



Peartree Hill Solar Farm

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1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This document the Consultation Report Appendices contains information relevant to the **Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]**. The Consultation Report has been prepared by RWE (as the Applicant) to accompany an application for a Development Consent Order for Peartree Hill Solar Farm (the Proposed Development).
- 1.1.1. The report is submitted in accordance with section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), which requires that any application for an order granting development consent must be accompanied by a consultation report.
- 1.1.2. This document contains information which evidences or supports the information provided in the **Consultation Report [EN010157/APP/5.1]**.

1.2 Structure of this document

- 1.2.1. The Appendices are as far as possible the order that are referenced within that report.
- 1.2.2 A list is provided below in Table 1-1 of the documents within Appendix C.

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Appendix C-1 Consultation Strategy shared with local authorities

Appendix C-1.1 Email sharing consultation strategy with East Riding of Yorkshire Council

RE: New NSIP Briefing

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Fri 2023-08-25 15:09

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Peartree Hill Solar Non-statutory consultation - Communications and Engagement Strategy DRAFT.docx; LPA Meeting Peartree Hill .pptx;

Good afternoon Joanne, Stephen and Anna,

Thank you for your time on Wednesday. It was great to meet you and get the opportunity to introduce Peartree Hill Solar Farm (the Project). Please find below the main actions and points of note from the call as I understood them, let me know if there are any that I have missed:

- Joanne Marshall will be the main point of contact for East Riding of Yorkshire (ERY) Council
- Peartree Hill Solar will share our 'Non-statutory consultation – Communications and Engagement Strategy draft' with the ERY (see attached)
- ERY requested that the Project give planning officers a heads up before contacting Members and Parish Councillor's. I can confirm that the Project will do this ahead of any Member or Councillor engagement.
- ERY and Project agreed that they would share their PPA templates with each other and will meet again in the coming weeks to further discuss PPAs and the preferred template. The Project aim to share their PPA template with ERY next week.
- ERY requested that the Project provide a formal introduction email so that the ERY can set up a pre-app. Would this email serve that purpose? I attached the slides from Wednesdays call for your information which set out the proposed project timelines etc. It was confirmed on our call that all information provided will remain confidential until Project launch.
- Thanks for ERYs advice regarding contacting members. Based on this feedback, the Project will delay member outreach until Monday 4th September, when we will inform and offer briefings to East Riding Leadership, relevant ward members and relevant Parish councils. We would then expect briefings to take place in that 5 week period ahead of a 9th October non-statutory consultation launch.

Additionally, at the end of the call I noted that we had requests for officer details and further information from ERY. Could the following please be provided:

- Officer name and contact details (landscape, ecology, heritage etc) so that we can start engaging them regarding scoping
- Contact details for the relevant EHOs
- Availability for a follow up meeting to discuss PPAs, and then for regular meetings going forward.

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Appendix C-1.2 Draft Consultation Strategy



Peartree Hill Solar Farm Communications and Engagement Strategy

Prepared for JBM Solar

June 2023

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

JBM Solar is preparing a Development Consent Order (DCO) application for a new 320+MW solar energy, storage proposals and associated cable routes on land located 3km east of Beverley, within the authority area of East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

This document is a communications and engagement strategy which sets out the approach for engaging and consulting with the affected communities, elected members and statutory stakeholders in relation to JBM's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. The document outlines the organisations who should be engaged, the methods through which we can engage and the proposed timeline.

This document focuses on the informal engagement, non-statutory and statutory consultation periods. The document will be updated after non-statutory consultation to capture learning from the initial consultation and again when the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate to reflect the acceptance and examination stage.

1.2 Roles and responsibilities

Many of the project team will engage with stakeholders. It is important a consistent approach to messaging is provided across the specialists to avoid conflict and protect JBM Solar's reputation. A ways-of-working document is [in development] outlining how all engagement will be captured throughout the project. The below outlines the different stakeholder groups and the teams who will lead their engagement:

- Planning Inspectorate: JBM Solar/ DWD
- Local authority
 - Officers (led by DWD)
 - technical specialists (led by RSK)
 - elected members (led by Cavendish)
- Environmental bodies (led by RSK)
- Land interest (led by Ardent): Whilst some of those with an interest in land will also be part of the local community, a separate land engagement plan will be produced to meet the specific requirements and needs of those with land interests.

1.3. Aims and Objectives

Our objectives are:

- Deliver engaging and inclusive communications and consultations which encourages involvement in the development process.
- Build trust with key stakeholders, securing buy-in and generating advocacy for the project.
- Communicate effectively the benefits of the projects and impacts.
- Build positive the best possible relationship with the communities, including landowners, impacted by the project.
- Build and protect JBM Solar's reputation as a developer of solar in the UK.

How will we get there:

- Meeting all the regulatory requirements outlined by legislation and best practice.
- Involving stakeholders early on through the non-statutory consultation and meetings which will facilitate collaborative decision-making and helps shape the project's design and build trust and open communication between the project team, community and stakeholders.
- Responding quickly (within 5 working days) to enquiries and demonstrating a genuine commitment to listening, incorporating feedback, and addressing concerns.
- Engaging widely within the community to identify potential advocates, by clearly communicating the project's objectives and how it aligns with the UK's broader energy and sustainability goals.
- Multiple methods of communication and engagement to gather feedback, opinions, concerns, and suggestions from residents, businesses, and other interested parties. In between the periods of consultation, we will continue to engage with stakeholders and capture their feedback to feed into the design.

1.4. Key messages and FAQ

A separate key messages and FAQ document is **[in development]**. This will be a live document regularly updated as the project progresses. It will be the project story and used to answer stakeholders' questions and to develop consultation documents.

2. Approach

2.1 Engagement phases

As has become the standard for NSIP proposals we intend to undertake two phases of consultation. The initial consultation period will be the first opportunity for us to inform the local community about the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.

Our initial phase on engagement will focus on introducing the project to key stakeholders, gaining views on our approach to consultation and identifying any key concerns and issues. This will be followed by a 4-week non-statutory consultation, including public drop-in events, webinars and collaborative workshops for community representatives. During the informal and non-statutory consultation, we will introduce the early-stage proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm and initiate a constructive dialogue with the community.

The community feedback received will be instrumental in refining and enhancing the proposals as we progress towards presenting comprehensive and detailed proposals at a 6-week statutory consultation in April 2024. Throughout this time, we will maintain regular engagement with key stakeholders. This approach will ensure that the community and stakeholders remain closely involved in the development process, fostering transparency and trust between JBM Solar and the communities around Peartree Hill Solar Farm.

July-Sep 2023	18 Sep – 20 October 2023	October to Feb 2023	8 April – 22 May	June-Sep 2024	September 2024
Project launch	Non-statutory Consultation	Pre-stat consultation and SoCC	Statutory Consultation (S42, S44, S47, S48)	Pre-submission engagement	Application Submission
Objective/Summary					
Introduce the project to key stakeholders, gain views on our approach to	Give the community and stakeholders a chance to give	Feedback to key stakeholders on outcome of consultation.	To undertake formal consultation in line with the SoCC, alongside statutory consultation	Avoid communication vacuum as project develops	Communicating next steps to stakeholders.

consultation and to identify any key concerns and issues.	feedback on the early-stage proposals	Refine approach to consultation based on learnings from non-statutory consultation. Develop SoCC and consult relevant local authorities.	with S42 consultees. This will include consulting with all S47 and S48 consultees.	submission documents. Maintain contact with key stakeholders and prepare community and stakeholders for next phase of DCO process.	
Activities					
<p>Meetings and discussions with key stakeholders to introduce the proposals and start to build relationships with the local political stakeholders.</p> <p>Launch of a project holding website where stakeholders can register to be kept informed .</p> <p>Meeting nearby RWE and National Grid projects and solar projects in the area to understand</p>	<p>Non-statutory consultation, activity including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation material • Newsletter • 3 Public exhibitions/drop-in sessions • Online updates/'virtual exhibition • Feedback mechanisms (online and offline) • Webinars • Collaborative workshops • Press release 	<p>Press release and email to respondents thanking involvement in consultation.</p> <p>Feedback meetings with key stakeholders on outcomes of consultation</p> <p>Meetings and discussions with relevant local authorities to present the draft SoCC. Followed by statutory SoCC consultation.</p> <p>Stakeholder briefings to explain the</p>	<p>S48 media advertising for at least two successive weeks in at least one locally circulating newspaper, at least once in a nationally circulating newspaper, and once in the London Gazette and the Guardian.</p> <p>S47 media advertising (SoCC advert) in local newspapers such as the Beverly and Holderness Gazette.</p> <p>Public notification of the published SoCC through: Newsletters Media relations</p>	<p>Reporting back on consultation outcomes, next steps to the local community and interested parties through: Community emails Stakeholder briefings Media Relations</p>	<p>Report to be published online and made available to stakeholders and community via PINs website.</p> <p>Reporting back on, next steps to the local community and interested parties through: Community emails Stakeholder briefings Media Relations</p>

lessons learnt from their consultations.		content of the SoCC and formal consultation programme.	<p>Provision of hard copies of the SoCC and consultation documents at key community access points</p> <p>Statutory consultation, activity including:</p> <p>Consultation material</p> <p>Letter drop</p> <p>3 Public exhibitions/drop-in sessions</p> <p>Online updates/'virtual exhibition</p> <p>Feedback mechanisms (online and offline)</p> <p>Webinars</p> <p>Collaborative workshops</p> <p>Press release</p>		
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4. Informal Engagement and Non-Statutory Consultation

The informal engagement period for Peartree Hill Solar Farm will begin in July 2023 and will run into the autumn. This period will include informal engagement with political stakeholders and a 4-week non-statutory consultation period running from 18 September to 20 October 2023.

4.2 What we are engaging on

The aim of the initial phase of engagement and consultation is to introduce our emerging proposals to the local community and local political stakeholders, set out the need for the project and receive feedback from the community to help to identify and understand any potential local impacts.

During the informal engagement with key stakeholders we will look to get feedback on:

- Our consultation approach
- Local issues which may impact the proposals
- Local community initiatives or schemes that could be supported through our package of community benefits

During the non-statutory consultation, we will be seeking feedback on the early-stage proposals for the Peartree Hill Solar Farm, which will include feedback on:

- Proposed site areas where the panels and associated infrastructure could be placed
- Potential local impacts as a result of Peartree Hill Solar Farm
- Local community initiatives or schemes that could be supported through our package of community benefits

4.3 Who we are engaging

4.3.1 Informal Engagement

Ahead of the non-statutory consultation phase, JBM Solar intends to undertake some informal engagement with local key stakeholders. This will provide a high-profile platform for JBM to set the tone of debate regarding the Project and begin to establish a relationship with the key political players in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

To kick off our initial engagement priority stakeholders will be invited to a project briefing, either virtually or in person. These briefings will introduce the proposals to these key stakeholders and take their feedback ahead of the program of wider public consultation proposed for the autumn.

As part of the initial outreach will be reaching out to the following stakeholders:

Phase 1 (end of July)

- Alan Menzies, **Executive Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration at East Riding of Yorkshire Council**
- Cllr Anne Handley, **Leader of the Council**, Cllr Gary McMaster, **Portfolio Holder for Housing and Infrastructure** and Cllr Leo Hammond, **Portfolio Holder for Planning, Police and Communities, East Riding of Yorkshire Council**
- **Host and Neighbouring MPs:** Graham Stuart MP for Beverly and Holderness, David Davis MP for Haltemprice and Howden, and Sir Gregory Knight MP for East Yorkshire.

Phase 2 (August/September)

- **East Riding of Yorkshire Council Ward Members;**
Mid-Holderness;
Councillor John Holtby, Councillor Amanda Talbot, Councillor Samantha Whyte
Beverly Rural;
Councillor Paul Smith, Councillor Sue Steel, Councillor Jeremy Wilcock
East Wolds and Coastal
Councillor Charlie Dewhirst, Councillor Denise Howard, Councillor Jonathan Owen

- **Relevant Parish Councils;** Riston Parish Council, Tickton and Routh Parish Council, Wawne Parish Council, Leven Parish Council, (depending on cable routes other parish councils may be engaged at this early stage eg Catwick Parish Council, Woodmansey Parish Council, Swine Parish Council, Brandesburton Parish Council)

Priority stakeholders will be sent initial project information in the form of a letter, this letter will include the offer of a meeting and details of how to contact the project team, the letter will also point stakeholders towards our holding website, which will feature basic project information and the ability to register to be kept informed. The letter will be sent between July and September depending on the phase for the stakeholders. In the meetings we would seek to:

- Present our initial plans
- Inform how we would seek to engage them and other key stakeholders
- Outline the requirements of the Planning Act, process and roles and responsibilities
- Gain any insight from stakeholders on our communications approach

4.3.2 Other projects in the area

There are other projects which will interface with the Peartree Hill application, namely the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms, National Grid Creyke Beck substation extension and National Grid North Humber to High Marnham overhead line upgrade. All have consultations planned in summer 2023. [Dogger Bank's statutory consultation](#) runs Tuesday 6 June to Monday 17 July 2023, [National Grid's Creyke Beck extension and new substation](#) public consultation will run between Thursday 29 June and Thursday 27 July and the [North Humber to High Marnham consultation](#) runs from 1 June 2023 to 27 July 2023.

We will liaise with the communications teams of both projects and aim to hold a meeting in August 2023 with them to gain any insight and lessons learnt to feed into our consultation approach. We will look to continue to engage throughout the project and share messaging/FAQs and stakeholder feedback, where appropriate.

There are also a number of other solar projects in construction or having submitted a planning application. We will liaise with these teams to understand their proposals and messaging.

4.3.3 Primary consultation zone

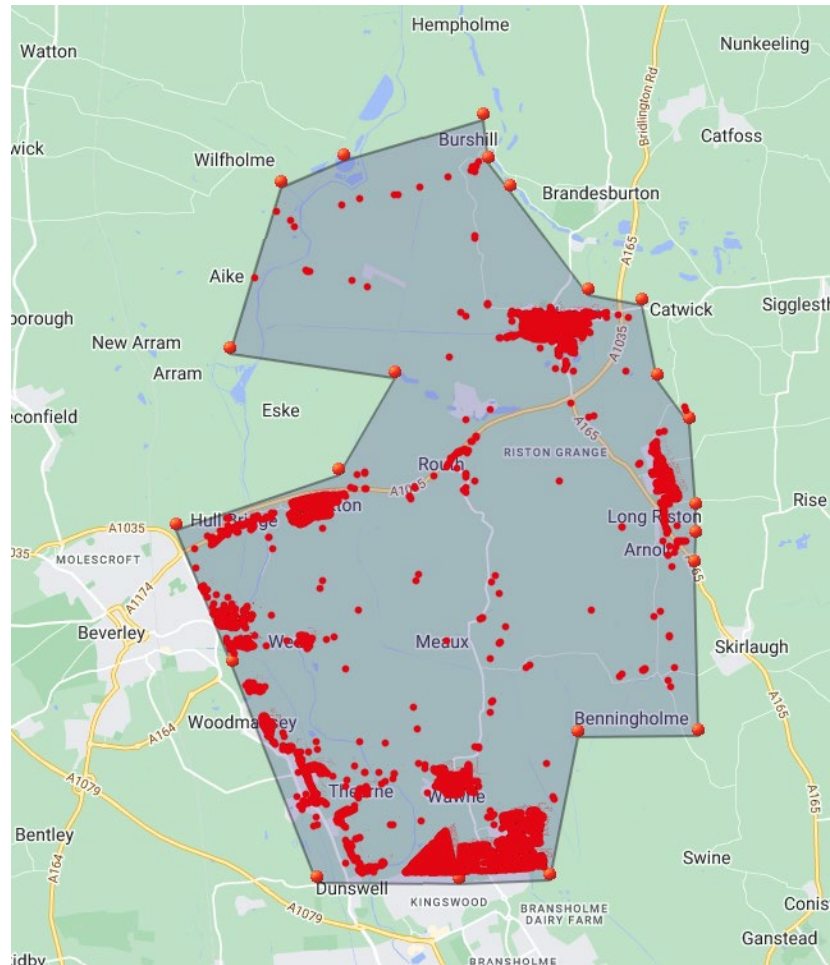
Our non-statutory consultation period will be open to anyone who may be interested in our proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. We welcome all views, and all feedback received will be considered and used to develop our proposals further. Thorough [stakeholder mapping](#) has taken place to identify key stakeholders, prescribed parties (not including land interest), political representatives and community groups.

We have identified a primary consultation zone extending a distance of approximately 2km around the site and on-site substation. The PCZ will need to be amended to incorporate the final cable routes.

The PCZ has been amended in certain areas to consider:

- Zone of visibility for the Proposed Development, which assesses areas in the vicinity of the Red Line Boundary which could experience a degree of visual impact
- Existing physical boundaries, such as main roads
- Capturing entire communities, rather than excluding small numbers of properties

The primary consultation zone is shown in the figure below (circa 6800 properties)



4.3.3 consultation with Seldom Heard Groups

Our consultation has been developed to be accessible to all groups in the community, including ‘under-represented’ or ‘seldom heard’ groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation techniques.

We understand that certain individuals or groups may face challenges in participating or responding to traditional consultation methods. In the East Riding, for instance, the area has a higher average age compared to the rest of the UK, indicating the potential presence of stakeholders who may require additional support to access consultation materials. We will work to ensure our material is accessible and easy to read, including visuals such as maps.

The seldom-heard groups we have identified that may have an interest in the Peartree Hill project are:

- Age UK Hull
- Hull and East Yorkshire Centre for the Deaf
- Hull and East Riding National Autistic Society
- The WI East Yorkshire
- East Riding Young Farmers Club
- Sight Support Hull & East Yorkshire

We would reach out to these organisation during the consultations to help promote to the consultation via their owned channels. We will also work with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to identify any other groups to engage with as part of the project. The specific methods to be used to engage with these seldom-heard groups are outlined in section 5.2.

5. How we will consult

During the non-statutory and statutory consultations, we will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. We will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.

Consultation Methods	
Method	Detail
Statutory parties	Covering letter, consultation newsletter, feedback form and Freepost envelope.

<p>Inside the primary consultation zone</p>	<p>All homes and businesses within the PCZ will receive a 4-page consultation newsletter with high-level details about the project and contact details.</p> <p>We will be looking to hold 3 in-person events at locations spread across the PCZ. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, and in local media via the issue of a press release. These events will run for periods of 4 hours between 10 am and 7pm on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability. Venues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickton Village Hall • Woodmansey Village Hall • Wawne Village Hall <p>Depending on the cable route development additional events could be held in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirlaugh Village Hall • Brandesburton Parish Hall • Catwick Village Hall
<p>Webinars</p>	<p>Two webinars will be held for any member of the public to join. One webinar will be held at the start of the consultation and one towards the end of the consultation to provide an alternative option for those who may not be able to attend the in-person events. These will be held in the evening.</p> <p>Individuals will be able to register for these events via the website or by emailing info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk</p> <p>And a recording will be made available online of the presentation section of the webinar for those unavailable to attend.</p>
<p>Collaborative workshops</p>	<p>We would suggest holding two collaborative workshops during the consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical workshop (officers)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident representations made up of ward members, parish councils and any key community representatives. The sessions will focus on key issues eg community fund, rights of way. Each session will be 3 hours long. The feedback from the sessions will be captured and reported in the consultation report.
Project Information Line and email	Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the project information line (to be local number), email or write in. The communications team will either use the FAQs to respond to enquiries or work with the project team to respond within 5 working days.
Project website	A dedicated project website www.peartreehillsolarfarm.co.uk will be live to find out more information and during consultation, hold an online response form. All consultation documents will be presented on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the consultation events.
Deposit points	Consultation leaflets and newsletters will be placed at Beverley and Leven libraries and in the village halls in Tickton, Woodmansey, Wawne, Skirlaugh, Brandesburton and Catwick, if agreeable with the parish councils.
Parish Briefings and Workshops	<p>Prior to the consultation, we will undertake meetings with key stakeholders. We will offer to attend parish council sessions during the consultation to provide tailored information and updates to parish councils and their respective communities. These presentations will offer an opportunity to address any specific concerns or questions that the parishes may have, as well as to gather feedback and insights from their local perspective.</p> <p>We will meet with other organisations on request. These may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community groups or residents' associations with a close geographical relationship to the project Interest groups with a close relationship to the project
Consultation Materials	

Material	Detail
Consultation newsletter	A 4-page newsletter outlining the high-level overview of the project, consultation dates and events and signpost to the website
Consultation Leaflet	<p>A 16-page consultation leaflet will be published at the start of the consultation. These leaflets will publicise the consultation and give an overview of the proposals.</p> <p>This leaflet will also be available to download from the document library on the project website at: www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A project feedback form will be prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. This form will ask people to provide their feedback on the early-stage proposals.</p> <p>The form will also be available to complete as an online form via the project website, which will be accessible throughout the consultation period. The feedback form can be downloaded, filled in and returned by post to the Freepost address.</p>
Materials in alternative formats	Upon request, all documents will be available in alternative accessible formats, such as braille, speaking text and alternative languages. All requests should be made to the communications team by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or phone: 0800 298 7040

5.1 Publicising the consultation

We will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the proposed Peartree Hill Solar Farm and to advertise the consultation. These methods are outlined in the table below.

