

## **TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM**

### **Notice of Acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 Tween Bridge Solar Farm Development Consent Order**

#### **Regulation 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (“the APFP Regulations”)**

#### **Regulation 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“Secretary of State”) has accepted an application (the “Application”) by **RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited** (Company registration number: 14539260) of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 6PB (the “Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the Planning Act 2008. The Application (Reference No. EN01048) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 26 August 2025 and was accepted for Examination on 24 September 2025.

#### **Summary of the Scheme**

2. The land required for Tween Bridge Solar Farm (the ‘Order Limits’) is located approximately 10km to the northeast of Doncaster and 14km to the west of Scunthorpe within the administrative boundaries of City of Doncaster Council and North Lincolnshire Council. The Applicant is seeking development consent for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar park with an intended design capacity of over 50MWp (megawatts peak), and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Tween Bridge Solar Farm (the “Scheme”) will consist of the following:
  - Ground-mounted solar PV generating station and associated mounting structures;
  - On-site supporting equipment including inverters, transformers and switchgear;
  - A BESS including batteries and associated enclosures, monitoring systems, air conditioning, electrical cable and fire safety infrastructure. The BESS is indicatively split into four separate 100MW compounds. Each 100MW compound would be located next to and connected to one of the seven on-site 132kV substations;
  - Seven on-site 132kV substation compounds, including transformers, switchgear, circuit breakers, control equipment buildings, control functions,

material storage, parking, as well as wider monitoring and maintenance equipment;

- Low voltage and 33kV interconnecting cabling to connect and transmit electricity from the solar PV modules and BESS to one of the seven on-site 132kV substations;
- RWE on-site 400kV substation;
- Underground 132kV interconnecting cabling to connect the seven on-site 132kV substations to RWE on-site 400kV substation;
- Underground 400kV interconnecting cabling from the RWE on-site 400kV substation to edge of Order Limits;
- Associated infrastructure including access tracks, parking, CCTV, gates and fencing, lighting, drainage infrastructure, storage containers, earthworks, culverts, surface water management, maintenance and welfare facilities, security cabins and any other works identified as necessary to enable the development;
- Horizontal Directional Drilling for selected cable works where trenching or culvert is not possible or appropriate, including the canal, railway and the M180;
- Highways works to facilitate access for construction vehicles, comprising passing places where necessary to ensure that heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) can be safely accommodated amongst existing traffic, new or improved site accesses and visibility splays;
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures, including landscaping, habitat management and biodiversity enhancement,
- Permissive pathways and bird viewing gallery; and
- Temporary development during the construction phase of the Scheme including construction compounds, parking, temporary diversions of Public Rights of Way, and temporary access roadways to facilitate access to all parts of the Order Limits.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

3. Due to its nature and size, the Scheme is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Scheme constitutes development for which an EIA is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement (“ES”).

## **Application form and accompanying documents**

4. The Application form and its accompanying documents including the draft DCO, plans the ES and Non-technical Summary (NTS) (the “Application Documents”) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Tween Bridge Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab. The Application Documents will be available for inspection online until at least the Secretary of State has made a decision as to whether or not to grant the DCO:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148>

5. The Application Documents can also be accessed via the link on the Applicant’s project website:

<https://www.tweenbridgesolar.co.uk>

6. An electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email [info@tweenbridgesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@tweenbridgesolar.co.uk), write to FREEPOST TWEEN BRIDGE SOLAR FARM (free of charge; no need for a stamp) or telephone 0800 021 7877.

7. Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request to the Applicant. Document requests can be made using the contact details at the bottom of this notice. Requests may be made for documents in bespoke or alternative formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) or specific individual documents. Please note that reasonable printing costs may apply.

## **Making Representations**

8. Becoming an Interested Party gives you the right to make representations about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate. Any person may register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation on the Application during the representation period, which must be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate’s Registration and Relevant Representation Form. The Registration and Relevant Representation Form can be accessed and completed online from 17 November 2025 on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010148>

**9. The period in which Relevant Representations are invited to be made to the Planning Inspectorate will end at 11:59pm on 02 January 2026.**

10. If you require guidance, or other methods to obtain and complete a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/OP, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Application reference (EN01048) should be quoted in any correspondence.

11. The government guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation' provides further information and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation>

12. Submitted representations will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application. It should be noted that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published alongside a representation. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state your reasoning when submitting the representation. If necessary, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name and personal data redacted. Please note that all representations published on the Planning Inspectorate's website will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>

## **Contact us**

13. Further information about the Application may be obtained from the Applicant through the contact details provided below.

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