

SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

FENWICK SOLAR FARM

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010152

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application (Reference No. EN010152) by Fenwick Solar Project Limited (company number 13705886) of Unit 5E, Park Farm, Arundel, BN18 0AG (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”). The Application was received by the Planning Inspectorate on 1 November 2024 and accepted for examination on 29 November 2024.

Fenwick Solar Farm

Fenwick Solar Farm (“the Scheme”) comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (“PV”) electricity generating facility and associated development. The associated development includes, but is not limited to, a Battery Energy Storage System, On-Site Substation, underground cabling to provide export and import connection to the National Electricity Transmission System (“NETS”), and areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

The connection to the NETS will be either via underground cabling along a corridor in which three 400 kV cables would run for approximately 6.3 km from the Solar PV Site to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation; or via underground cabling between the On-Site Substation and existing overhead power lines within the Solar PV Site, which also connect to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation.

The Scheme is located entirely within the City of Doncaster Council’s administrative area and located on land close to the villages of Fenwick, Moss and Sykehouse, as well as the Hamlet of Topham. The northern edge of the Solar PV Site borders the River Went, within the administrative area of City of Doncaster Council. A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link:
<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010152>

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station located in England with a capacity exceeding 50 MW. It is for this reason that the Scheme falls within the remit of the Secretary of State’s decision-making powers.

The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Scheme, the diversion of public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows, and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and, accordingly, an Environmental Statement accompanies the Application.

Application documents

The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary, and the draft DCO, are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, under the “Documents” tab on the Fenwick Solar Farm project page of the Planning Inspectorate’s website, being a website maintained by or on behalf of the Secretary of State: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010152>

These documents will be available to view on the Planning Inspectorate’s website at least until the Secretary of State makes their decision whether or not to grant the Development Consent Order.

On request, an electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. Contact details to request the USB can be found at the end of this notice. You can also contact the Applicant via telephone, email or in writing using these contact details if you have any enquiries in relation to the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps.

The Application documents can also be viewed electronically at the venues listed below. For a full list of internet-enabled libraries in your area please contact your local authority.

Document inspection venue	Opening hours* (correct at the time of publication)	Contact details
Askern Community Library Station Road, Askern, Doncaster, DN6 0LA	Monday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Wednesday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Thursday – 10.00am to 4.00pm Friday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Saturday – 10.00am to 1.00pm Sunday – Closed	Telephone – 01302 734522 Email – askerncommunitylibrary@gmail.com
Snaith Library 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE	Monday – Closed Tuesday – 2.00pm to 6.00pm Wednesday – Closed Thursday – 10.00am to 4.00pm Friday – Closed Saturday – 10.00am to 12.00pm Sunday – Closed	Telephone – 01405 860096 Email – snaith.library@eastriding.gov.uk
Thorne Library The Vermuyden Centre, Field Side, Thorne, Doncaster, DN8 4BQ	Monday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Tuesday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Wednesday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Thursday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Friday – 8.40am to 1.00pm and 1.30pm to 5.00pm Saturday – 8.40am to 1.00pm Sunday – Closed	Telephone – 01302 862969 Email – thorne.library@doncaster.gov.uk
Edenthorpe Community Library Communal Hall, Bardon Road, Edenthorpe, Doncaster, DN3 2ND	Monday – 2.00pm to 5.00pm Tuesday – Closed Wednesday – 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday – Closed Friday – 2.00pm to 5.00pm Saturday – 10.00am to 12.00pm Sunday – Closed	Telephone – 01302 884580 Email – edenthorpelibrary@hotmail.co.uk

* You may wish to contact the venues in advance to arrange an appointment for computer access to view the documents electronically. The details of the opening hours above are correct at the time of this notice, however, are subject to change and it is recommended that you contact the library in advance.

The complete set of Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £3,000.00. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable printing charge may apply. The Applicant will also consider any reasonable requests for bespoke or hard copy document formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats). In relation to any request, please contact the Applicant using the contact details set out at the end of this notice.

Making representations about the Application

Any person can make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State. All representations **must** be made on a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online via the following webpage:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010152>

If you require guidance, or other methods of obtaining and completing a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or email fenwicksolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number EN010152.

The Planning Inspectorate's website provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed on the Planning Inspectorate's website at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation>

All representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on Friday 24 January 2025.

Please note that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy which can be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>

How to contact the Applicant

For further information about the Application, or to request copies of documents, the Applicant can be contacted by using the following details:

- Post: **FREEPOST Fenwick Solar Farm**
- Email: **Fenwick.Enquiries@boom-power.co.uk**
- Telephone: **01964 782219** (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm, or leave a voicemail out of hours for a call back)

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