

Planning Control Committee

Planning Appeals & Call-ins by the Secretary of State

There is nothing to report relating to appeals since the meeting of 15 June 2023.

An application has been called-in for the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to determine.

Applicant: AGR 4 Solar Ltd

Description: Proposed solar farm measuring 88 hectares with associated battery storage containers, transformer stations, storage buildings, fencing etc including means of access

Address: Land to the North and East of Great Wymondley, Hertfordshire

Reference: 21/03380/FP

Procedure: Public Inquiry

1. This application was reported to the meeting of the Planning Control Committee on 17 November 2022 when it was resolved to grant planning permission subject to conditions and referral to the Secretary of State due to the size of the proposal and its location within the Green Belt. The application was referred to the Secretary of State on 21 November 2022. At the end of the notification period on 13 December 2022, the Council was directed by the Secretary of State not to determine the application. (Appendix A).
2. On 26 May 2023 the Secretary of State confirmed that he had decided to call in this application for his determination (Appendix B).
3. A Planning Inspector has been instructed to deal with the application and a Public Inquiry is scheduled to commence on 12 September 2023 (Appendix C)
4. Officers are in the process of appointing Counsel and a Planning Consultant to present the Council's case and give evidence at the Public Inquiry.