

4th November 2025

National Infrastructure Planning
Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
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Dear Examining Authority,

Application by Frodsham Solar Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for Frodsham Solar (EN010153)

Net Zero North West is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project named Frodsham Solar. As the industry-led partnership driving the North West's transition to net zero, we strongly back projects that enable clean energy growth, strengthen grid resilience, and deliver tangible environmental benefits for our region.

Net Zero North West unites industry and communities, providing a forward-thinking/leading voice and holistic vision for industrial decarbonisation in the North West. Our partners are committed to working together to deliver change that is not only essential in supporting the vital energy intensive industries that make this region thrive, but critical in delivering the energy transition and supporting the UK's net zero targets.

The Net Zero North West aims to decarbonise industry and attract green investment through a £30 billion pipeline of low-carbon projects (including renewables, hydrogen, and carbon capture) in the Liverpool Bay and Cheshire area. The ambition is anticipated to save 46 million tonnes of carbon (including 17 million from industry) and create and safeguard 34,500 green jobs in the short-term and 660,000 over the long-term future.

As a member of Net Zero North West, the developer behind Frodsham Solar, Cubico Sustainable Investments, is a key contributor towards these shared objectives.

Frodsham Solar would deliver a utility-scale solar farm and associated Battery Energy Storage System, supplying renewably generated electricity onto the distribution network, as well as enabling the supply of electricity directly to local businesses via a private-wire connection.

The inclusion of a potential private-wire connection from the solar farm to local industry is particularly welcomed and could offer a fantastic opportunity for our members local to the scheme. Access to home-grown and sustainably generated electricity at an attractive price is a key focus for many of our members, potentially bolstering the region's economic competitiveness and growth.



Additionally, the prospect of securing this type of electricity supply could be an influential determinant for international investment in deciding where to establish energy-intense operations such as advanced manufacturing and datacentres.

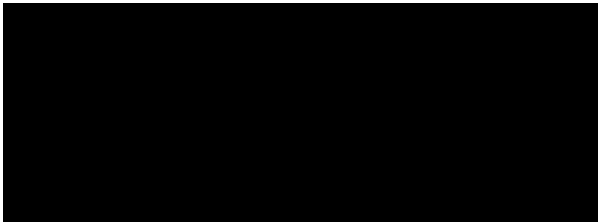
The inclusion of a Battery Energy Storage System in the proposals, enabling electricity generated by the solar farm to be stored during periods of low demand, and then dispatched directly to local industry or onto the network during peak times of high demand, would provide much needed flexibility and the ability to utilise as much of the solar farm's generating capacity as possible. It is therefore supported.

More widely, the benefits of the proposed infrastructure are essential for meeting the UK's legally binding net zero targets and they directly align with Net Zero North West's priorities to accelerate decarbonisation by supporting the integration of renewable generation into the grid, reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels and cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Frodsham Solar's important contribution to enhanced energy security and affordability by maximising the use of homegrown clean energy, stabilising supply, and helping to manage costs for consumers, also aligns with our objectives.

For these reasons, we believe that Frodsham Solar will make a significant contribution to the North West's energy transition journey. We therefore respectfully encourage the project's application for a development consent to be granted.

Yours faithfully,



CEO Net Zero North West Ltd