

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

By email to: MallardPasssolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

20 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Mallard Pass Solar Farm Proposed DCO application (Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010127)

Notification under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act")

The Secretary of State is hereby notified in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) ('the 2008 Act'), that Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd ('the Applicant') intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to authorise the construction, operation (which includes maintenance) and decommissioning of the proposed Mallard Pass Solar Farm project ("Mallard Pass"). The Applicant intends to make this application in Q4 2022. The Scheme would be near Essendine, partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland.

This will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the "APFP Regulations"), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The consultation will commence on Thursday 26 May 2022 and run until Thursday 04 August 2022.

Summary of the Scheme

The Applicant intends to install a new solar farm near Essendine, partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. It will cover an area of approximately 906 hectares (ha) and will generate in the region of 350 MW of renewable energy. The Project includes a solar array, infrastructure to connect to the national grid, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works.



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The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- Construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar PV electricity generating facility with a capacity of over 50 MW
- Associated and/or ancillary works including the construction of a substation and cable works to connect to the National Grid substation, the creation of environmental mitigation and enhancement areas and the creation of permissive paths;
- Alterations to streets, including the creation and modification of temporary and permanent accesses to the solar site, the temporary removal of street furniture and any necessary temporary diversion and/or stoppings up of public rights of way;
- The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights;
- The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant matters; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient for the purposes of the Project.

Consultation materials

Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the Applicant to send to the Secretary of State the information that it intends to provide to consultees under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, if the applicant were required by that section to consult the Secretary of State about the proposed application, on or before commencing section 42 consultation. As such, please find enclosed the following information that is being sent to the section 42 consultees as follows:

- A Site Location Plan;
- A copy of the covering letter notifying consultees under Section 42; and
- Notice of the proposed application which has been publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.



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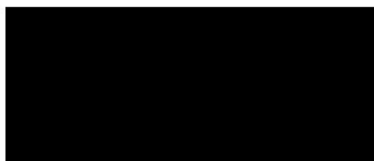
Information about the proposed application including a Community Consultation Booklet, Main Consultation Document, Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") and non-technical summary will be available free of charge online at www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/Documents from the start of the consultation period on the 26 May 2022.

A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request. Hard copies of these documents are also available on request. Please note that a full printed version of the PEIR is subject to a £350 fee, while all other consultation documents can be provided free-of-charge. If, however, the Secretary of State requires the material in an alternative form, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition to these documents, between Thursday 26 May 2022 and Thursday 04 August 2022, there will be three public consultation events, as well as two webinars about our proposals online. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

If you have any queries regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Price

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