

18 September 2025

To Members of the Council

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the  
**LOCAL ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE COMMITTEE**  
(Cllrs: Woodhead, Boggis, Guilfoyle, Harvey, Hoyle, Macdonald & Morse)  
which will be held in the Greenwood Room in Hebden Bridge Town Hall on  
**TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 6pm**



Emma Green  
Clerk to the Council

This meeting is open to the public unless Members decide to exclude the public for any exempt or confidential item of business.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS.**
- 2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING.**
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 5 AUGUST 2025**  
To report on matters arising from the minutes of meeting held 5 AUGUST 2025 not itemised on this agenda.
- 4. CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK (CEP)**  
To consider HRTC's response to the Planning Inspectorate consultation to inform the Environment Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion on CEP and decide on actions as appropriate, as per min. 206. (enc).
- 5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
To resolve to exclude members of the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 during consideration of items of a confidential nature.

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**HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE  
Held TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2025**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Woodhead, Guilfoyle, Hoyle and Macdonald.

Deputy Clerk: Ebony Andrews

Clerk & RFO: Emma Green

Local Environment & Allotments Officer: Gareth Muir

- 127. TO ELECT A CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR FOR THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2025-2026**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr. Woodhead was re-elected Chair of the Local Environment & Climate Committee for 2025/26.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr. Macdonald was elected Deputy Chair of the Local Environment & Climate Committee for 2025/26.

- 128. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, REASONS AND ANY SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr Morse and Cllr Harvey.

- 129. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING**

There were no interests reported at this meeting.

- 130. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 30 APRIL 2025**

Cllrs discussed the installation of the graffiti boards at Calder Holmes Park, Hebden Bridge as part of the improvements works to the Tennis courts area. Clarification on which areas have been completed / which are outstanding, along with the expected total of boards to be replaced was requested.

**RESOLVED:** That this will be followed up and the committee will be informed by email.

- 131. ACTIVE TRAVEL**

Cllrs received a report on active travel, including cycle use in the Hebden Royd area.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**132. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Cllrs reviewed the Terms of Reference document. A few minor edits were requested which will be completed by the Deputy Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that following minor edits, the Committee's Terms of Reference document is adopted with immediate effect.

**133. COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive communications and decide on actions as appropriate (enc).

a. CROWS Annual Report 2025

**RESOLVED:** To note the information, and that G. Muir contact CROWS to both thank and congratulate them on all their work, including at High Hirst on the steps last Winter, for which the committee are very grateful.

**134. BUDGET UPDATE**

The committee considered opportunities for a working relationship with CROWS.

**RESOLVED:** The above to be considered at the next committee meeting.

**135. CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK**

Cllrs reviewed the proposed survey following the decision made at Full Council (minute no 64).

**RESOLVED:** A small working group will be formed to refine the survey and produce a final draft which will be brought to a meeting of the Full Council for approval.

**136. HIGH HIRST WOODMEADOW**

Cllrs received updates on the following projects and decided on the following actions:

a. Meadows Day

**RESOLVED:** To note the information on Meadows Day, and to thank those involved in the event which was enjoyed very much by attendees. It was mentioned that further fungi walks at High Hirst may be considered later in the season following expressions of interest from the public at Meadows Day.

b. FOHHWM Agreement & Management Plan

**RESOLVED:** That the FOHHWM Agreement & Management Plan be adopted as a working document with immediate effect, with the agreement that it will be reviewed annually.

c. FOHHWM Proposal to line container

**RESOLVED:** The FOHHWM Proposal to line the container was discussed and the committee decided to suspend any decision on the proposal until at least the Spring. Now that there is some space to store equipment that is more vulnerable to the elements in the HRTC storage space at Hebden Bridge Town Hall, it was decided that some tools will be relocated there by G Muir in the interim.

