



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	Oaklands Farm Solar Project
<b>Address/Location:</b>	Land approximately 2km south east of Walton-on-Trent in South Derbyshire. Approximately 2km north of the site is the decommissioned Drakelow Power Station where the Proposed Development is proposed to connect to the national grid. The village of Rosliston is located approximately 1km to the east.
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN010122

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Oaklands Farm Solar Park – Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (dated August 2021) ('the Scoping Report')
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development, which comprises the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility with associated infrastructure, including battery storage and connection to the national grid, anticipated to have a combined installed capacity of approximately 200MW and located on predominantly agricultural fields approximately 2km south east of Walton-on-Trent in South Derbyshire.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 2 December 2021

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>