Method	Detail
Consultation newsletter	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ at the start of the consultation period.
Poster	A poster publicising the consultation will be posted to key local village halls, shops and libraries. All organisations will be contacted by phone to ask for them to display the posters.
Press Releases	<p>To promote awareness of the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm, within and beyond the PCZ, we will send a press release at the start of the consultation. This will be sent to the following local and regional media outlets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly and Holderness Gazette • Hull Live / Hull Daily Mail • Yorkshire Live • The Yorkshire Post
Email notifications	We will collect email information from the website (in a GDPR compliant manner). We will use emails to notify of the consultation.
Emails and letters	We will issue communications to key stakeholders, including local political representatives, Councillors, MPs and Parish Council clerks representing wards, constituencies, and parishes and invite them to help promote the consultation through their own communications channels.
Social Media	Our insight suggested Facebook will be the most appropriate and impactful social media channel to use. This page will be updated at key project milestones to inform stakeholders

	<p>of the projects progress and point them towards the project website and primary communications channels.</p> <p>Feedback will not be formally counted as a consultation response but will be monitored. We will make it clear via the page how the account will be managed.</p> <p>Whilst we may not look to join closed local groups, we would engage with key residents group accounts to ensure they have information.</p>
Advertising	<p>We do not think paid advertising for the non-statutory consultation is necessary, but we will monitor the impact of communications channels through the consultation.</p> <p>For statutory consultation we will undertake as per the requirements of the Planning Act, including advertising locally.</p>

5.2 Engaging with Seldom Heard Groups

As outlined in section 5.4 we are committed to ensuring our consultation is accessible and inclusive to all stakeholders and properly includes all groups and individuals that may find it harder to get involved in the consultation and/or need additional support to access materials.

Seldom Heard Groups	Consultation Response
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to request and/or access paper copies of any other project documents. A freepost address will be used so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at several locations, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
Disabled people and those with learning disabilities	<p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request).</p>

	<p>Providing the freephone number for stakeholders with questions or those who would like to discuss the proposed development further with the project team.</p> <p>Face-to-face events at six locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities and the layout of the consultation room provide space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
Geographically isolated communities	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to request and/or access paper copies of any other project documents. A freepost address will be used so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Webinars for people to join and find out about the project.</p>
Young People	<p>Online engagement methods to encourage young people to complete feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

5.3 Information Channels

The following communications channels will be available from the start of the informal engagement phase until submission. These channels will be there for stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request printed copies of consultation materials and documents. These channels are set out below:

Method	Contact Details	Hours of operation
Website	www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24/7
Telephone	01482 695 004	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)

Email	info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24 hour (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within 10 working days)
Post	Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM	24 hour (mailbox will be monitored between 9am-5:30pm on weekdays)

5.4 Management of opposition groups

The size of the project and lessons learnt from other solar projects in the area suggests opposition groups may become established early in the project. We would expect these groups to form from local residents and may look to involve local media and politicians. We will always treat these groups with respect and aim to work with them to understand their concerns and explain impacts and mitigations.

Our approach will include:

- Agree to meet any coordinated opposition group every 3-6 months during the DCO application process
- Invite opposition groups to collaborative workshops
- Any key politicians who support opposition groups to be offered project briefings
- Maintain reactive lines to take for media enquiries

We would conduct a risk assessment for the consultation events and may consider security. We would never look to block access to consultation events to opposition groups but may require security to help manage such attendance, ensuring staff and the public remain safe at all times.

6. Development of the SoCC

We want to build a good relationship with the host and neighbouring local authorities from the start of the project. We would look to share a condensed version of our communications and engagement strategy with East Riding of Yorkshire Council ahead of the non-statutory consultation and seek their feedback.

We would then seek to undertake a session with them after the non-statutory consultation to identify their thoughts, any feedback from members or suggestions ahead of the formal SoCC development and consultation.

As well as East Riding of Yorkshire Council, we would also share the drafted SoCC with neighbouring councils:

Hull City Council
North Yorkshire Council
York Council
North Lincolnshire Council
City of Doncaster Council

We would publicise the SoCC in accordance with the Planning Act requirements and advertise the notice in the Hull Daily Mail and Beverly and Holderness Gazette.

7. Statutory consultation

The planned statutory consultation is planned for 8 April – 22 May 2024. At this current stage we would look to deliver the consultation following the methods and approach of the non-statutory consultation, with additional notice requirements as per the Planning Act.

8. How we will use consultation feedback

When the non-statutory consultation closes, we will consider all feedback and comments received, grouping comments based on common issues to aid reporting. We would look to present the key outputs of the consultation and key issues to stakeholders within two months of the consultation closing.

Once we have reviewed all feedback, we will produce a feedback summary report which will summarise the methods we have used to consult the community and stakeholders. It will also list the key themes and topics that came up in our non-statutory consultation and how we have responded to them. Included in the report will be some headline statistics about the level of response to the consultation and overall support for the scheme.

The feedback summary report will be published on the project website, so it is available for people to view easily.

When the statutory consultation closes, we will consider all feedback and comments received, grouping per issue and stakeholder category and we will use this feedback to finalise our proposals before the submission of our DCO application in 2024.

As part of the DCO process we will write and publish a consultation report, that details our consultation process, details how we have worked with local planning authorities to adhere to the requirements of the SoCC. The consultation report will also detail the feedback and responses to the consultation we received throughout both phases of consultation. We will also detail how we have listened to stakeholder and community feedback and how it has influenced our proposals.

If the DCO application is accepted, the consultation report will be made public on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

Any personal data received as part of the consultations will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Key stakeholders and those who have registered to be kept informed will receive updates via email at key milestones as the project progresses. The project website will also provide up to date information about the progress of the project.

Appendix C-2 Early draft of SoCC shared with local authorities

Appendix C-2.1 Email sharing early draft SoCC with East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Peartree Hill - draft SoCC for review

Laura Tinker <[REDACTED]>

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Peartree Hill Solar Farm SoCC DRAFT V3.docx; Peartree Hill Solar Farm Draft SoCC.pdf;

Good morning James,

Please find attached the draft SoCC for review (pdf and word versions). I am sending this through to you ahead of formal submission for consultation, expected mid-February. We would appreciate any initial comments on this version before 5th February so that these could be incorporated into the document before the formal consultation. Please note that there is some red text in the attached, this shows where items are still being confirmed. In particular the masterplan which we would include in the appendix, this is still being refined as part of the ongoing design process.

We would be keen to have a meeting to discuss the approach taken in the attached and to also talk through any comments you might have, if you could send through availability. It would also be great to use this time to talk through any comments you have on the PPA so we can get this signed and finalised.

Kind regards,

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Appendix C-2.2 Email sharing early draft SoCC with Hull City Council

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[Peartree Hill Solar Farm Draft SoCC.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Simon,

Thank you for your response to the Peartree Hill Solar Farm non-statutory consultation last year. We are now working towards the statutory consultation, which we are planning in Spring this year.

Whilst the proposals are no longer looking to come into Hull City Council's area, the [non-statutory plan](#) did and you are also a neighbouring authority. We therefore thought it was good practice to send you the draft Statement of Community Consultation for review (pdf and word versions). I am sending this through to you ahead of formal submission for consultation, expected mid-February. We would appreciate any initial comments on this version before 5th February so that these could be incorporated into the document before the formal consultation. Please note that there is some red text in the attached, this shows where items are still being confirmed. In particular the masterplan which we would include in the appendix, this is still being refined as part of the ongoing design process.

If you would prefer we would be happy to have a meeting to discuss the project and the approach taken to consultation in the attached. Please send over some dates if this would be of interest.

Kind regards,

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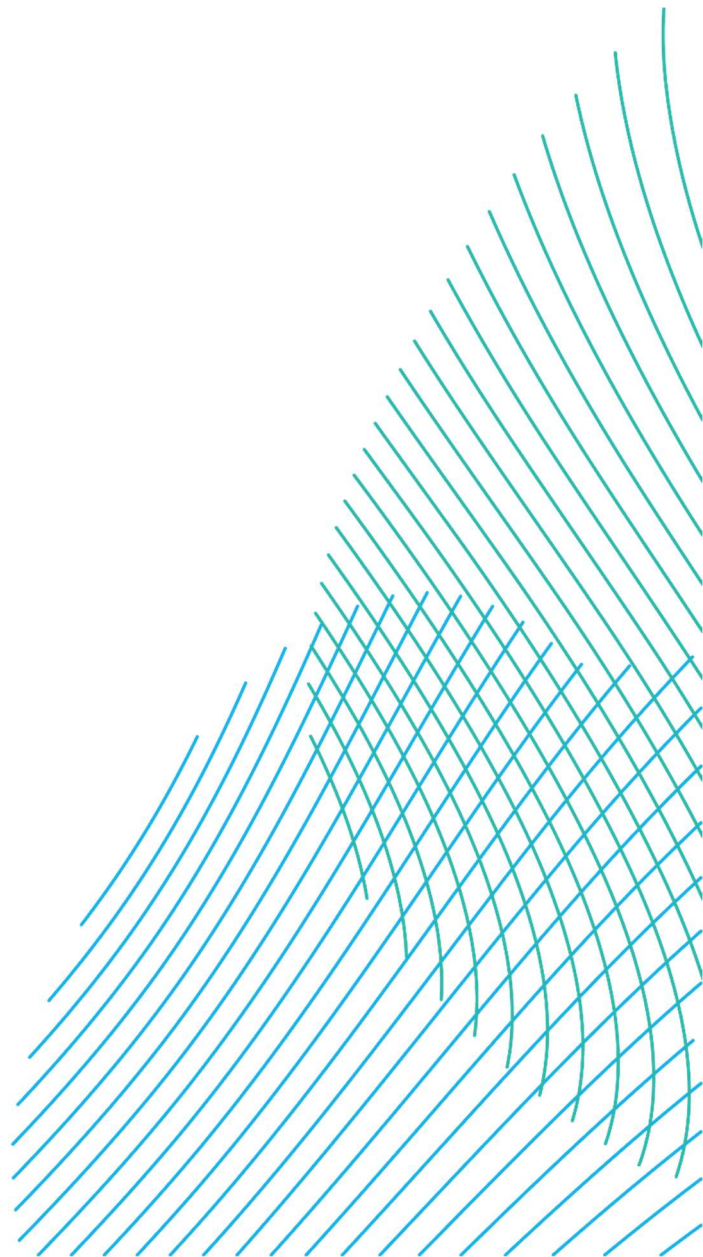
Peartree Hill Solar Farm , Communications Team

Appendix C-2.3 Draft SoCC



Peartree Hill Solar Farm Statement of Community Consultation (draft)

January 2024



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1 RWE (“we” or “the Applicant”) is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in connection with its proposals for a new solar energy and storage scheme known as Pear Tree Hill Solar Farm (“The Project”).
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of The Project about the proposals.
- 1.1.3 Understanding the views of the local community, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information and the feedback received will help shape The Project.
- 1.1.4 This SoCC explains the consultation being undertaken before submission for our application for development consent. It includes:
- A description of the consenting process we must follow
 - What we will be consulting on
 - Who we will consult
 - How we will consult
 - How people can respond to the consultation
 - How we will use the consultation feedback responses
- 1.1.5 Anticipated to generate up to 320MW of energy, The Project is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”), as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”).
- 1.1.6 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the Act, which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out preapplication consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.1.7 As the Project is an ‘EIA Development’ (meaning that it is subject to an environmental impact assessment or “EIA”), this SoCC also sets out how RWE intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)

- 1.1.8 In addition to our obligations under section 47, section 42 of the 2008 Act clearly sets out how to consult with prescribed consultees, local authorities and persons with an interest in land. None of the section 42 consultees are excluded from any of the community consultation activities set out in this document.

2. Peartree Hill Solar Farm

2.1 The Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Project is located to the east of Beverley within the administrative boundaries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council. The Project will connect into the National Grid Creyke Beck substation located in Cottingham via an underground cable.
- 2.1.2 The Project comprises an area of approximately 2,000 acres and is made up of six land areas where solar panels and battery storage energy systems are proposed. These land areas will also include associated infrastructure, areas for ecological mitigation and enhancement, and new community assets. The land areas are:
- Area A: Land South of High and Low Baswick
 - Area B: Land North West of Long Riston
 - Area C: Land West of Arnold
 - Area D: Land South of the A1035
 - Area E: Land East of Weel
 - Area F: Land North of Wawne
- 2.1.3 The Project would make a meaningful contribution to the local, and national climate commitments generating up to 320MW of renewable energy, enough to power approximately 136,000 homes.¹
- 2.1.4 The renewable energy produced by The Project would be equivalent to displacing over 11,200,000 tonnes of CO₂ from equivalent fossil fuel energy, which equates to taking 166,000 cars off the road for a year.
- 2.1.5 Maps of the land areas that form The Project can be found in **Appendix 2**.

[please note: As this is an early draft of the SoCC, these are the land parcels presented at non-statutory consultation. We are in the process of reviewing these following feedback from the non-statutory consultation, environmental assessment work and ongoing surveys]

2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.2.1 The Project constitutes an 'environmental impact assessment ('EIA') development' as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 2.2.2 An Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') is therefore being prepared to ensure the likely significant effects of The Project are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation measures should be put in place to control or reduce environmental effects. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the findings of the EIA.
- 2.2.3 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 20 December 2023. Together with the Applicant's Scoping Report, this identifies the environmental issues relevant to The Project and suggests any potential mitigation measures. The Scoping Opinion is available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website at:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010157/EN010157-000009-PHSF%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 2.2.4 In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out initial information on the potential environmental effects of The Project and any proposed mitigation, will be prepared and will help consultees to take an informed view on these matters.
- 2.2.5 The Applicant will invite feedback on the information presented in the PEIR as part of the statutory consultation. Feedback received will be considered before the DCO application and EIA are finalised for submission.

¹ Based on the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2022, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

3. The Consenting process

- 3.1.1 As the Project will have a generating capacity of more than 50MW, Peartree Hill Solar Farm will be classified as an NSIP and under the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to submit an application for a DCO.
- 3.1.2 If the application for the DCO is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an examining authority to scrutinise our application and who would make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State makes the final decision on a DCO application.
- 3.1.3 Before submitting an application, the Act requires us to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land and prescribed stakeholders.
- 3.1.4 Pre-application consultation is a key requirement for applications for Development Consent Orders for major infrastructure projects under the 2008 Act. The 2008 Act requires us to consult with persons with an interest in the proposed land and certain bodies as prescribed under section 42 of the 2008 Act; the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act (the subject of this SoCC); and to publicise the proposals locally and nationally under section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations”). It also provides a fixed role as consultees for those local authorities which host The Project.
- 3.1.5 The obligations under section 42 and section 48 of the 2008 Act are not included in this SoCC.
- 3.1.6 Further information on the DCO application process can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate which has published a range of advice notes which intend to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of matters in relation to the Planning Act 2008 process. This includes advice note eight, which provides more detail on the NSIP planning process. All advice notes can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.
- 3.1.7 In line with the requirements of the 2008 Act, we provided East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority for the Project with an opportunity to comment on a draft version of this SoCC. Regard has been had to their responses in producing this final version.
- 3.1.8 An overview of the DCO process is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: The DCO Process



4. About RWE

4.1 The Applicant RWE Generation

- 4.1.1 RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.
- 4.1.2 In the UK, we currently operate:
- 10 offshore wind farms
 - 33 onshore wind farms
 - 21 hydro plants
 - 1 biomass plant
- 4.1.3 RWE has recently acquired JBM Solar, established in 2012 JBM Solar has a proven track record of securing consent for over 1GW of clean, green solar energy schemes in the UK and Ireland.
- 4.1.4 The Applicant is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources such as wind, water, the sun and biomass.
- 4.1.5 The Applicant has a decade-long history of working closely with landowners, communities, and stakeholders such as local authorities and community groups to help deliver projects that deliver renewable energy, while working with both the community and local wildlife.

5. Engagement to date

5.1.1 The Applicant undertook non-statutory consultation on the Project between Monday 9 October and Monday 6 November 2023.

5.1.2 The non-statutory consultation had the following aims:

- to introduce The Project to the public, providing an overview of the project and the national need for solar
- present the early plans, including the land parcels and cable route options
- to give stakeholders and the community the opportunity to provide feedback on our early-stage proposals
- to outline the next steps for the Proposed Development

5.1.3 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the project team held three face-to-face public exhibitions and two webinars. The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings newspaper and social media adverts and posters sent to local parishes. Dedicated project information channels were established for those who had questions about the Project or needed to get in contact with the project team. This engagement is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of engagement activities to date

Activity	Total
Community Newsletters issued	11,516
In-person exhibitions	3
Stakeholder Briefings	8
Webinars	2
Website Visitors	400

5.1.4 There were a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to provide feedback. These included:

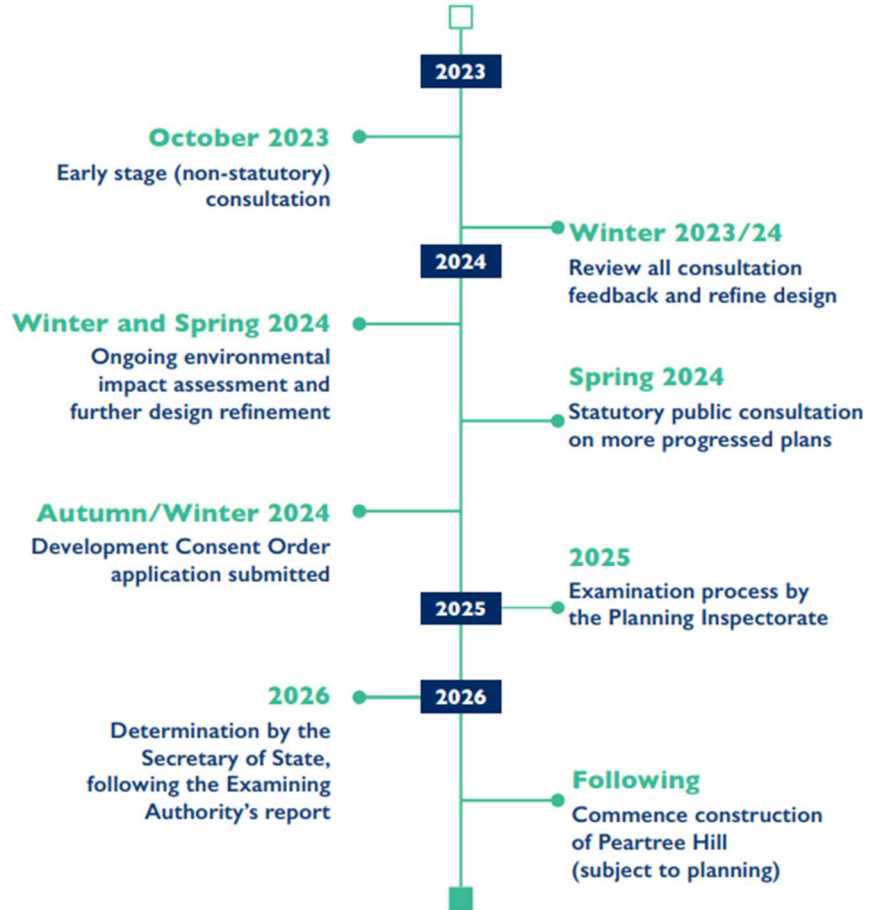
- Completing an online feedback form on the project website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
- Completing a paper feedback form or sending written comments by post (FREEPOST Peartree Hill Solar Farm)
- Emailing feedback to the project email address (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk)

- Calling the project information line (01482 695004)
- 5.1.5 In total, throughout the four-week non-statutory consultation period, 102 responses were received.
- 5.1.6 In addition to the non-statutory consultation period, the Project has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Natural England, the Environment Agency, and Historic England.
- 5.1.7 More information about the non-statutory consultation can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report **[will be added to website]** which is part of the documents that are currently available on the project website. Archive documents from the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the Project's website. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in paragraph 6.4.3.

