A5 - 3223-01-03a General Arrangement Sheet 1 of 2.pdf
File name:	A13 - 3223-01-09a Customer Substation.pdf
File name:	A12 - 3223-01-08b DNO Substation Compound Elevation.pdf
File name:	A17 - 3223-01-12 Typical Cable Trench.pdf
File name:	A9 - 3223-01-06 Control Building.pdf
File name:	A3 - 3223-01-02a Statutory Plan Sheet 1 of 2.pdf
File name:	A6 - 3223-01-03b General Arrangement Sheet 2 of 2.pdf
File name:	A15 - 3223-01-10 Substation Compound Fencing.pdf
File name:	A10 - 3223-01-07 Spares Container.pdf
File name:	A4 - 3223-01-02b Statutory Plan Sheet 2 of 2.pdf
File name:	A11 - 3223-01-08a Customer Substation Compound Elevation.pdf
File name:	A16 - 3223-01-11 Site Fencing, Access Track, and CCTV.pdf
File name:	A2 - 3223-01-01 Site Location Plan.pdf
File name:	A8 - 3223-01-05 Transformer Station.pdf
File name:	A18 - 3223-01-13 Landscape Proposals.pdf
File name:	A37 - PDAS Appendix L – Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Design Checklist.pdf
File name:	A36 - PDAS Appendix K Agricultural Land Classification.pdf
File name:	A21 - PDAS Appendix B – Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.pdf
File name:	A34 - PDAS Appendix I – Arboricultural Impact Assessment Part 2 of 2.pdf
File name:	A31 - PDAS Appendix G – Noise and Vibration Assessment.pdf

File name:	A32 - PDAS Appendix H – Transport Statement.pdf
File name:	A30 - PDAS Appendix F – Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Part 2 of 2.pdf
File name:	A20 - PDAS Appendix A – Alternative Site Assessment.pdf
File name:	A33 - PDAS Appendix I – Arboricultural Impact Assessment Part 1 of 2.pdf
File name:	A29 - PDAS Appendix F – Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Part 1 of 2.pdf
File name:	A24 - PDAS Appendix C – Ecological Assessment Report.pdf
File name:	A35 - PDAS Appendix J – Glint and Glare Assessment.pdf
File name:	A26 - PDAS Appendix E – Archaeological Geophysical Survey Report Part 1 of 3.pdf
File name:	A27 - PDAS Appendix E – Archaeological Geophysical Survey Report Part 2 of 3.pdf
File name:	A22 - PDAS Appendix B – Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Supporting Figures Part 1 of 2.pdf
File name:	A28 - PDAS Appendix E – Archaeological Geophysical Survey Report Part 3 of 3.pdf
File name:	A25 - PDAS Appendix D – Heritage Impact Assessment.pdf
File name:	A23 - PDAS Appendix B – Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Supporting Figures Part 2 of 2.pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	05.b. A list of all plans, drawings and documents (stating drawing numbers) submitted with the application to the LPA.
File name:	Docs List - Original Submission.docx
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	06.a. Copies of any additional plans, drawings and documents sent to the LPA but which did not form part of the original application (e.g. drawings for illustrative purposes).
File name:	C1 - 3223-01-TN01 Grove Farm Solar Response to Consultee Comments 09.07.2024.pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	06.b. A list of all plans, drawings and documents (stating drawing numbers) which did not form part of the original application.
File name:	Docs List - Post Submission.docx
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	07. A copy of the design and access statement sent to the LPA.
File name:	A19 - Planning, Design and Access Statement (PDAS).pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	08. A copy of a draft statement of common ground.
File name:	Planning SoCG.docx
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	09.a. Copies of additional plans, drawings or documents relating to the application not previously seen by the LPA. Acceptance of these will be at the Inspector's discretion.
File name:	3223-01-03b General Arrangement Rev A.pdf
File name:	3223-01-03a General Arrangement Rev A.pdf
File name:	Grove Farm Solar EAR.pdf
File name:	3223-01-12 Landscape Proposals Rev A - with Area References.pdf
File name:	3223-01-12 Landscape Proposals Rev A.pdf
Relates to Section:	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
Document Description:	09.b. A list of all plans and drawings (stating drawing numbers) submitted but not previously seen by the LPA.

File name:	Docs List - Post Submission.docx
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