**137. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllrs received information on the following points relating to allotments and decided on the following actions:

a. Banksfield Tree works (enc)

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed that the proposed tree works need to be undertaken, and that the removal and treatment recommendations be accepted.

b. Draft Tenancy Agreement review

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the revised Tenancy Agreement to be enacted in due course in alignment with allotment legislation.

c. HHA clarification regarding additional structures to sheds

**RESOLVED:** To agree, in line with allotments best practice and legislation.

d. Allotment fee increase & water charges

**RESOLVED:** To increase the fee to a total of £75 per calendar year (£65 for the allotment and £10 for water usage). It was agreed that the fee will then increase in line with inflation each consecutive year and will be reviewed again in 5 years' time. Cllrs noted that the fee had not increased since 2014, and that the current review and raise was overdue.

e. Allotment Workday Plan (enc)

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the plan for the Workday.

- f. Play equipment and willow shelter from HHA

**RESOLVED:** To remove and dispose of the damaged equipment on health and safety grounds.

- g. Tenants Meeting update, held 9.7.25

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**138. OTHER PROJECTS & UPDATES**

Cllrs received updates on the following projects and decided on the following actions:

- a. Dog waste bag holder installation & locations (enc)

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

- b. Loose Masonry Complaint on Fountain Street

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

- c. Calder Holme Parks Tennis Court

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs agreed that the project requires further input and that the committee will continue to support the different project partners in exploring the options.

- d. Hanging Baskets

**RESOLVED:** A breakdown of the 2025 Hanging Basket project costing was requested for review at the next meeting.

- e. Ginko Trees for peace

**RESOLVED:** Cllr. Woodhead advised that they will enquire about the saplings current size and condition with Manor Health Nurseries and report on the Ginko trees in due course.

The meeting finished at 9:30pm.

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## Update on Calderdale Energy Park – Scoping Report Submission

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**From** info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk <info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk>

**Date** Mon 2025-09-01 14:17

**To** info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk <info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk>

Dear Councillors,

I'm writing to update you on an important milestone for Calderdale Energy Park.

We have now submitted our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate, marking the next step in the development of our proposed renewable energy scheme at Walshaw Moor in Calderdale, West Yorkshire.

The EIA Scoping Report sets out the topics and methods that will guide the Environmental Impact Assessment. This ensures that any future proposals are informed by robust evidence and expert input.

It's important to emphasise that this is not a planning application at this stage. No final decisions have been made regarding the number, location or design of wind turbines or associated infrastructure.

The purpose of this stage is to define what environmental studies are needed and how they should be carried out.

The Planning Inspectorate will consult statutory bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and Calderdale Council among others. Their feedback will help shape a formal Scoping Opinion, which will confirm the scope of the environmental studies and guide the EIA process, including the preparation of an Environmental Statement as part of the DCO application.

Key topics to be studied include:

- Biodiversity
- Ornithology
- Hydrology, hydrogeology, geology & peat
- Buried Heritage
- Historic environment
- Landscape and visual impacts
- Access, traffic & transport
- Carbon & climate change
- Noise & vibration
- Air quality
- Human health
- Socio-economics, land use, tourism & recreation
- Aviation & radar

- Shadow flicker

These studies will take several months to complete. Following this, we will carry out a statutory consultation, giving communities and stakeholders the opportunity to review and comment on the detailed proposals, including a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), before the DCO application is submitted.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our recent non-statutory consultation. More than 1,000 responses were received and this feedback is already helping to shape the project.

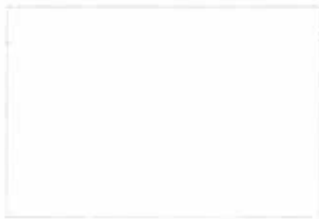
We will share the Scoping Opinion provided by the Planning Inspectorate on our website once it is available. You can also review the Programme Document which has now been uploaded to <https://www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/document-library> and provides our latest anticipated timescales for the DCO process.

Calderdale Energy Park presents an unrivalled opportunity to support the UK's renewable energy transition and contribute to the Government's Net Zero 2050 target.

We will continue to engage positively with the local community as we work to deliver this project of national significance, which is essential for the UK's future energy security and climate change ambitions.

