



Kingsway Solar Community Action

DCO Process: When & How the Public Can Act

DCO, development consent order

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<h1>01</h1>	<h3>Pre-Application</h3> <p>Developer carries out studies and public consultation (e.g. statutory consultation) Plans can still change and feedback must be considered in the application</p>
<h1>02</h1>	<h3>Acceptance</h3> <p>Application sent to the Planning Inspectorate for legal checks (28 days) Community groups can raise concerns about the consultation process</p>
<h1>03</h1>	<h3>Pre-Examination</h3> <p>Important: Register as an Interested Party before the deadline to speak directly to the decision makers When registration opens, submit a short comment (Relevant Representation) It's quick and simple — open to everyone The more people who register, the more attention inspectors must give to community concerns</p>
<h1>04</h1>	<h3>Examination</h3> <p>Inspectors review the evidence and test the developer's case against national policy and local impacts Interested Parties can submit evidence and attend the hearings This stage can last up to 6 months</p>
<h1>05</h1>	<h3>Recommendation & Decision</h3> <p>Inspectors submit a recommendation to the Secretary of State (up to 3 months) The Secretary of State then makes the final decision (up to 3 months)</p>

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