5.2 Timeline for Proposed Development

- 5.2.1 Figure 2 sets out an indicative timeline for each stage of The Project from consultation through to the Secretary of State decision.

Figure 2 indicative project timeline



6. Statutory Consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act

6.1 How we will consult on the proposed application

- 6.1.1 We will undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 for six weeks starting on Monday 29 April 2024. The deadline for accepting consultation responses is 11.59pm on Monday 10 June 2024. All responses to the consultation must be received by the closing date.
- 6.1.2 This consultation will provide an opportunity for people in the local community and interested parties to have their say about our proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.
- 6.1.3 As well as the community consultation in accordance with Section 47, this consultation will also include:
- Consultation with prescribed bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with host and neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (under Section 43 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by The Project (under Section 44 of the 2008 Act); and general public consultation on the Project (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act)

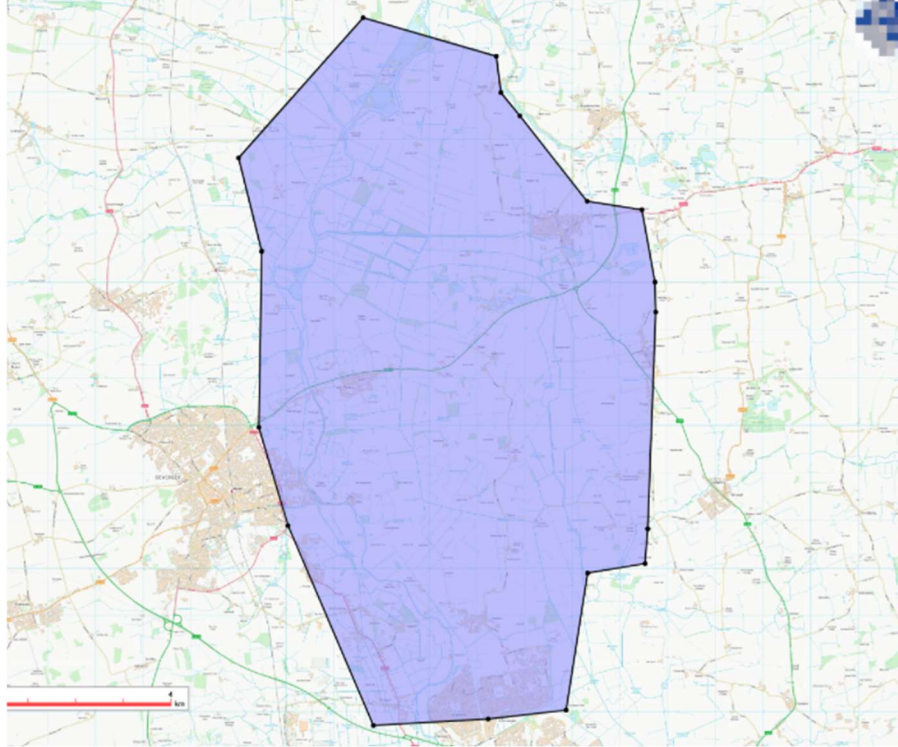
6.2 Who are we consulting?

- 6.2.1 We will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC. Our consultation process is open to anyone with an interest in our proposals for Peartree Hill.

- 6.2.2 We have identified a primary consultation zone (PCZ) (shown in Figure 3) for the purpose of communicating with the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act. The PCZ has been identified by extending a minimum distance of approximately two kilometres from the proposed Site Boundary (Appendix 1) – within which the solar PV panels, energy storage system and on-site substation and supporting infrastructure would be located. The PCZ also extends one kilometre from the cable route corridor connecting to Creyke Beck substation.
- 6.2.3 The PCZ has been amended beyond these criteria, in certain areas, to consider:
- Existing physical features, such as main roads
 - Capturing entire communities rather than excluding small numbers of properties
 - Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications
- 6.2.4 Within the PCZ, we will be consulting any person or group likely to be directly impacted by The Project by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site.
- 6.2.5 This will include:
- parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ, Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within and bordering the PCZ
 - elected representatives in local authorities within the PCZ and
 - relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups
- 6.2.6 We are also committed to making sure that individuals and organisations outside of the PCZ are given the opportunity to participate in the statutory consultation.

[please note the PCZ will be amended in the submitted SoCC for formal consultation. We are in the process of making a decision on the cable route which will slightly reduce the PCZ]

Figure 3: Primary Consultation Zone for Peartree Hill Solar Farm



6.3 Approach to community consultation

- 6.3.1 During the statutory consultation, we will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. We will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.
- 6.3.2 Table 2 below sets out the approaches that will be used to publicise the consultation on the proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 2: Statutory consultation methods for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Consultation Methods	
Method	Detail
Inside the primary consultation zone	<p>All homes and businesses within the PCZ will receive a 4-page consultation newsletter with high-level details about the project and consultation programme, as well as project's contact details.</p> <p>Consultation events will be held at locations within the PCZ.</p> <p>Where possible, relevant groups and organisations such as parish councils and local interest groups, will be notified of consultation opportunities.</p> <p>We have also identified a list of local community spaces within the PCZ that will be directly mailed a poster to put up, advertising how people can get involved in the consultation.</p>
Outside of the primary consultation zone	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation using a number of methods, including via local news media, social media advertising, and direct communication with organisations such as regional environmental, religious or health organisations located outside of the PCZ.</p>
Consultation Events	<p>We will be holding three in-person events at locations spread across the PCZ. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, the consultation brochure, on social media, on posters, in local news media and in a public notice.</p> <p>These events will run for periods of five hours between 10 am and 7pm on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability.</p> <p>Details of the events is available in table 5.</p>
Webinars	<p>Two webinars will be held for any member of the public to join. One webinar will be held at the start of the consultation and one towards the end of the consultation to provide an alternative option for those who may not be able to attend the in-person events. These will be held in the evening.</p> <p>Individuals can register for these events via the website. The webinars will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 8 May 2024 • Tuesday 4 June 2024 <p>A recording of the webinar will be made available online for those unavailable to attend.</p>

Project information line and email	<p>Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the project information line (01482 695 004), email (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk) or write in (Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM).</p> <p>The project team will aim to respond to all enquiries within five working days.</p>
Deposit and information points	<p>Hard copies of the consultation materials including: this SoCC and the consultation brochure, PEIR will be available to view at the following deposit locations and times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirlaugh East Riding of Yorkshire Office • Leven Library • Tickton Village Hall <p>[location to be confirmed]</p> <p>We will check on a weekly basis that consultation documentation remains at the information points throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>The consultation brochure and feedback form will be available to collect from the deposit locations above. Where possible the consultation brochure and feedback form will also be left at the event venues within the PCZ, so community groups using these spaces will be able to take hard copies away.</p>
Project website	<p>A dedicated project website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk) will be live for people to find out more information about the proposals and to provide feedback.</p> <p>All consultation documents will be presented on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the deposit locations and consultation events.</p>

6.4 What are we consulting on?

- 6.4.1 We will present proposals for The Project including how they have been informed by our environmental assessments and consultation to date.
- 6.4.2 We will be seeking feedback on the ongoing evolution of the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. These proposals will be explained in the following materials:
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – the PEIR sets out the preliminary findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It also includes photomontages of The Project from various locations around the site.

- Consultation Brochure – this brochure will provide an overview of the proposals including a summary of each land area and the cable route.
- Maps – The maps will set out the site areas

6.4.3 All of the statutory consultation documents will be available on the project website. Additionally, as part of our statutory notices, we will publicise information on how to request hard copies of the PEIR. Hard copies of the consultation brochure will be available at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR can be requested for a charge £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs. Requests for hardcopies can be made by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or calling 01482 695004.

Table 3: Statutory consultation materials for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Consultation Materials	
Material	Detail
Consultation newsletter	<p>A 4-page newsletter publicising the consultation and outlining a high-level overview of The Project details of the consultation programme, including the location, dates and times of the public consultation events and signposting to the project website.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be issued to wider consultees via emailed to local interest groups and sent to statutory parties in the post.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be available to view and download on the project website.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>A consultation brochure will be published at the start of consultation, providing a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, an outline of the environmental assessment work, details of how people can take part, and how feedback will be used to influence and shape the proposals.</p> <p>Printed copies of this brochure will be available to take away at all consultation events, at deposit locations, and on request by contacting the communications team.</p> <p>The brochure will also be available for download from the project website</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A feedback form will be prepared to gather feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The feedback form will be available for completion online via the project website and will be accessible throughout the 6-week consultation period.</p> <p>Printed feedback forms will also be available (free of charge) on request by contacting the communications team, in hard copy at consultation events, and at the deposit points, along with freepost envelopes.</p> <p>The feedback form will also be available to download from the website, complete in pen and return to Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM.</p>
Exhibition Banners	<p>Pull up banners will be created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The banners will be designed to assist the understanding of The Project at the public exhibitions and will allow for further discussions with members of the project team during public information events and other meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public will also be available to view the banners on the project website.</p>

Preliminary Environmental Informational Report (PEIR)	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, based on the initial information available at that time.</p> <p>It will also set out how we propose to mitigate the impacts of and maximise the benefits of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The PEIR can be downloaded free of charge from the project website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation events. A hard copy can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs.</p>
Technical maps and plans of the project	<p>Additional technical maps and plans for the Project will also be available on the project website and at the consultation events and deposit locations (tbc).</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £350 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient).</p>
Project Website	A dedicated consultation website (see Table 4 for detail).
Publication of the consultation	We will publish a public notice with details of the consultation within both a local newspaper and a national newspaper, pursuant to Section 48 of the Act.
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation website, available at consultation events, at deposit points and in hard copy on request.</p> <p>We will also publish a notice in a local newspaper to explain where this statement can be inspected, pursuant to Section 48 of the Act.</p>
Materials in alternative formats	<p>Upon request, all documents will be available in alternative accessible formats, such as braille, speaking text and alternative languages.</p> <p>All requests should be made to the communications team by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or phone: 01482 695 004.</p>

Table 4: The Project website and features

Function	Rationale
Online downloadable copies of all the statutory consultation material, including: The PEIR, consultation brochure, exhibition banners and feedback form	To ensure the exhibition material is accessible to those who may not be able to get to an in-person event or a deposit location. This will ensure that the consultation is fully accessible to everyone who wants to participate.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions without the need to contact the project team or attend an in-person event.
Online Feedback Form	To enable members of the public, submit their feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the project team for any further questions.

6.5 Consultation Events

- 6.5.1 Three public consultation events will be held for communities to find out information about The Project and speak to members of the project team. The consultation events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ if a suitable location in the PCZ is not available.
- 6.5.2 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available in print format at each consultation event. There will be a series of banners to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, including maps.
- 6.5.3 Those attending will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 6.5.4 Table 5 outlines the dates, times and locations of each of the consultation events.

Table 5: Details of the consultation events

Date	Time	Location
Monday 13 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Wawne Village Hall 36 Main St, Wawne, Hull, HU7 5XH
Saturday 18 May 2024	10am -4pm	Tickton Village Hall Main Street, Tickton, East Yorkshire, HU17 9RZ
Wednesday 22 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Leven Village Hall North St, Leven, Beverely, HU17 5NF

6.6 Promoting the consultation

- 6.6.1 We will use a variety of methods to make people aware of The Project and advertise the statutory consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ ahead of the statutory consultation period. The newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail, and to wider consultees via email, including local interest groups.
Press releases	<p>To raise awareness of The Project and the consultation programme, both within and beyond the PCZ, we will share a press release with local media outlets at the start of consultation.</p> <p>This will be sent to the following local and regional media outlets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverley and Holderness Gazette • Hull Live / Hull Daily Mail • Yorkshire Live • The Yorkshire Post • BBC Look North East
Stakeholder briefings	<p>We will issue communications to key political stakeholders, representing wards, constituencies and parishes within the consultation zone. This will provide information about the proposals and consultation programme and invite them to take part in the consultation via in-person or online meetings.</p> <p>We will consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with other local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Emails and Letters	<p>We will send both emails and letters about the consultation programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs; • elected representatives at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council • host parish councils; • host and neighbouring local authorities; • neighbouring parish councils; and • local interest groups, such as environmental groups. <p>Parish councils will receive hard copies of the consultation brochure as part of the mailing to statutory consultees.</p>

Statutory notices	<p>Statutory notices to publicise the consultation, in accordance with Section 48 of the Act, will be published once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) and the London Gazette and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating papers The Hull Daily Mail and The Beverley and Holderness Gazette.</p> <p>Statutory notices publicising the SoCC, in accordance with Section 47 of the Act, will be published once (for one week) in the Beverley and Holderness Gazette, Hull Daily Mail and The Yorkshire Post.</p>
Information Posters	<p>Posters including details of the consultation, how to access information about The Project and how to get involved, will be displayed at well-used public locations within and outside of the PCZ, including libraries, shops and civic buildings. These will be hosted in agreement with relevant organisations and venues.</p> <p>Information posters will be sent to all host and neighbouring parish councils, to be used on local noticeboards, and to help raise awareness of the consultation.</p>
Social Media Advertising	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation via the project Facebook page. The page is used to provide updates about the proposals and consultation programme.</p> <p>Paid for social media advertising will be used to publicise the consultation programme and proposals, helping to engage younger people and those outside of the PCZ.</p>

- 6.6.2 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Any activity changes will also be published on the project website.

6.7 Wider Engagement

- 6.7.1 Ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation, including local authorities, MPs, and statutory parties such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England and with local interest groups, residents and landowners who get in touch.
- 6.7.2 All relevant parish councillors, elected members for councils and MPs will be contacted and will be kept informed about the Proposed Development. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituency/local community.

6.8 Engagement with Seldom Heard groups

- 6.8.1 We are committed to ensuring that our consultation is accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including ‘under-represented’ or ‘seldom heard’ groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.
- 6.8.2 These groups and individuals that may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials, include:
- Geographically isolated communities
 - Young People
 - Old People
 - Disabled people and those with learning disabilities
 - People who do not have English as a first language

Table 7: Consultation with seldom heard groups for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Seldom Heard Groups	Consultation Approach
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and offering alternative formats such as dementia friendly, braille and large print (upon request).</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via a freepost address so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
Disabled people and those with learning disabilities	<p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as braille and large print (upon request).</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>Two online webinars, so anyone who may not be able to attend an in-person event can have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provide space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
Geographically isolated communities	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via an online form and via the freepost address so feedback can be easily provided from all locations.</p> <p>Webinars for people to join and find out about the project.</p> <p>Advertising the availability of the project phoneline for stakeholders with further questions to speak with the project team, regardless of location.</p>
Young People	<p>Online engagement methods, including social media advertising, to encourage young people to complete online feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

6.9 Information Channels

6.9.1 The following channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request copies of the consultation materials and documents. These channels are provided in Table 8 below.

Table 8: Information channels for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Contact Details	Hours of operation
Website	www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24/7
Telephone	01482 695 004	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)
Email	info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24 hour (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within 10 working days)
Post	Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM	24 hour (mailbox will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm on weekdays)

6.9.2 Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required. This will include materials such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation.

7. Responding to the consultation

7.1 How to respond to the consultation

- 7.1.1 Feedback to the consultation must be submitted by 11:59pm on 10 June 2024. Responses received after this date may not be considered.
- 7.1.2 Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:
- Completing the feedback form online which can be accessed via the project website from Monday 29 April: (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or taken away and sent to us via a freepost (using Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM). Feedback forms can also be collected from our community deposit locations or requested from the community relations team as detailed in table 8.
 - Emailing into info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Writing to us at Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp is required)

8. How we will use consultation feedback

- 8.1.1 When our statutory consultation closes, we will have regard to all comments received. All feedback, including ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, is important to us and will help to influence our design for the Proposed Development.
- 8.1.2 Once we have reviewed and finalised our Application, we will produce a Consultation Report, which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.
- 8.1.3 The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero as part of the DCO application.

- 8.1.4 Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the project website is available at: www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk.

