

## PUBLIC INQUIRY AT



Council Chamber, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre,  
Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

Opening on 4 February 2025 at 10.00

### REASON FOR INQUIRY

#### Appeal by EDF Energy Renewables Limited (trading as EDF Renewables)

Relating to the refusal of Ashford Borough Council to grant full planning permission (application reference 22/00668/AS) for:

Installation of a solar farm with a generating capacity of up to 49.9MW comprising: ground mounted solar panels; access tracks; inverter/transformers; substation; storage, spare parts and welfare cabins; underground cables and conduits; perimeter fence; CCTV equipment; temporary construction compounds; and associated infrastructure and planting scheme at Land south of M20, Church Lane, Aldington, Kent, TN25 7EH.

An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State will hold an Inquiry opening on the date shown above to decide the appeal.

**The inquiry is being live streamed and can be viewed at [www.ashford.gov.uk/east-stour-solar-farm-inquiry](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/east-stour-solar-farm-inquiry)**

Members of the public may attend the Inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views.

If you, or anyone you know has a disability and is concerned about facilities at the inquiry venue, you should contact the Council to confirm that suitable provisions are in place.

Documents relating to the appeal can be viewed on the Council website at  
[www.ashford.gov.uk/east-stour-solar-farm-inquiry](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/east-stour-solar-farm-inquiry)

Where applicable, you can use the internet to see information and to check the progress of cases through GOV.UK. The address of the search page is - <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate>

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