Hearing Agenda

Application Reference No: S62A/22/0006

Applicant: Berden Solar Limited

Description of proposal: Development of a ground mounted solar farm with a generation capacity of up to 49.99MW, together with associated infrastructure and landscaping

Site address: Land at Berden Hall Farm, Ginns Road, Berden

Hearing to be held on: 9 March 2023, 10am

1. Introduction (by the Inspector as the Appointed Person)

2. Procedural Matters / Points of Clarification

- i. Plans/Relevant Policies (including neighbourhood plans and any new or emerging policy changes).
- ii. Acknowledgment of the Appointed Person's Issues Report, February 2023.

3. Main issues

Discussion of the following main issues:-

- i. The visual effect of the development on the character and appearance of the area in a countryside location, including regard to the setting of heritage assets;
- ii. Whether the proposed use of agricultural or farming land is appropriate;
- iii. The effects to wildlife and if mitigation is adequate;
- iv. Whether highway safety and noise impacts would be acceptable;
- v. The benefits of the proposal, compliance with the development plan, including the assessment of alternatives, and the overall planning balance.

4. Conditions & Planning Obligation Matters (without prejudice to the outcome of the Hearing).

- 5. Arrangements for the Site Visit.
- 6. Closure of the Hearing.