9. Further consultation

- 9.1.1 If, following the statutory consultation we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

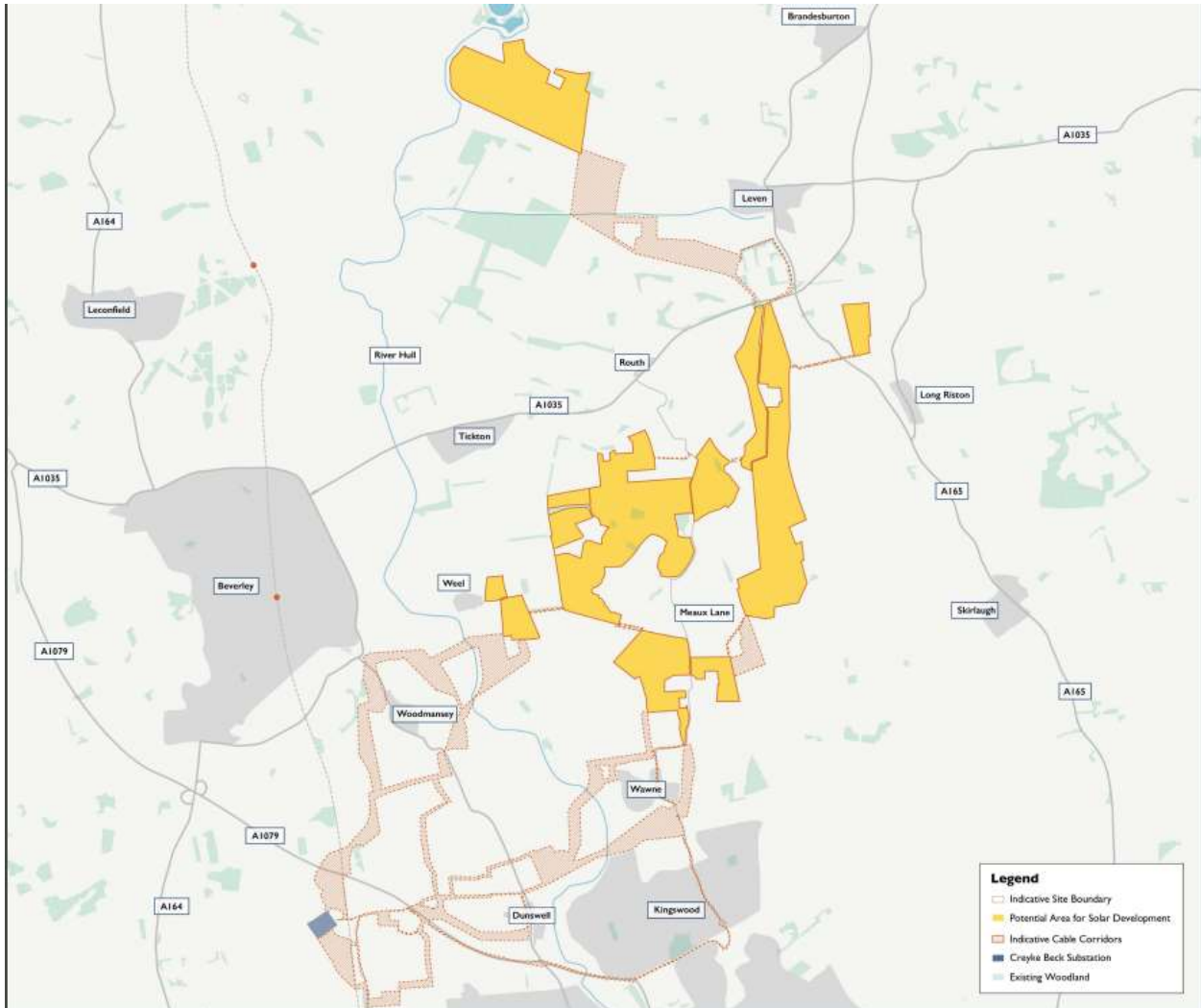
10. Contact details

- 10.1.1 Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more information about Peartree Hill Solar Farm and our consultation programme. You can get in touch with members of our communications team using any of the communications lines listed below.
- 10.1.2 Should you require any documents in large print, audio or braille then please contact us using the details provided. Every effort has been made to ensure that information is accurate at the time of going to print.
- 10.1.3 Our communications channels are:
- Email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Call: 01482 695004
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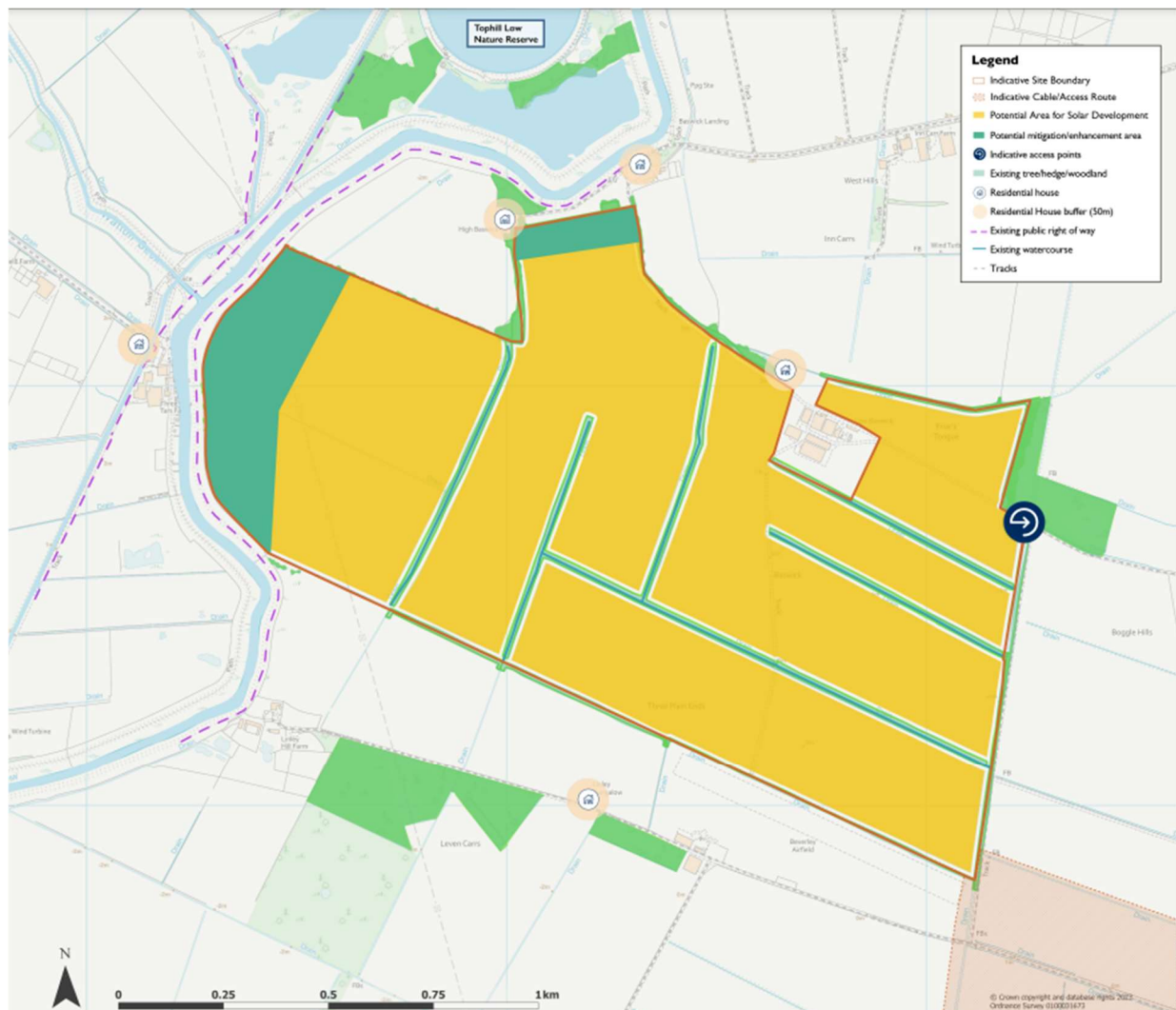
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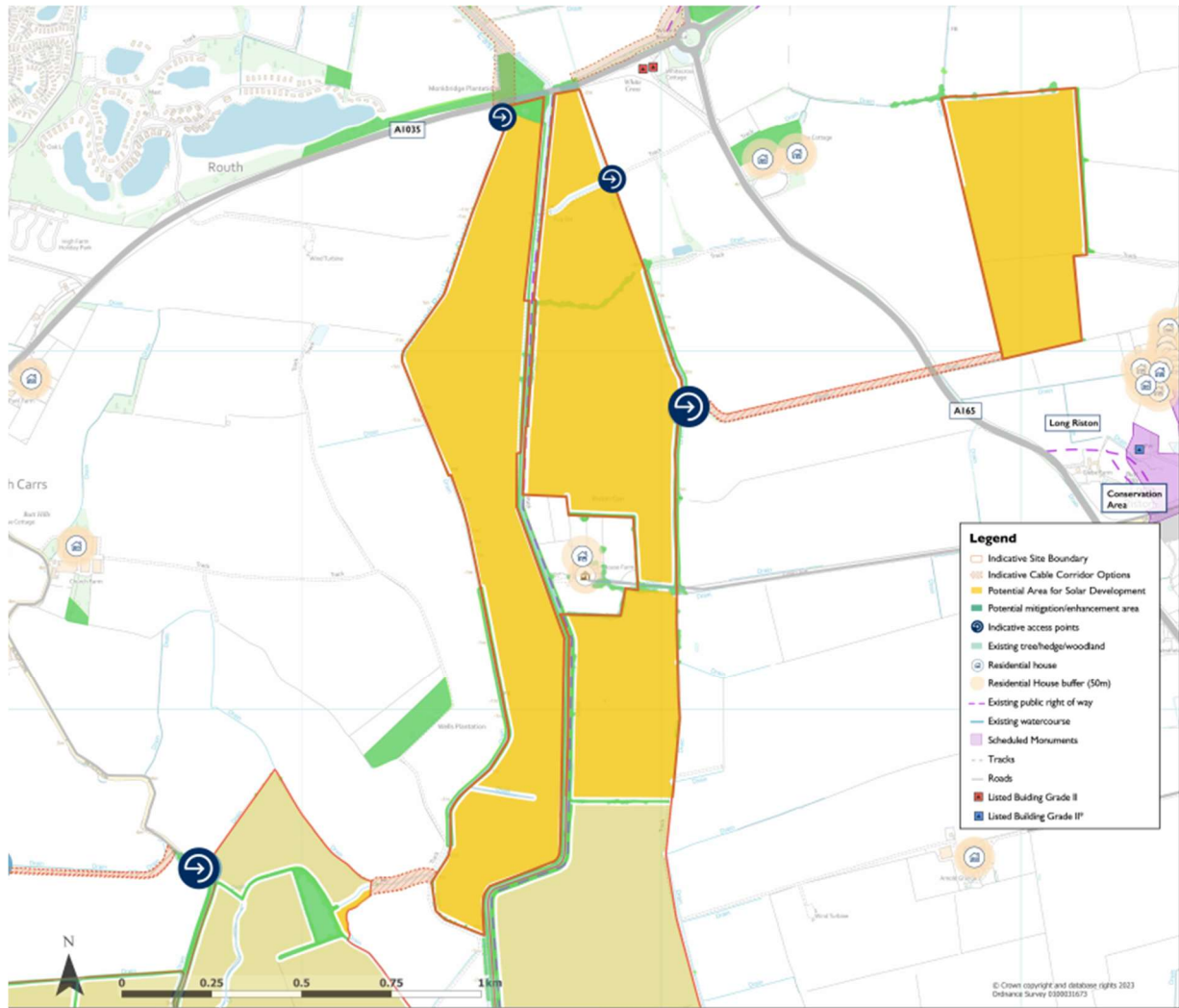


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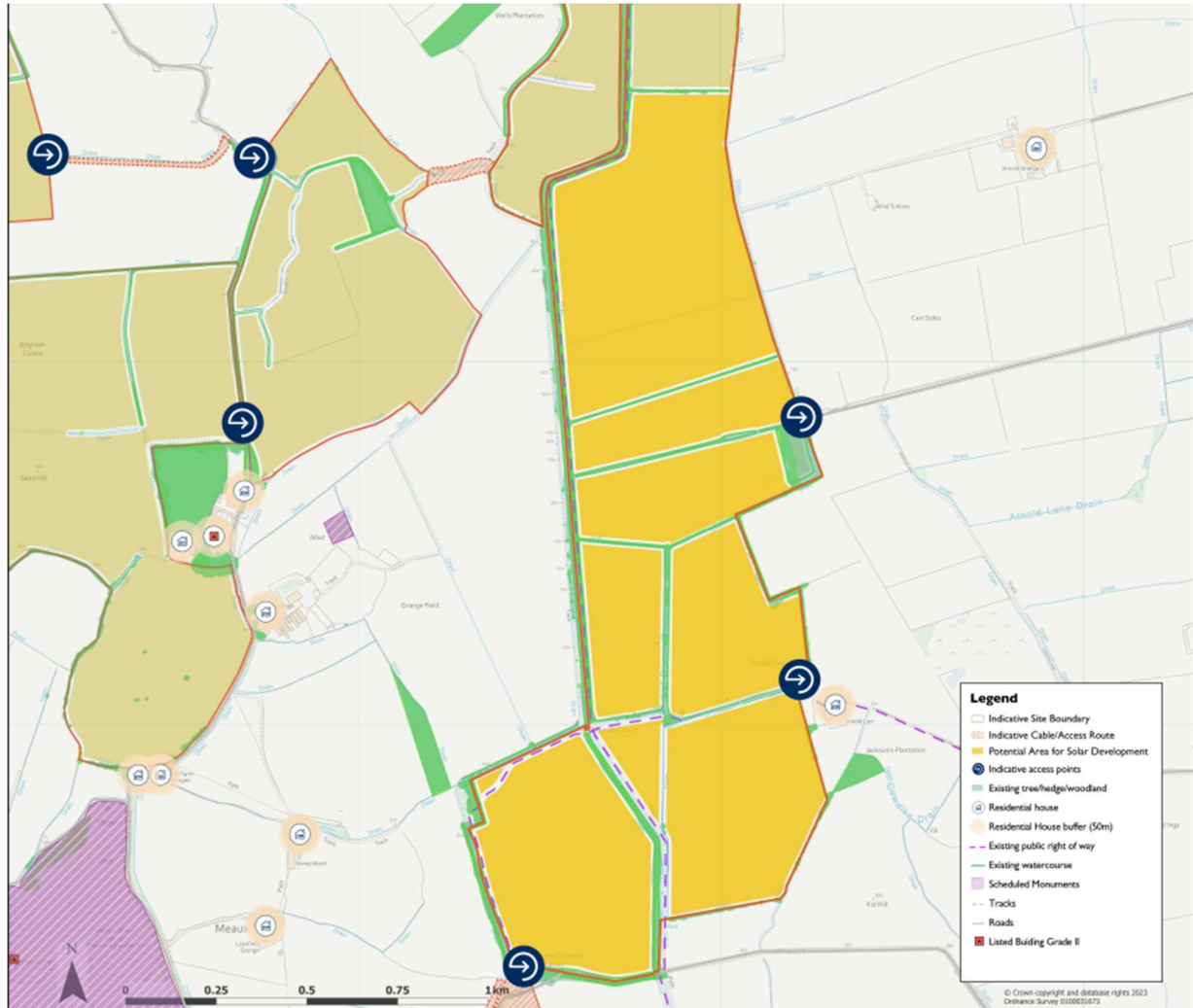
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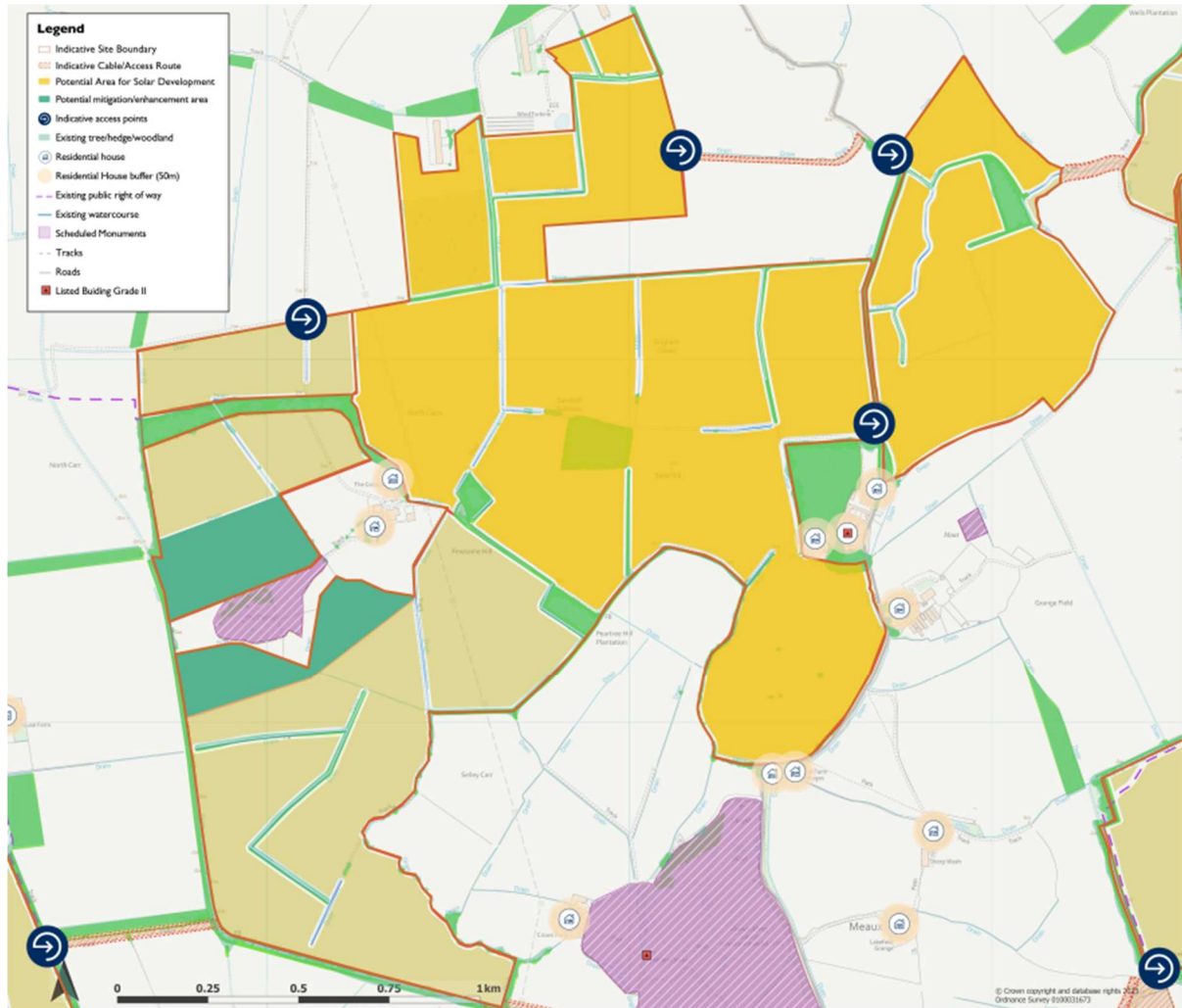
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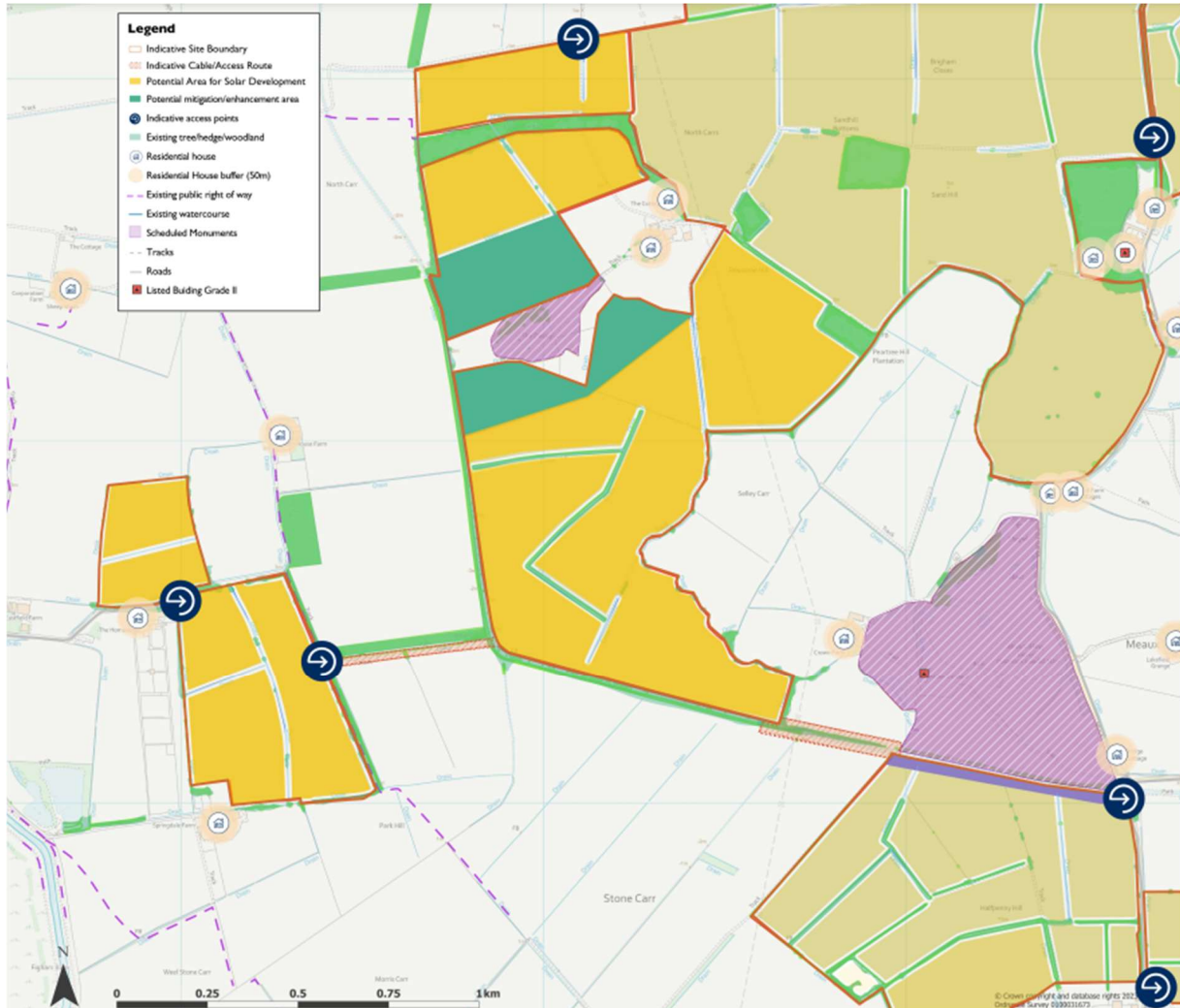
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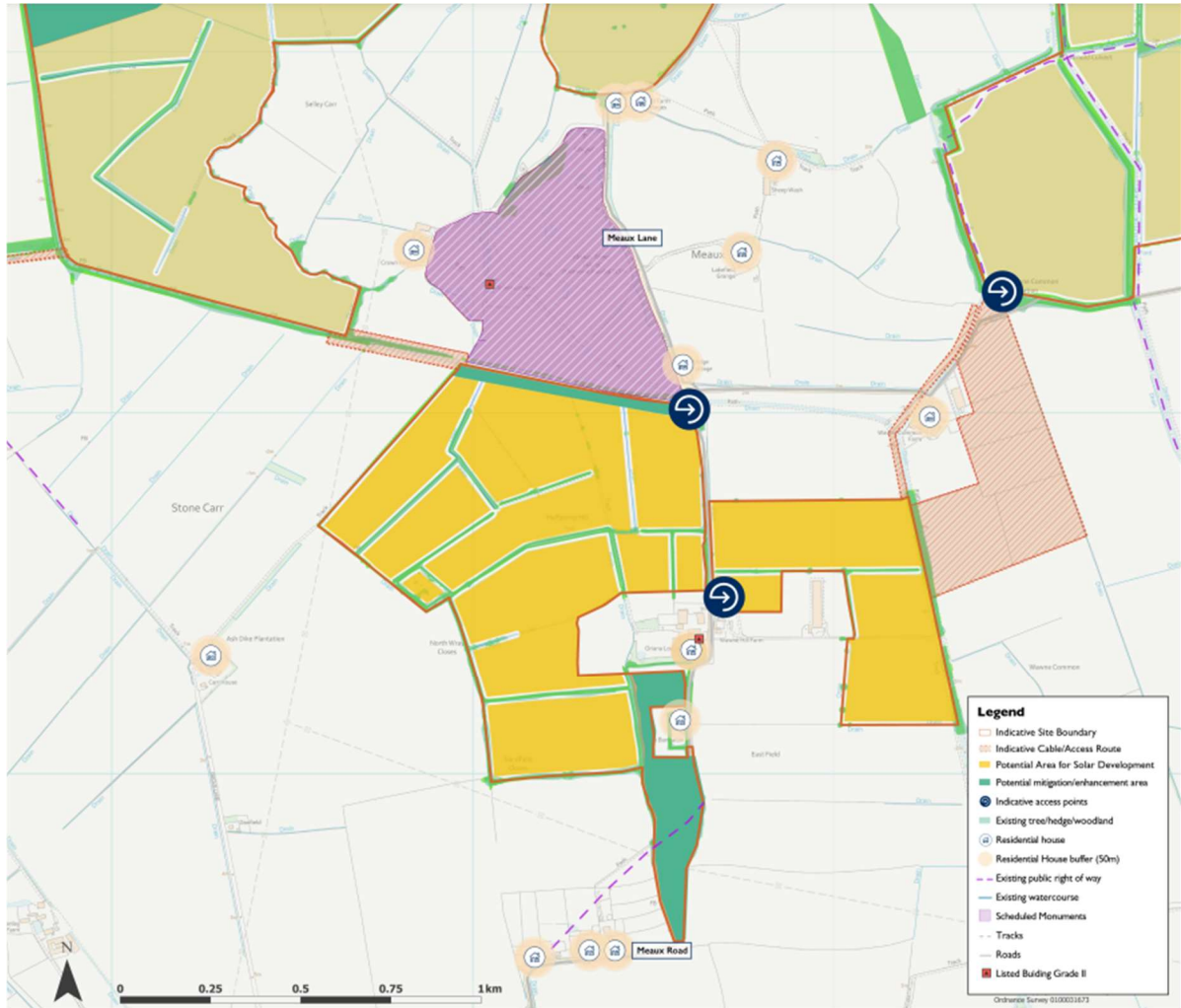
Land Area D: Land South of the A1035