If you have any queries please call our project information line on 01422 702506 during office hours.

Yours sincerely,



**Christian Egal**  
Project Director  
Calderdale Energy Park



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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN0110023

Date: 1 September 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11**

**Application by Calderdale Wind Farm Limited (the applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Calderdale Energy Park (the proposed development)**

**Scoping consultation and notification of the applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the applicant if requested**

The proposed development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), as defined in the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). A summary of the NSIP planning process can be found at the following link:

['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say'](#)

The proposed development is currently in the pre-application stage.

**Environmental Statement (ES) and the scoping process**

To meet the requirements of The EIA Regulations, applicants are required to submit an ES with an application for an order granting development consent for any NSIP likely to have a significant effect on the environment. An ES will set out the potential impacts and likely significant effects of the proposed development on the environment. Schedule 4 of The EIA Regulations sets out the general information for inclusion within an ES.

The applicant has asked the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for its written opinion (a Scoping Opinion) as to the scope, and level of detail, of the information to be provided in the ES relating to the proposed development. The applicant has set out its proposed scope of the ES in its Scoping Report which is published on the 'Find a National Infrastructure Project' website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>





<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110023>

Alternatively, you can use the following direct link:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110023/documents>

Before adopting a Scoping Opinion, the Planning Inspectorate must consult the relevant 'consultation bodies' defined in The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended).

The Planning Inspectorate has identified you as a consultation body which must be consulted before adopting its Scoping Opinion. The Planning Inspectorate would be grateful if you would:

- inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information you consider should be provided in the ES, or
- confirm that you do not have any comments

If you consider that you are not a consultation body as defined in The EIA Regulations please let us know.

The deadline for consultation responses is **29 September 2025**. The deadline is a statutory requirement and cannot be extended. Any consultation response received after this date will not be included within the Scoping Opinion but will be forwarded to the applicant for information and published on our website as a late response.

The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is entitled to assume under regulation 10(11) of The EIA Regulations that you do not have any comments to make on the information to be provided in the ES, if you have not responded to this letter by the deadline above.

To support the smooth facilitation of our service, we strongly advise that any responses are issued via the email identified below rather than by post. Responses to the Planning Inspectorate should be sent by email to [calderdaleep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:calderdaleep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Please note that your response will be appended to the Scoping Opinion and published on our website consistent with our openness policy.

Please also note that this consultation relates solely to the ES scoping process. Further opportunities for you to engage with and provide views on the project more generally, will arise through the applicant's own consultation. Applicants have a duty to undertake statutory consultation and are required to have regard to all responses to their statutory consultation.

### **Scoping Opinion**

The Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) must adopt a Scoping Opinion within 42 days of receiving a scoping request. The Scoping Opinion will be published on the relevant project page of the 'Find a National Infrastructure Project' website at the end of the statutory period, or before if applicable.

The applicant must have regard to comments made within the Scoping Opinion and the ES submitted with the future application must be based on the most recently adopted Scoping Opinion.

### **Applicant's name and address**

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

As the Planning Inspectorate has been notified by the applicant that it intends to prepare an ES, we are also informing you of the applicant's name and address:

Calderdale Wind Farm Limited  
C/o Enshore Subsea Limited  
Port of Blyth, South Harbour  
Blyth, Northumberland  
NE24 3PB  
[info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk](mailto:info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk)

### **Regulation 11(3) duty**

You should also be aware of your duty under regulation 11(3) of The EIA Regulations, if so requested by the applicant, to make available information in your possession which is considered relevant to the preparation of the ES.

### **Spatial data**

The applicant has provided the Planning Inspectorate with spatial data for the purpose of facilitating the identification of consultation bodies to inform a Scoping Opinion (as set out in our Advice Page 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - Advice Note Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: process, preliminary environmental information and environmental statements', available on the gov.uk website). Requests by consultation bodies to obtain and/or use the spatial data to inform its consultation response should be made directly to the applicant using the contact details above.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

*Katherine King*

**Katherine King  
Senior Environmental Advisor  
on behalf of the Secretary of State**

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