Land Area E: Land East of Weel



Land Area F: Land North of Wawne



Appendix C-3 SoCC consultation

Appendix C-3.1 Email sharing SoCC for consultation with East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Request for comments on Statement of Community Consultation

Laura Tinker [REDACTED]

Thu 2024-02-29 17:56

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Dear James / Anna,

RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR & STORAGE LIMITED

PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM

SECTION 47 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008: DUTY TO CONSULT LOCAL COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

I am writing to you regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm, a solar and battery storage project that would provide 320MW of clean energy, in East Riding of Yorkshire.

The proposed scheme is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) and therefore we are required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration, before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Before submitting a DCO application we must also undertake a 'statutory' consultation on the proposals. We intend to hold this consultation in Spring 2024.

Prior to undertaking a statutory consultation, the Planning Act 2008 (Part 2, Section 47) requires RWE: *"Prepares a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement."*

As a representative of a local authority identified within section 43 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, we are inviting you to participate in formal consultation on our draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which is attached.

Please treat this email as notice of a request for comments on the contents of our SoCC from East Riding of Yorkshire Council in accordance with Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our SoCC. We will record how we have considered your views by responding to you directly in writing, and in our Consultation Report which forms part of our application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

To aid the process of providing your comments, please find attached our SoCC (provided as Word and a Pdf file) for you to review. Please provide any comments and suggested amendments in track changes as doing this will assist us in ensuring these are recorded and considered. Please confirm receipt of this email and the accompanying SoCC. If you wish to discuss the content of this email, please do not hesitate in contacting us info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or call 01482 695 004.

Please submit your comments on the draft SoCC via email to info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk. The deadline for providing comments is by **11.59pm on Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Laura Tinker

BA, MPlan, MRTPI

Associate



Appendix C-3.2 Email sharing SoCC for consultation with Hull City Council

Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Request for comments on Statement of Community Consultation

<info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk>

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Before submitting a DCO application we must also undertake a 'statutory' consultation on the proposals. We intend to hold this consultation in Spring 2024.

Prior to undertaking a statutory consultation, the Planning Act 2008 (Part 2, Section 47) requires RWE: *"Prepares a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement."*

Whilst not a host authority identified within section 43 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, we are inviting Hull City Council as a neighbouring authority to participate in formal consultation on our draft SoCC, which is attached.

Please treat this email as notice of a request for comments on the contents of our SoCC from Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our SoCC. We will record how we have considered your views by responding to you directly in writing, and in our Consultation Report which forms part of our application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

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Please submit your comments on the draft SoCC via email to info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk. The deadline for providing comments by **11.59pm on Tuesday 2 April 2024**.

I look forward to

hearing from you.

Many thanks

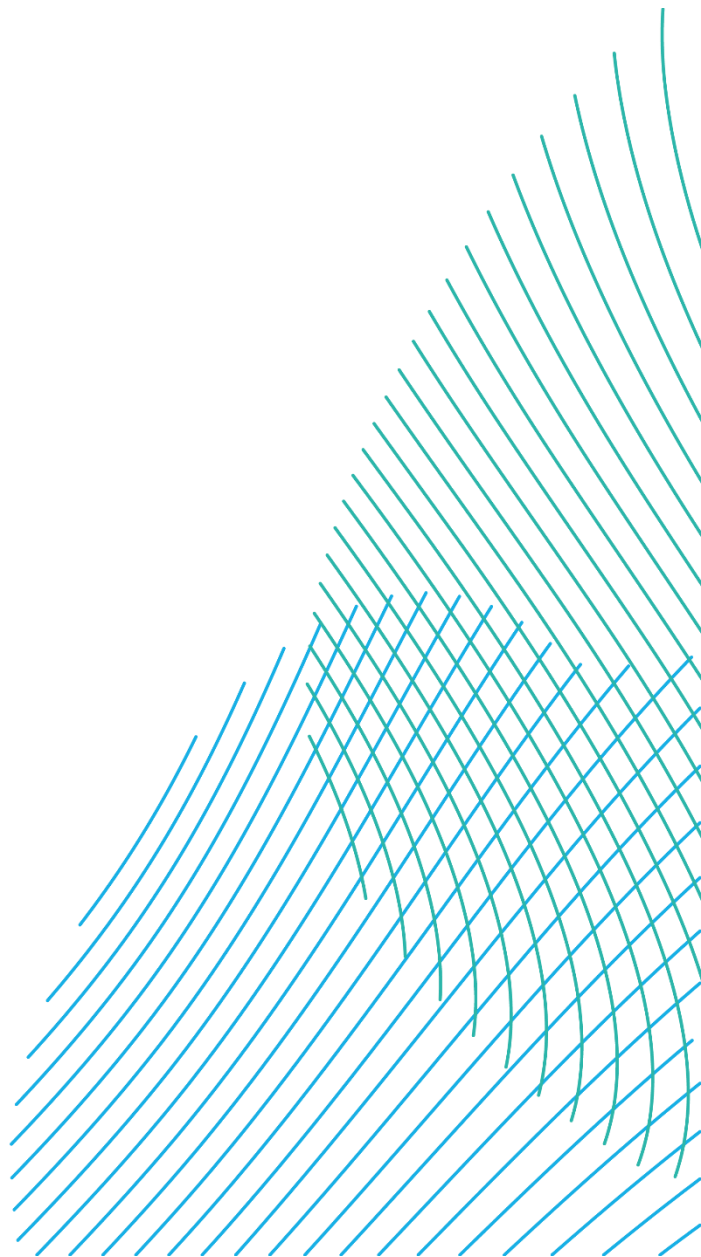
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Appendix C-3.3 Copy of the draft SoCC provided to local authorities for consultation



Pear tree Hill Solar Farm Statement of Community Consultation

April 2024



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1 RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd (“we” or “the Applicant”) is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in connection with its proposals for a new solar energy and storage scheme known as Peartree Hill Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”).
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development about the proposals.
- 1.1.3 Understanding the views of the local community, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information and the feedback received will help shape the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.4 This SoCC explains the consultation being undertaken before submission for our application for development consent. It includes:
- A description of the consenting process we must follow
 - What we will be consulting on
 - Who we will consult
 - How we will consult
 - How people can respond to the consultation
 - How we will use the consultation feedback responses
- 1.1.5 Anticipated to generate up to 320MW of energy, the Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”), as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”).
- 1.1.6 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the Act, which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.1.7 As the Proposed Development is an ‘EIA Development’ (meaning that it is subject to an environmental impact assessment or “EIA”), this SoCC also sets out how we intend to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)

- 1.1.8 In addition to our obligations under section 47, section 42 of the 2008 Act clearly sets out how to consult with prescribed consultees, local authorities and persons with an interest in land. None of the section 42 consultees are excluded from any of the community consultation activities set out in this document.

2. Peartree Hill Solar Farm

2.1 The Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Proposed Development is located to the east of Beverley within the administrative boundaries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Proposed Development will connect into the National Grid Creyke Beck substation located in Cottingham via an underground cable.
- 2.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises an area of approximately 2,000 acres and is made up of six land areas where solar panels and battery storage energy systems are proposed. These land areas will also include associated infrastructure, areas for ecological mitigation and enhancement, and new community assets. The land areas are:
- Area A: Land South of High and Low Baswick
 - Area B: Land North West of Long Riston
 - Area C: Land West of Arnold
 - Area D: Land South of the A1035
 - Area E: Land East of Weel
 - Area F: Land North of Wawne
- 2.1.3 The Proposed Development would make a meaningful contribution to the local, and national climate commitments generating up to 320MW of renewable energy, enough to power approximately 136,000 homes.¹
- 2.1.4 The renewable energy produced by the Proposed Development would be equivalent to displacing over 11,200,000 tonnes of CO₂ from equivalent fossil fuel energy, which equates to taking 166,000 cars off the road for a year.

¹ Based on the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2022, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.2.1 The Proposed Development constitutes an ‘environmental impact assessment (‘EIA’) development’ as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 2.2.2 An Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) is therefore being prepared to ensure the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation measures should be put in place to control or reduce environmental effects. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the findings of the EIA.
- 2.2.3 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 20 December 2023. Together with the Applicant’s Scoping Report, this identifies the environmental issues relevant to the Proposed Development and suggests any potential mitigation measures. The Scoping Opinion is available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website at:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010157/EN010157-000009-PHSF%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 2.2.4 In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out initial information on the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development and any proposed mitigation, will be prepared and will help consultees to take an informed view on these matters.
- 2.2.5 The Applicant will invite feedback on the information presented in the PEIR as part of the statutory consultation. Feedback received will be considered before the DCO application and EIA are finalised for submission.

3. The consenting process

- 3.1.1 As the Proposed Development will have a generating capacity of more than 50MW, Peartree Hill Solar Farm will be classified as an NSIP and under the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to submit an application for a DCO.
- 3.1.2 If the application for the DCO is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an examining authority to scrutinise our application and who would make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State makes the final decision on a DCO application.

- 3.1.3 Before submitting an application, the Act requires us to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land and prescribed stakeholders.
- 3.1.4 Pre-application consultation is a key requirement for applications for Development Consent Orders for major infrastructure projects under the 2008 Act. The 2008 Act requires us to consult with persons with an interest in the proposed land and certain bodies as prescribed under section 42 of the 2008 Act; the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act (the subject of this SoCC); and to publicise the proposals locally and nationally under section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations”). It also provides a fixed role as consultees for those local authorities which host the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.5 The obligations under section 42 and section 48 of the 2008 Act are not included in this SoCC.
- 3.1.6 Further information on the DCO application process can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate which has published a range of advice notes which intend to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of matters in relation to the Planning Act 2008 process. This includes advice note eight, which provides more detail on the NSIP planning process. All advice notes can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.
- 3.1.7 As part of our development of the SoCC, we provided both East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority for the Proposed Development, and Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line, with an early draft of the document. These were sent on Monday 22 January 2024.
- 3.1.8 In line with the requirements of the 2008 Act, we undertook formal consultation on the SoCC with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority and neighbouring authority Hull City Council and took regard of comment received. The SoCC was sent on Thursday 29 February 2024.
- 3.1.9 An overview of the DCO process is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: The DCO Process



4. About RWE

4.1 The Applicant

RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd

- 4.1.1 RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.
- 4.1.2 In the UK, we currently operate:
- 10 offshore wind farms
 - 33 onshore wind farms
 - 21 hydro plants
 - 1 biomass plant
- 4.1.3 RWE has recently acquired JBM Solar. Established in 2012, JBM Solar has a proven track record of securing consent for over 1GW of clean, green solar energy schemes in the UK and Ireland.
- 4.1.4 The Applicant is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources such as wind, water, the sun and biomass.
- 4.1.5 The Applicant has a decade-long history of working closely with landowners, communities, and stakeholders such as local authorities and community groups to help deliver projects that deliver renewable energy, while working with both the community and local wildlife.

5. Engagement to date

- 5.1.1 The Applicant undertook a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Development between Monday 9 October and Monday 6 November 2023.
- 5.1.2 The non-statutory consultation had the following aims:
- to introduce the Proposed Development to the public, providing an overview of the Proposed Development and the national need for solar
 - present the early plans, including the land parcels and cable route options
 - to give stakeholders and the community the opportunity to provide feedback on our early-stage proposals
 - to outline the next steps for the Proposed Development

- 5.1.3 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the project team held three face-to-face public exhibitions and two webinars. The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings newspaper and social media adverts and posters sent to local parishes. Dedicated information channels were established for those who had questions about the Proposed Development or needed to get in contact with the project team. This engagement is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of engagement activities to date

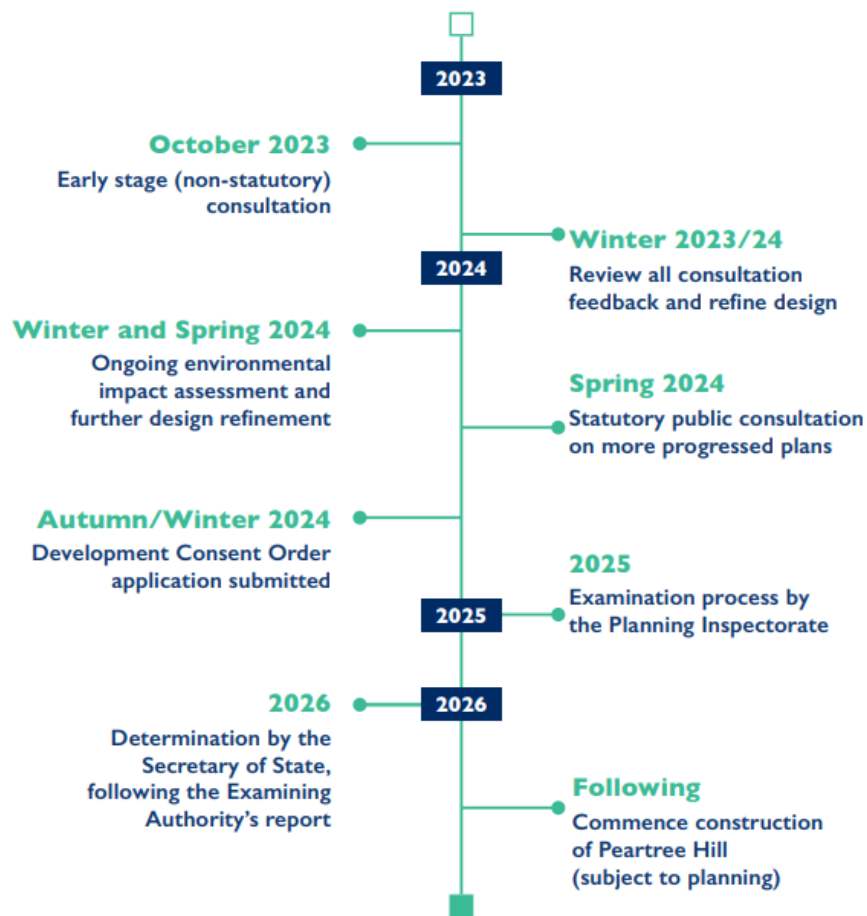
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Community Newsletters issued	11,516
In-person exhibitions	3
Stakeholder Briefings	8
Webinars	2
Website Visitors	400

- 5.1.4 There were a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to provide feedback. These included:
- Completing an online feedback form on the website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Completing a paper feedback form or sending written comments by post (Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM)
 - Emailing feedback to the email address (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Calling the information line (01482 695004)
- 5.1.5 In total, throughout the four-week non-statutory consultation period, 102 responses were received.
- 5.1.6 In addition to the non-statutory consultation period, the Proposed Development has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England.
- 5.1.7 More information about the non-statutory consultation can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report which is part of the documents that are currently available on the website, <https://peartreehillsolar.co.uk/>. Archive documents from the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the project's website. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in paragraph 6.4.3.

5.2 Timeline for Proposed Development

5.2.1 Figure 2 sets out an indicative timeline for each stage of the Proposed Development from consultation through to the Secretary of State decision.

Figure 2 Indicative Proposed Development timeline



6. Statutory Consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act

6.1 How we will consult on the proposed application

- 6.1.1 We will undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 for six weeks starting on Wednesday 15 May 2024. The deadline for accepting consultation responses is 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. All responses to the consultation must be received by the closing date.
- 6.1.2 This consultation will provide an opportunity for people in the local community and interested parties to have their say about our proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.
- 6.1.3 As well as the community consultation in accordance with Section 47, this consultation will also include:
- Consultation with prescribed bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with host and neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (under Section 43 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development (under Section 44 of the 2008 Act); and general public consultation on the Proposed Development (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act)

6.2 Who are we consulting?

- 6.2.1 We will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC. Our consultation process is open to anyone with an interest in our proposals for Peartree Hill.
- 6.2.2 We have identified a primary consultation zone (PCZ) (shown in Figure 3) for the purpose of communicating with the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act. The PCZ has been identified by extending a minimum distance of approximately two kilometres from the proposed Site Boundary (Appendix 1) – within which the solar PV panels, energy storage system and on-site substation and supporting infrastructure would be located. The PCZ also extends one kilometre from the cable route corridor connecting to Creyke Beck substation.

6.2.3 The PCZ has been amended beyond these criteria, in certain areas, to consider:

- Existing physical features, such as main roads
- Capturing entire communities rather than excluding small numbers of properties
- Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications

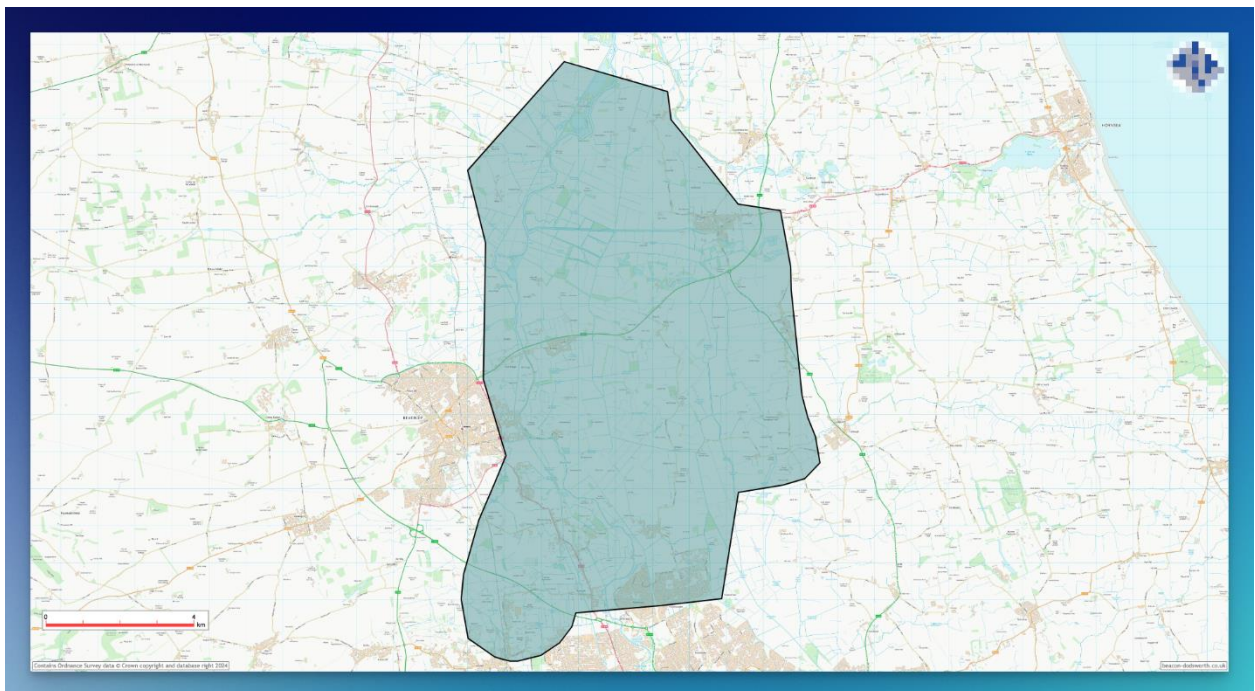
6.2.4 Within the PCZ, we will be consulting any person or group likely to be directly impacted by the Proposed Development by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site.

6.2.5 This will include:

- parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ, Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within and bordering the PCZ
- elected representatives in local authorities within the PCZ and
- relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups

6.2.6 We are also committed to making sure that individuals and organisations outside of the PCZ are given the opportunity to participate in the statutory consultation.

Figure 3: Primary Consultation Zone for Peartree Hill Solar Farm



6.3 Approach to community consultation

- 6.3.1 During the statutory consultation, we will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. We will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.
- 6.3.2 Table 2 below sets out the approaches that will be used to publicise the consultation on the proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 2: Statutory consultation methods for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Inside the primary consultation zone	<p>All homes and businesses within the PCZ will receive a 4-page consultation newsletter with high-level details about the Proposed Development and consultation programme, as well as project's contact details.</p> <p>Consultation events will be held at locations within the PCZ.</p> <p>Where possible, relevant groups and organisations such as parish councils and local interest groups, will be notified of consultation opportunities.</p> <p>We have also identified a list of local community spaces within the PCZ that will be directly mailed a poster to put up, advertising how people can get involved in the consultation.</p>
Outside of the primary consultation zone	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation using a number of methods, including via local news media, social media advertising, and direct communication with organisations such as regional environmental, religious or health organisations located outside of the PCZ.</p>
Consultation Events	<p>We will be holding four in-person events at locations spread across the PCZ. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, the consultation brochure, on social media, on posters, in local news media and in a public notice.</p> <p>These events will run for periods of at least four hours between 11 am and 7pm on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability.</p> <p>Details of the events is available in table 6.</p>
Webinars	<p>Two webinars will be held for any member of the public to join. One webinar will be held at the start of the consultation and one towards the end of the consultation to provide an alternative option for those who may not be able to attend the in-person events. These will be held in the evening.</p> <p>Individuals can register for these events via the website. The webinars will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 28 May 2024 • Wednesday 12 June 2024 <p>A recording of the webinar will be made available online for those unavailable to attend.</p>

Project information line and email	<p>Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the information line (01482 695 004), email (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk) or write in (Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM).</p> <p>The project team will aim to respond to all enquiries within five working days.</p>
Deposit and information points	<p>Hard copies of the consultation materials including: this SoCC, the consultation brochure, and PEIR will be available to view at the following deposit locations (times identified in Table 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverley Library, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE • Leven Library, Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG <p>We will check on a weekly basis that consultation documentation remains at the information points throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>The consultation brochure and feedback form will be available to collect from the deposit locations above. Where possible the consultation brochure and feedback form will also be left at the event venues within the PCZ, so community groups using these spaces will be able to take hard copies away.</p>
Project website	<p>A dedicated website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk) will be live for people to find out more information about the proposals and to provide feedback.</p> <p>All consultation documents will be presented on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the deposit locations and consultation events.</p>

Table 3: Details of the deposit locations

Location	Address	Opening times
Beverley Library	Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE	Monday 9:30 am-5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm Wednesday 9:30 am-5 pm Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm Friday 9:30 am-5 pm Saturday 9 am-4 pm Sunday Closed
Leven Library	Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG	Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm, 3:30-7pm

6.4 What are we consulting on?

- 6.4.1 We will present proposals for the Proposed Development including how they have been informed by our environmental assessments and consultation to date.
- 6.4.2 We will be seeking feedback on the ongoing evolution of the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. These proposals will be explained in the following materials:
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – the PEIR sets out the preliminary findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It also includes photomontages of the Proposed Development from various locations around the site.
 - PEIR Non-Technical summary – providing a summary of the findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
 - Consultation Brochure – this brochure will provide an overview of the proposals including a summary of each land area and the cable route.
 - Maps – The maps will set out the site areas
- 6.4.3 All of the statutory consultation documents will be available on the project website. Additionally, as part of our statutory notices, we will publicise information on how to request hard copies of the PEIR. Hard copies of the consultation brochure will be available at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR can be requested for a charge £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs. Requests for hardcopies can be made by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or calling 01482 695 004.

Table 4: Statutory consultation materials for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Consultation Materials	
Material	Detail
Consultation newsletter	<p>A 4-page newsletter publicising the consultation and outlining a high-level overview of the Proposed Development details of the consultation programme, including the location, dates and times of the public consultation events and signposting to the project website.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be issued to wider consultees via emailed to local interest groups and sent to statutory parties in the post.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be available to view and download on the project website.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>A consultation brochure will be published at the start of consultation, providing a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, an outline of the environmental assessment work, details of how people can take part, and how feedback will be used to influence and shape the proposals.</p> <p>Printed copies of this brochure will be available to take away at all consultation events, at deposit locations, and on request by contacting the communications team.</p> <p>The brochure will also be available for download from the project website</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A feedback form will be prepared to gather feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The feedback form will be available for completion online via the project website and will be accessible throughout the 6-week consultation period.</p> <p>Printed feedback forms will also be available (free of charge) on request by contacting the communications team, in hard copy at consultation events, and at the deposit points, along with freepost envelopes.</p> <p>The feedback form will also be available to download from the website, complete in pen and return to Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM.</p>

Exhibition Banners	<p>Pull up banners will be created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the Proposed Development at the public exhibitions and will allow for further discussions with members of the project team during public information events and other meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public will also be available to view the banners on the project website.</p>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, based on the initial information available at that time.</p> <p>It will also set out how we propose to mitigate the impacts of and maximise the benefits of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The PEIR can be downloaded free of charge from the project website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation events. A hard copy can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs.</p>
Non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report	<p>The non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report will be developed. It will be available to view on the project website, at consultation events and at deposit points.</p>
Technical maps and plans of the Project	<p>Additional technical maps and plans for the Proposed Development will also be available on the project website and at the consultation events and deposit locations.</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £350 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient.</p>
Project Website	<p>A dedicated consultation website (see Table 5 for detail).</p>
Publication of the consultation	<p>We will publish a public notice with details of the consultation within both a local newspaper and a national newspaper, pursuant to section 48 of the Act.</p>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation website, available at consultation events, at deposit points and in hard copy on request.</p> <p>We will also publish a notice in a local newspaper to explain where this statement can be inspected, pursuant to section 47 of the Act.</p>

Materials in alternative formats

Upon request, all documents will be available in alternative accessible formats, such as braille, speaking text and alternative languages.

All requests should be made to the communications team by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or phone: 01482 695 004.

Table 5: The Project website and features

Function	Rationale
Online downloadable copies of all the statutory consultation material, including: The PEIR, consultation brochure, exhibition banners, non-tech summary of PEIR and feedback form	To ensure the exhibition material is accessible to those who may not be able to get to an in-person event or a deposit location. This will ensure that the consultation is fully accessible to everyone who wants to participate.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions without the need to contact the project team or attend an in-person event.
Online Feedback Form	To enable members of the public to submit their feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the project team for any further questions.

6.5 Consultation Events

- 6.5.1 Three public consultation events will be held for communities to find out information about the Project and speak to members of the project team. The consultation events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ if a suitable location in the PCZ is not available.
- 6.5.2 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available in print format at each consultation event. There will be a series of banners to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, including maps.
- 6.5.3 Those attending will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 6.5.4 Table 6 outlines the dates, times and locations of each of the consultation events.

Table 6: Details of the consultation events

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 21 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Cottingham Civic Hall Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG
Wednesday 22 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Leven Village Hall North Street, Leven, Beverly, HU17 5NF
Saturday 1 June 2024	11am-3pm	Tickton Village Hall Main Street, Tickton, East Yorkshire, HU17 9RZ
Monday 3 June 2024	1pm-6.30pm	Wawne Village Hall 36 Main Street, Wawne, Hull, HU7 5XH

6.6 Promoting the consultation

- 6.6.1 We will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the Proposed Development and advertise the statutory consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ ahead of the statutory consultation period. The newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail, and to wider consultees via email, including local interest groups.
Press releases	<p>To raise awareness of the Proposed Development and the consultation programme, both within and beyond the PCZ, we will share a press release with local media outlets at the start of consultation.</p> <p>This will be sent to the following local and regional media outlets.</p>
Stakeholder briefings	<p>We will issue communications to key political stakeholders, representing wards, constituencies and parishes within the consultation zone. This will provide information about the proposals and consultation programme and invite them to take part in the consultation via in-person or online meetings.</p> <p>We will consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with other local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Emails and Letters	<p>We will send both emails and letters about the consultation programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs; • key elected representatives at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council • host and neighbouring parish councils; • host and neighbouring local authorities; • local interest groups, such as environmental groups. <p>Host parish councils will receive hard copies of the consultation brochure as part of the mailing to statutory consultees.</p>
Statutory notices	Statutory notices to publicise the SoCC and consultation, in accordance with section 48 and section 47 of the Act, will be published as a joint notice once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) and the London Gazette and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating papers The Hull Daily Mail and Yorkshire Post.

Information Posters	<p>Posters including details of the consultation, how to access information about the Proposed Development and how to get involved, will be displayed at well-used public locations within and outside of the PCZ, including libraries, shops and civic buildings. These will be hosted in agreement with relevant organisations and venues.</p> <p>Information posters will be sent to all host and neighbouring parish councils, to be used on local noticeboards, and to help raise awareness of the consultation.</p>
Social Media Advertising	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation via the project Facebook page. The page is used to provide updates about the proposals and consultation programme.</p> <p>Paid for social media advertising will be used to publicise the consultation programme and proposals, helping to engage younger people and those outside of the PCZ.</p>

- 6.6.2 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Any activity changes will also be published on the project website.

6.7 Wider Engagement

- 6.7.1 Ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation, including local authorities, MPs, and statutory parties such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England and with local interest groups, residents and landowners who get in touch.
- 6.7.2 All relevant parish councils, elected members for councils and MPs will be contacted and will be kept informed about the Proposed Development. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituency/local community.

6.8 Engagement with Seldom Heard groups

- 6.8.1 We are committed to ensuring that our consultation is accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including 'under-represented' or 'seldom heard' groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.
- 6.8.2 These groups and individuals that may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials, include:

- Geographically isolated communities
- Young People
- Old People
- Disabled people and those with learning disabilities
- People who do not have English as a first language

Table 8: Consultation with seldom heard groups for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Seldom Heard Groups	Consultation Approach
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and offering alternative formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via a freepost address so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
Disabled people and those with learning disabilities	<p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>Two online webinars, so anyone who may not be able to attend an in-person event can have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provide space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
Geographically isolated communities	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via an online form and via the freepost address so feedback can be easily provided from all locations.</p> <p>Webinars for people to join and find out about the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Advertising the availability of the project phoneline for stakeholders with further questions to speak with the project team, regardless of location.</p>
Young People	<p>Online engagement methods, including social media advertising, to encourage young people to complete online feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

6.9 Information Channels

- 6.9.1 The following channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request copies of the consultation materials and documents. These channels are provided in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Information channels for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Contact Details	Hours of operation
Website	www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24/7
Telephone	01482 695 004	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)
Email	info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24 hour (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within 10 working days)
Post	Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM	24 hour (mailbox will be monitored between 9am-5:30pm on weekdays)

- 6.9.2 Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required. This will include materials such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation.

7. Responding to the consultation

7.1 How to respond to the consultation

- 7.1.1 Feedback to the consultation must be submitted by 11:59pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Responses received after this date may not be considered.
- 7.1.2 Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:
- Completing the feedback form online which can be accessed via the project website from Wednesday 15 May: (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or taken away and sent to us via a freepost (using Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM). Feedback forms can also be collected from our community deposit locations or requested from the community relations team as detailed in Table 9.
 - Emailing into info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Writing to us at Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp is required)

8. How we will use consultation feedback

- 8.1.1 When our statutory consultation closes, we will have regard to all comments received. All feedback, including ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, is important to us and will help to influence our design for the Proposed Development.
- 8.1.2 Once we have reviewed and finalised our Application, we will produce a Consultation Report, which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.
- 8.1.3 The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero as part of the DCO application.
- 8.1.4 Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the project website is available at: www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk.

9. Further consultation

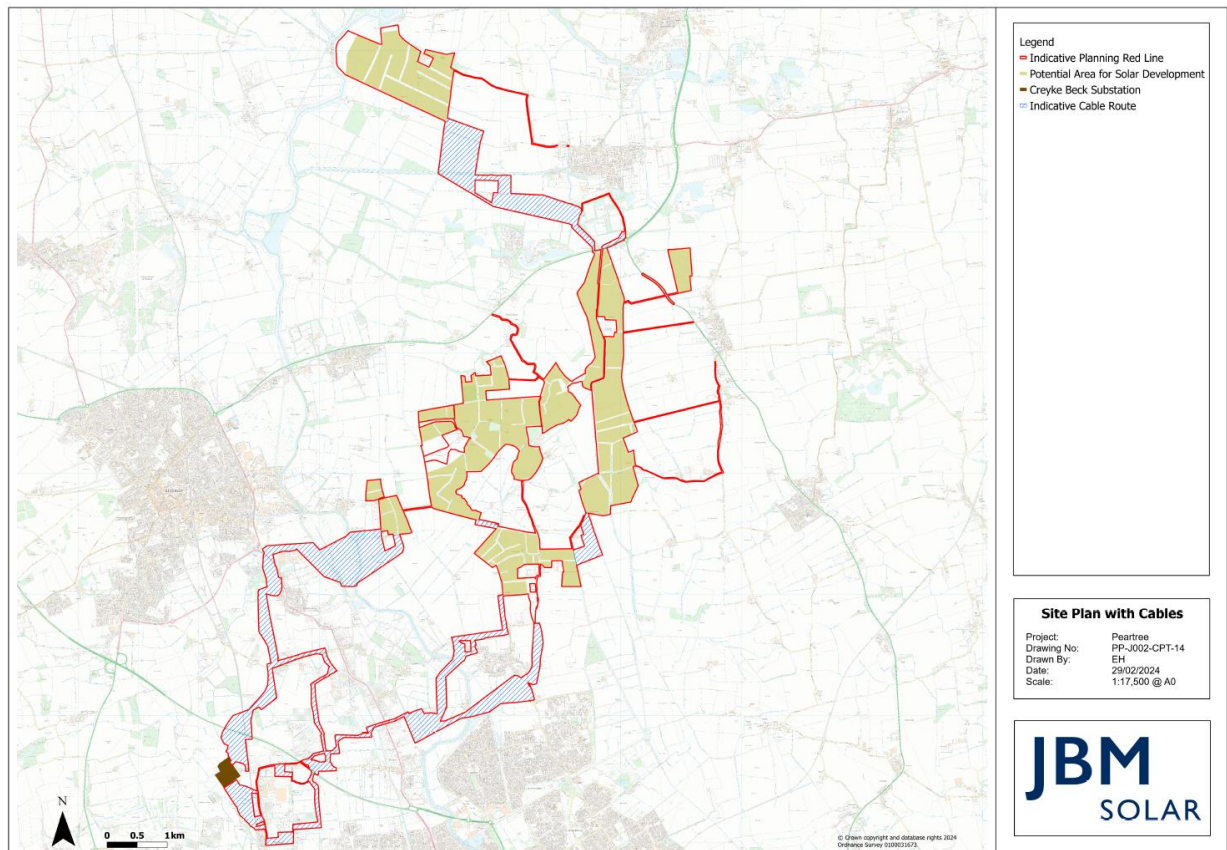
- 9.1.1 If, following the statutory consultation we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

10. Contact details

- 10.1.1 Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more information about Peartree Hill Solar Farm and our consultation programme. You can get in touch with members of our communications team using any of the communications lines listed below.
- 10.1.2 Should you require any documents in large print or audio then please contact us using the details provided. Every effort has been made to ensure that information is accurate at the time of going to print.
- 10.1.3 Our communications channels are:
- Email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Call: 01482 695 004
 - Write to: Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (you do not need a stamp)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Site Boundary Plan



Appendix C-3.4 Chaser email asking for comments on SoCC to Hull City Council

From:

Subject:

Date:

SoCC comments

08 April 2024 09:43:00

Hi Simon,

I hope you are well. My name is Sophie and I am getting in touch on behalf of RWE following our conversation a few weeks ago. We're keen to see if you have any comments on our Statement of Community Consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you,
Sophie

Appendix C-4 Response from local authority on SoCC

Appendix C-4.1 Email with comments on draft SoCC from East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Re: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Request for comments on Statement of Community Consultation

Anna Wheldale <[REDACTED]>

Fri 2024-03-08 14:05

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Peartree Hill Solar Farm SoCC FINAL DRAFT ERYC Comments.docx;

Hi Laura

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this. I have very limited comments to make but have included a couple of points as tracked changes attached.

Thanks

Anna

Anna Wheldale [REDACTED]

Planning Team Leader (Strategic)

Web: www.eastriding.gov.uk



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Request for comments on Statement of Community Consultation

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[CAUTION] This email was sent from **outside of your organisation**. Do not click any links, preview or open attachments, or provide any log-in details unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear James / Anna,

RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR & STORAGE LIMITED

PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM

SECTION 47 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008: DUTY TO CONSULT LOCAL COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

I am writing to you regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm, a solar and battery storage project that would provide 320MW of clean energy, in East Riding of Yorkshire.

The proposed scheme is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) and therefore we are required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration, before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Before submitting a DCO application we must also undertake a 'statutory' consultation on the proposals. We intend to hold this consultation in Spring 2024.

Prior to undertaking a statutory consultation, the Planning Act 2008 (Part 2, Section 47) requires RWE: *"Prepares a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement."*

As a representative of a local authority identified within section 43 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, we are inviting you to participate in formal consultation on our draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which is attached.

Please treat this email as notice of a request for comments on the contents of our SoCC from East Riding of Yorkshire Council in accordance with Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our SoCC. We will record how we have considered your views by responding to you directly in writing, and in our Consultation Report which forms part of our application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

To aid the process of providing your comments, please find attached our SoCC (provided as Word and a Pdf file) for you to review. Please provide any comments and suggested amendments in track changes as doing this will assist us in ensuring these are recorded and considered. Please confirm receipt of this email and the accompanying SoCC. If you wish to discuss the content of this email, please do not hesitate in contacting us info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or call 01482 695 004.

Please submit your comments on the draft SoCC via email to info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk. The deadline for providing comments is by **11.59pm on Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Laura Tinker

BA, MPlan, MRTPI
Associate

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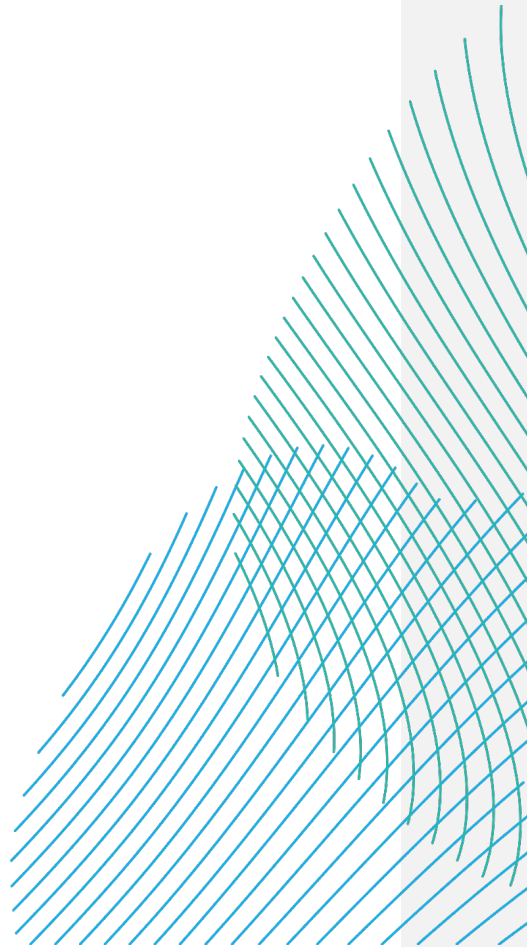
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Peartree Hill Solar Farm Statement of Community Con- sultation (draft)

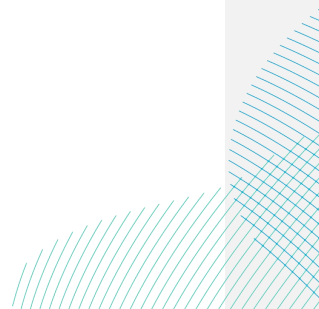
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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1 RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd (“we” or “the Applicant”) is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in connection with its proposals for a new solar energy and storage scheme known as Peartree Hill Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”)
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development about the proposals.
- 1.1.3 Understanding the views of the local community, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information and the feedback received will help shape the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.4 This SoCC explains the consultation being undertaken before submission for our application for development consent. It includes:
- A description of the consenting process we must follow
 - What we will be consulting on
 - Who we will consult
 - How we will consult
 - How people can respond to the consultation
 - How we will use the consultation feedback responses
- 1.1.5 Anticipated to generate up to 320MW of energy, the Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”), as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”).
- 1.1.6 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the Act, which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.1.7 As the Proposed Development is an ‘EIA Development’ (meaning that it is subject to an environmental impact assessment or “EIA”), this SoCC also sets out how we intend to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)



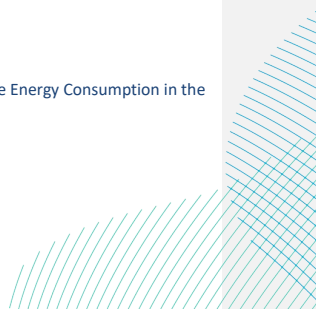
- 1.1.8 In addition to our obligations under section 47, section 42 of the 2008 Act clearly sets out how to consult with prescribed consultees, local authorities and persons with an interest in land. None of the section 42 consultees are excluded from any of the community consultation activities set out in this document.

2. Peartree Hill Solar Farm

2.1 The Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Proposed Development is located to the east of Beverley within the administrative boundaries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Proposed Development will connect into the National Grid Creyke Beck substation located in Cottingham via an underground cable.
- 2.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises an area of approximately 2,000 acres and is made up of six land areas where solar panels and battery storage energy systems are proposed. These land areas will also include associated infrastructure, areas for ecological mitigation and enhancement, and new community assets. The land areas are:
- Area A: Land South of High and Low Baswick
 - Area B: Land North West of Long Riston
 - Area C: Land West of Arnold
 - Area D: Land South of the A1035
 - Area E: Land East of Weel
 - Area F: Land North of Wawne
- 2.1.3 The Proposed Development would make a meaningful contribution to the local, and national climate commitments generating up to 320MW of renewable energy, enough to power approximately 136,000 homes.¹
- 2.1.4 The renewable energy produced by the Proposed Development would be equivalent to displacing over 11,200,000 tonnes of CO₂ from equivalent fossil fuel energy, which equates to taking 166,000 cars off the road for a year.

¹ Based on the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2022, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)



2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.2.1 The Proposed Development constitutes an 'environmental impact assessment ('EIA') development' as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 2.2.2 An Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') is therefore being prepared to ensure the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation measures should be put in place to control or reduce environmental effects. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the findings of the EIA.
- 2.2.3 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 20 December 2023. Together with the Applicant's Scoping Report, this identifies the environmental issues relevant to the Proposed Development and suggests any potential mitigation measures. The Scoping Opinion is available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010157/EN010157-000009-PHSF%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 2.2.4 In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out initial information on the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development and any proposed mitigation, will be prepared and will help consultees to take an informed view on these matters.
- 2.2.5 The Applicant will invite feedback on the information presented in the PEIR as part of the statutory consultation. Feedback received will be considered before the DCO application and EIA are finalised for submission.

3. The consenting process

- 3.1.1 As the Proposed Development will have a generating capacity of more than 50MW, Peartree Hill Solar Farm will be classified as an NSIP and under the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to submit an application for a DCO.
- 3.1.2 If the application for the DCO is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an examining authority to scrutinise our application and who would make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State makes the final decision on a DCO application.

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- 3.1.3 Before submitting an application, the Act requires us to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land and prescribed stakeholders.
- 3.1.4 Pre-application consultation is a key requirement for applications for Development Consent Orders for major infrastructure projects under the 2008 Act. The 2008 Act requires us to consult with persons with an interest in the proposed land and certain bodies as prescribed under section 42 of the 2008 Act; the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act (the subject of this SoCC); and to publicise the proposals locally and nationally under section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations”). It also provides a fixed role as consultees for those local authorities which host the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.5 The obligations under section 42 and section 48 of the 2008 Act are not included in this SoCC.
- 3.1.6 Further information on the DCO application process can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate which has published a range of advice notes which intend to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of matters in relation to the Planning Act 2008 process. This includes advice note eight, which provides more detail on the NSIP planning process. All advice notes can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.
- 3.1.7 As part of our development of the SoCC, we provided both East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority for the Proposed Development, and Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line, with an early draft of the document. These were sent on Monday 22 January 2024.
- 3.1.8 In line with the requirements of the 2008 Act, we undertook formal consultation on the SoCC with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority and neighbouring authority Hull City Council and took regard of comment received. The SoCC was sent on Thursday 29 February 2024.
- 3.1.9 An overview of the DCO process is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: The DCO Process





4. About RWE

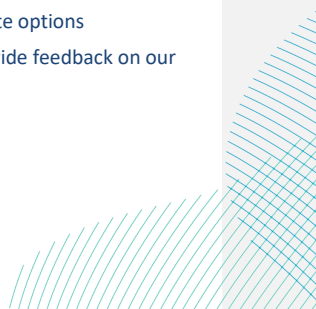
4.1 The Applicant

RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd

- 4.1.1 RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.
- 4.1.2 In the UK, we currently operate:
 - 10 offshore wind farms
 - 33 onshore wind farms
 - 21 hydro plants
 - 1 biomass plant
- 4.1.3 RWE has recently acquired JBM Solar. Established in 2012, JBM Solar has a proven track record of securing consent for over 1GW of clean, green solar energy schemes in the UK and Ireland.
- 4.1.4 The Applicant is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources such as wind, water, the sun and biomass.
- 4.1.5 The Applicant has a decade-long history of working closely with landowners, communities, and stakeholders such as local authorities and community groups to help deliver projects that deliver renewable energy, while working with both the community and local wildlife.

5. Engagement to date

- 5.1.1 The Applicant undertook a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Development between Monday 9 October and Monday 6 November 2023.
- 5.1.2 The non-statutory consultation had the following aims:
 - to introduce the Proposed Development to the public, providing an overview of the Proposed Development and the national need for solar
 - present the early plans, including the land parcels and cable route options
 - to give stakeholders and the community the opportunity to provide feedback on our early-stage proposals
 - to outline the next steps for the Proposed Development



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- 5.1.3 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the project team held three face-to-face public exhibitions and two webinars. The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings newspaper and social media adverts and posters sent to local parishes. Dedicated information channels were established for those who had questions about the Proposed Development or needed to get in contact with the project team. This engagement is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of engagement activities to date

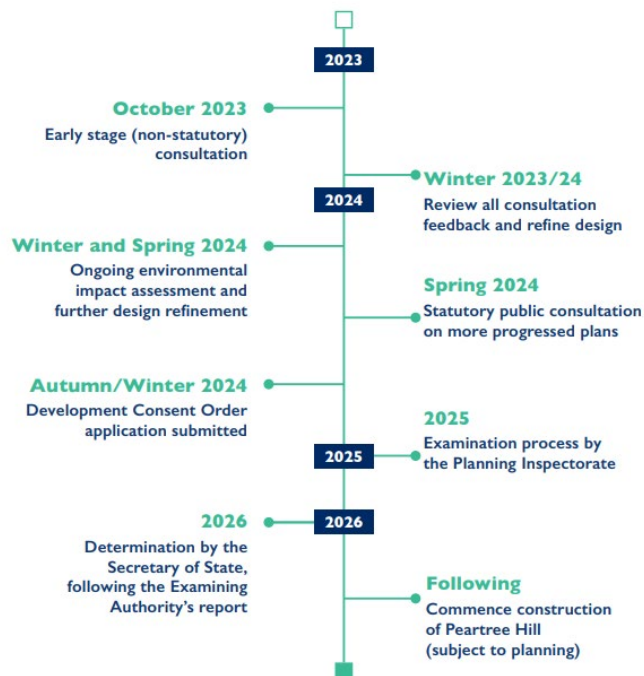
Activity	Total
Community Newsletters issued	11,516
In-person exhibitions	3
Stakeholder Briefings	8
Webinars	2
Website Visitors	400

- 5.1.4 There were a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to provide feedback. These included:
- Completing an online feedback form on the website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Completing a paper feedback form or sending written comments by post (Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM)
 - Emailing feedback to the email address (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Calling the information line (01482 695004)
- 5.1.5 In total, throughout the four-week non-statutory consultation period, 102 responses were received.
- 5.1.6 In addition to the non-statutory consultation period, the Proposed Development has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England.
- 5.1.7 More information about the non-statutory consultation can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report which is part of the documents that are currently available on the website, <https://peartreehillsolar.co.uk/>. Archive documents from the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the project's website. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in paragraph 6.4.3.

5.2 Timeline for Proposed Development

5.2.1 Figure 2 sets out an indicative timeline for each stage of the Proposed Development from consultation through to the Secretary of State decision.

Figure 2 Indicative Proposed Development timeline



6. Statutory Consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act

6.1 How we will consult on the proposed application

- 6.1.1 We will undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 for six weeks starting on Monday 29 April 2024. The deadline for accepting consultation responses is 11.59pm on Monday 10 June 2024. All responses to the consultation must be received by the closing date.
- 6.1.2 This consultation will provide an opportunity for people in the local community and interested parties to have their say about our proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.
- 6.1.3 As well as the community consultation in accordance with Section 47, this consultation will also include:
- Consultation with prescribed bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with host and neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (under Section 43 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development (under Section 44 of the 2008 Act); and general public consultation on the Proposed Development (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act)

6.2 Who are we consulting?

- 6.2.1 We will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC. Our consultation process is open to anyone with an interest in our proposals for Peartree Hill.
- 6.2.2 We have identified a primary consultation zone (PCZ) (shown in Figure 3) for the purpose of communicating with the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act. The PCZ has been identified by extending a minimum distance of approximately two kilometres from the proposed Site Boundary (Appendix 1) – within which the solar PV panels, energy storage system and on-site substation and supporting infrastructure would be located. The PCZ also extends one kilometre from the cable route corridor connecting to Creyke Beck substation.

6.2.3 The PCZ has been amended beyond these criteria, in certain areas, to consider:

- Existing physical features, such as main roads
- Capturing entire communities rather than excluding small numbers of properties
- Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications

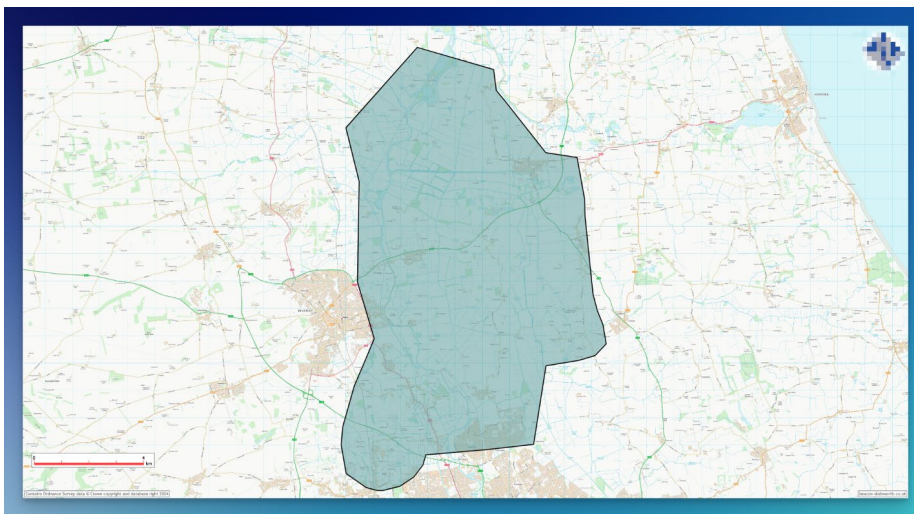
6.2.4 Within the PCZ, we will be consulting any person or group likely to be directly impacted by the Proposed Development by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site.

6.2.5 This will include:

- parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ, Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within and bordering the PCZ
- elected representatives in local authorities within the PCZ and
- relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups

6.2.6 We are also committed to making sure that individuals and organisations outside of the PCZ are given the opportunity to participate in the statutory consultation.

Figure 3: Primary Consultation Zone for Peartree Hill Solar Farm



6.3 Approach to community consultation

- 6.3.1 During the statutory consultation, we will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. We will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.
- 6.3.2 Table 2 below sets out the approaches that will be used to publicise the consultation on the proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 2: Statutory consultation methods for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

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Method	Detail
Inside the primary consultation zone	<p>All homes and businesses within the PCZ will receive a 4-page consultation newsletter with high-level details about the Proposed Development and consultation programme, as well as project's contact details.</p> <p>Consultation events will be held at locations within the PCZ.</p> <p>Where possible, relevant groups and organisations such as parish councils and local interest groups, will be notified of consultation opportunities.</p> <p>We have also identified a list of local community spaces within the PCZ that will be directly mailed a poster to put up, advertising how people can get involved in the consultation.</p>
Outside of the primary consultation zone	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation using a number of methods, including via local news media, social media advertising, and direct communication with organisations such as regional environmental, religious or health organisations located outside of the PCZ.</p>
Consultation Events	<p>We will be holding three in-person events at locations spread across the PCZ. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, the consultation brochure, on social media, on posters, in local news media and in a public notice.</p> <p>These events will run for periods of at least four hours between 11 am and 7pm on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability.</p> <p>Details of the events is available in table 6.</p>
Webinars	<p>Two webinars will be held for any member of the public to join. One webinar will be held at the start of the consultation and one towards the end of the consultation to provide an alternative option for those who may not be able to attend the in-person events. These will be held in the evening.</p> <p>Individuals can register for these events via the website. The webinars will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 8 May 2024 • Tuesday 4 June 2024 <p>A recording of the webinar will be made available online for those unavailable to attend.</p>

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Project information line and email	<p>Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the information line (01482 695 004), email (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk) or write in (Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM).</p> <p>The project team will aim to respond to all enquiries within five working days.</p>
Deposit and information points	<p>Hard copies of the consultation materials including: this SoCC, the consultation brochure, and PEIR will be available to view at the following deposit locations (times identified in Table 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverley Library, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE • Leven Library, Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG <p>We will check on a weekly basis that consultation documentation remains at the information points throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>The consultation brochure and feedback form will be available to collect from the deposit locations above. Where possible the consultation brochure and feedback form will also be left at the event venues within the PCZ, so community groups using these spaces will be able to take hard copies away.</p>
Project website	<p>A dedicated website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk) will be live for people to find out more information about the proposals and to provide feedback.</p> <p>All consultation documents will be presented on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the deposit locations and consultation events.</p>

Table 3: Details of the deposit locations

Location	Address	Opening times
Beverley Library	Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE	Monday 9:30 am-5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm Wednesday 9:30 am-5 pm Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm Friday 9:30 am-5 pm Saturday 9 am-4 pm Sunday Closed
Leven Library	Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG	Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm, 3:30-7pm

6.4 What are we consulting on?

6.4.1 We will present proposals for the Proposed Development including how they have been informed by our environmental assessments and consultation to date.

6.4.2 We will be seeking feedback on the ongoing evolution of the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. These proposals will be explained in the following materials:

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – the PEIR sets out the preliminary findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It also includes photomontages of the Proposed Development from various locations around the site.
- PEIR Non-Technical summary – providing a summary of the findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- Consultation Brochure – this brochure will provide an overview of the proposals including a summary of each land area and the cable route.
- Maps – The maps will set out the site areas

6.4.3 All of the statutory consultation documents will be available on the project website. Additionally, as part of our statutory notices, we will publicise information on how to request hard copies of the PEIR. Hard copies of the consultation brochure will be available at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR can be requested for a charge £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs. Requests for hardcopies can be made by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or calling 01482 695 004.

Table 4: Statutory consultation materials for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

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Consultation Materials	
Material	Detail
Consultation newsletter	<p>A 4-page newsletter publicising the consultation and outlining a high-level overview of the Proposed Development details of the consultation programme, including the location, dates and times of the public consultation events and signposting to the project website.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be issued to wider consultees via emailed to local interest groups and sent to statutory parties in the post.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be available to view and download on the project website.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>A consultation brochure will be published at the start of consultation, providing a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, an outline of the environmental assessment work, details of how people can take part, and how feedback will be used to influence and shape the proposals.</p> <p>Printed copies of this brochure will be available to take away at all consultation events, at deposit locations, and on request by contacting the communications team.</p> <p>The brochure will also be available for download from the project website</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A feedback form will be prepared to gather feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The feedback form will be available for completion online via the project website and will be accessible throughout the 6-week consultation period.</p> <p>Printed feedback forms will also be available (free of charge) on request by contacting the communications team, in hard copy at consultation events, and at the deposit points, along with freepost envelopes.</p> <p>The feedback form will also be available to download from the website, complete in pen and return to Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM.</p>

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Exhibition Banners	<p>Pull up banners will be created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the Proposed Development at the public exhibitions and will allow for further discussions with members of the project team during public information events and other meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public will also be available to view the banners on the project website.</p>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, based on the initial information available at that time.</p> <p>It will also set out how we propose to mitigate the impacts of and maximise the benefits of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The PEIR can be downloaded free of charge from the project website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation events. A hard copy can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs.</p>
Non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report	<p>The non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report will be developed. It will be available to view on the project website, at consultation events and at deposit points.</p>
Technical maps and plans of the Project	<p>Additional technical maps and plans for the Proposed Development will also be available on the project website and at the consultation events and deposit locations.</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £350 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient.</p>
Project Website	<p>A dedicated consultation website (see Table 5 for detail).</p>
Publication of the consultation	<p>We will publish a public notice with details of the consultation within both a local newspaper and a national newspaper, pursuant to section 48 of the Act.</p>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation website, available at consultation events, at deposit points and in hard copy on request.</p> <p>We will also publish a notice in a local newspaper to explain where this statement can be inspected, pursuant to section 47 of the Act.</p>

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Materials in alternative formats	Upon request, all documents will be available in alternative accessible formats, such as braille, speaking text and alternative languages. All requests should be made to the communications team by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or phone: 01482 695 004.
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Table 5: The Project website and features

Function	Rationale
Online downloadable copies of all the statutory consultation material, including: The PEIR, consultation brochure, exhibition banners, non-tech summary of PEIR and feedback form	To ensure the exhibition material is accessible to those who may not be able to get to an in-person event or a deposit location. This will ensure that the consultation is fully accessible to everyone who wants to participate.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions without the need to contact the project team or attend an in-person event.
Online Feedback Form	To enable members of the public to submit their feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the project team for any further questions.

6.5 Consultation Events

- 6.5.1 Three public consultation events will be held for communities to find out information about the Project and speak to members of the project team. The consultation events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ if a suitable location in the PCZ is not available.
- 6.5.2 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available in print format at each consultation event. There will be a series of banners to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, including maps.
- 6.5.3 Those attending will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 6.5.4 Table 6 outlines the dates, times and locations of each of the consultation events.

Table 6: Details of the consultation events

Date	Time	Location
Monday 13 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Wawne Village Hall 36 Main Street, Wawne, Hull, HU7 5XH
Saturday 18 May 2024	11am -3pm	Tickton Village Hall Main Street, Tickton, East Yorkshire, HU17 9RZ
Wednesday 22 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Leven Village Hall North Street, Leven, Beverely, HU17 5NF

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6.6 Promoting the consultation

6.6.1 We will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the Proposed Development and advertise the statutory consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

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Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ ahead of the statutory consultation period. The newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail, and to wider consultees via email, including local interest groups.
Press releases	<p>To raise awareness of the Proposed Development and the consultation programme, both within and beyond the PCZ, we will share a press release with local media outlets at the start of consultation.</p> <p>This will be sent to the following local and regional media outlets.</p>
Stakeholder briefings	<p>We will issue communications to key political stakeholders, representing wards, constituencies and parishes within the consultation zone. This will provide information about the proposals and consultation programme and invite them to take part in the consultation via in-person or online meetings.</p> <p>We will consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with other local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Emails and Letters	<p>We will send both emails and letters about the consultation programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs; • key elected representatives at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council • host and neighbouring parish councils; • host and neighbouring local authorities; • local interest groups, such as environmental groups. <p>Host parish councils will receive hard copies of the consultation brochure as part of the mailing to statutory consultees.</p>
Statutory notices	<p>Statutory notices to publicise the consultation, in accordance with section 48 of the Act, will be published once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) and the London Gazette and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating papers The Hull Daily Mail and The Beverley and Holderness Gazette.</p> <p>Statutory notices publicising the SoCC, in accordance with section 47 of the Act, will be published once (for one week) in the Beverley and Holderness Gazette, Hull Daily Mail and The Yorkshire Post.</p>

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Information Posters	<p>Posters including details of the consultation, how to access information about the Proposed Development and how to get involved, will be displayed at well-used public locations within and outside of the PCZ, including libraries, shops and civic buildings. These will be hosted in agreement with relevant organisations and venues.</p> <p>Information posters will be sent to all host and neighbouring parish councils, to be used on local noticeboards, and to help raise awareness of the consultation.</p>
Social Media Advertising	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation via the project Facebook page. The page is used to provide updates about the proposals and consultation programme.</p> <p>Paid for social media advertising will be used to publicise the consultation programme and proposals, helping to engage younger people and those outside of the PCZ.</p>

- 6.6.2 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Any activity changes will also be published on the project website.

6.7 Wider Engagement

- 6.7.1 Ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation, including local authorities, MPs, and statutory parties such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England and with local interest groups, residents and landowners who get in touch.
- 6.7.2 All relevant parish councils, elected members for councils and MPs will be contacted and will be kept informed about the Proposed Development. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituency/local community.

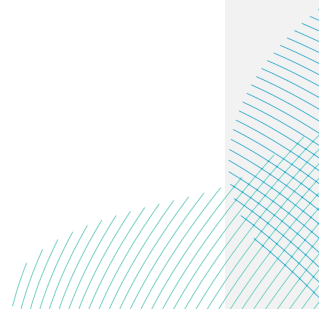
6.8 Engagement with Seldom Heard groups

- 6.8.1 We are committed to ensuring that our consultation is accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including 'under-represented' or 'seldom heard' groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.
- 6.8.2 These groups and individuals that may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials, include:



- Geographically isolated communities
- Young People
- Old People
- Disabled people and those with learning disabilities
- People who do not have English as a first language

Table 8: Consultation with seldom heard groups for Peartree Hill Solar Farm



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Seldom Heard Groups	Consultation Approach
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and offering alternative formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via a freepost address so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
Disabled people and those with learning disabilities	<p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>Two online webinars, so anyone who may not be able to attend an in-person event can have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provide space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
Geographically isolated communities	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via an online form and via the freepost address so feedback can be easily provided from all locations.</p> <p>Webinars for people to join and find out about the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Advertising the availability of the project phoneline for stakeholders with further questions to speak with the project team, regardless of location.</p>
Young People	<p>Online engagement methods, including social media advertising, to encourage young people to complete online feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

6.9 Information Channels

- 6.9.1 The following channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request copies of the consultation materials and documents. These channels are provided in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Information channels for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Contact Details	Hours of operation
Website	www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24/7
Telephone	01482 695 004	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)
Email	info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24 hour (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within 10 working days)
Post	Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM	24 hour (mailbox will be monitored between 9am-5:30pm on weekdays)

- 6.9.2 Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required. This will include materials such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation.

7. Responding to the consultation

7.1 How to respond to the consultation

- 7.1.1 Feedback to the consultation must be submitted by 11:59pm on Monday 10 June 2024. Responses received after this date may not be considered.
- 7.1.2 Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:
- Completing the feedback form online which can be accessed via the project website from Monday 29 April: (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or taken away and sent to us via a freepost (using Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM). Feedback forms can also be collected from our community deposit locations or requested from the community relations team as detailed in Table 9.
 - Emailing into info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Writing to us at Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp is required)

8. How we will use consultation feedback

- 8.1.1 When our statutory consultation closes, we will have regard to all comments received. All feedback, including ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, is important to us and will help to influence our design for the Proposed Development.
- 8.1.2 Once we have reviewed and finalised our Application, we will produce a Consultation Report, which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.
- 8.1.3 The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero as part of the DCO application.
- 8.1.4 Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the project website is available at: www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk.

9. Further consultation

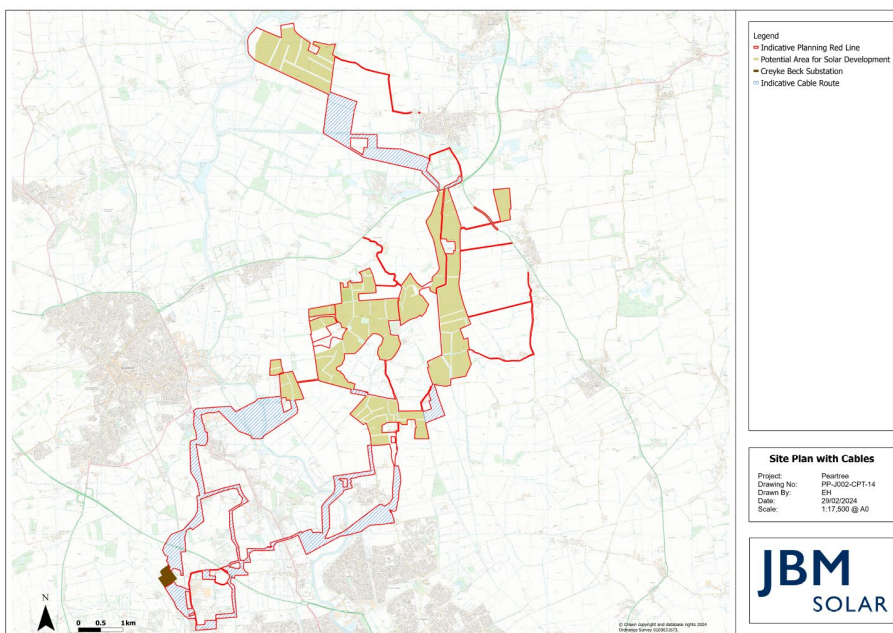
- 9.1.1 If, following the statutory consultation we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

10. Contact details

- 10.1.1 Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more information about Peartree Hill Solar Farm and our consultation programme. You can get in touch with members of our communications team using any of the communications lines listed below.
- 10.1.2 Should you require any documents in large print or audio then please contact us using the details provided. Every effort has been made to ensure that information is accurate at the time of going to print.
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- Email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Call: 01482 695 004
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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Site Boundary Plan





Appendix C-5 Emails to local authorities with updated SoCC and table of amends

Appendix C-5.1 Email to East Riding of Yorkshire with updated SoCC

From:

To:

Subject:

Peartree Hill Solar Farm - SoCC and PPA update

Date:

11 April 2024 16:27:08

Attachments:

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Good afternoon Anna,

Thanks again for your comments on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) received on 8 March 2024 regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.

We have reviewed your comments and also made some changes to the document, outlined below, due to a slight change in consultation dates. Please find attached the updated final SoCC, including a word tracked changes version for your information.

Paragraph	Comment	Change made
6.4.2. What we are consulting on	East Riding of Yorkshire Council: From experience of other schemes the more detail you can provide the public, the better. Those who's houses are close by will want to know what will be located close to their house, how tall panels will be. what road improvements are proposed etc, what landscaping is proposed etc. Will you also consult on supporting docs such as TA/Ecology information for consulting with He and NE etc?	No change made. We don't have a draft Traffic Assessment to share at the PEIR stage. The PEIR (which will be issued as part of the statutory consultation) will have Transport and Ecology chapters with corresponding figures and appendices. We've been sharing this data and preliminary assessments with key stakeholder including EYRC Highways and Natural England to date and will continue to do so.
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I also wanted to check whether there is any update on the PPA. I am free all day tomorrow, if you let me know your availability I would be happy to put a 15min call in your diary to go over any questions you may have so we can get things moving again?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,
Laura Tinker

Appendix C-5.2 Email to Hull City Council with updated SoCC

Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Statement of Community Consultation

info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk <info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk>

Thu 2024-04-11 16:31

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Hi Simon,

I hope you are well.

I am writing further to our email on 29 March 2024 about our consultation on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd’s proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. We have not received from Hull City Council but wanted to send you over for information the updated final SoCC.

The table below shows the changes to the document and I have attached both a tracked and clean version of the document.

If you do have any comments on the SoCC please do send them over as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Olivia

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Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:54 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk

Subject: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Request for comments on Statement of Community Consultation

Dear Simon Mounce,

RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR & STORAGE LIMITED

PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM

SECTION 47 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008: DUTY TO CONSULT LOCAL COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

I am writing to you regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm, a solar and battery storage project that would provide 320MW of clean energy, in East Riding of Yorkshire.

The proposed scheme is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) and therefore we are required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration, before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Before submitting a DCO application we must also undertake a 'statutory' consultation on the proposals. We intend to hold this consultation in Spring 2024.

Prior to undertaking a statutory consultation, the Planning Act 2008 (Part 2, Section 47) requires RWE: *"Prepares a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement."*

Whilst not a host authority identified within section 43 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, we are inviting Hull City Council as a neighbouring authority to participate in formal consultation on our draft SoCC, which is attached.

Please treat this email as notice of a request for comments on the contents of our SoCC from Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our SoCC. We will record how we have considered your views by responding to you directly in writing, and in our Consultation Report which forms part of our application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

To aid the process of providing your comments, please find attached our SoCC (provided as Word and a Pdf file) for you to review. Please provide any comments and suggested amendments in track changes as doing this will assist us in ensuring these are recorded and considered. Please confirm receipt of this email and the accompanying SoCC. If you wish to discuss the content of this email, please do not hesitate in contacting us info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or call 01482 695 004.

Please submit your comments on the draft SoCC via email to info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk. The deadline for providing comments by **11.59pm on Tuesday 2 April 2024**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

Olivia White

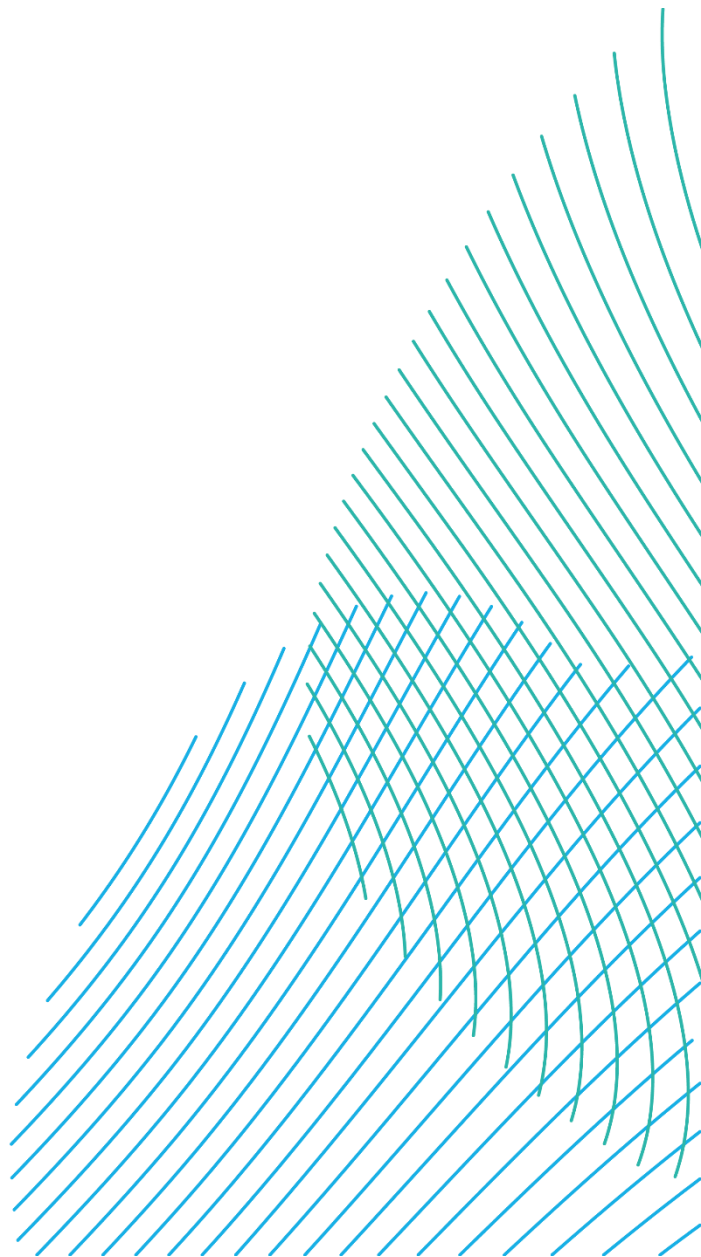
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Appendix C-5.3 Updated SoCC



Pear tree Hill Solar Farm Statement of Community Con- sultation

April 2024



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1 RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd (“we” or “the Applicant”) is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in connection with its proposals for a new solar energy and storage scheme known as Peartree Hill Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”).
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development about the proposals.
- 1.1.3 Understanding the views of the local community, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information and the feedback received will help shape the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.4 This SoCC explains the consultation being undertaken before submission for our application for development consent. It includes:
- A description of the consenting process we must follow
 - What we will be consulting on
 - Who we will consult
 - How we will consult
 - How people can respond to the consultation
 - How we will use the consultation feedback responses
- 1.1.5 Anticipated to generate up to 320MW of energy, the Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”), as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”).
- 1.1.6 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the Act, which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.1.7 As the Proposed Development is an ‘EIA Development’ (meaning that it is subject to an environmental impact assessment or “EIA”), this SoCC also sets out how we intend to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”)

- 1.1.8 In addition to our obligations under section 47, section 42 of the 2008 Act clearly sets out how to consult with prescribed consultees, local authorities and persons with an interest in land. None of the section 42 consultees are excluded from any of the community consultation activities set out in this document.

2. Peartree Hill Solar Farm

2.1 The Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Proposed Development is located to the east of Beverley within the administrative boundaries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Proposed Development will connect into the National Grid Creyke Beck substation located in Cottingham via an underground cable.
- 2.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises an area of approximately 2,000 acres and is made up of six land areas where solar panels and battery storage energy systems are proposed. These land areas will also include associated infrastructure, areas for ecological mitigation and enhancement, and new community assets. The land areas are:
- Area A: Land South of High and Low Baswick
 - Area B: Land North West of Long Riston
 - Area C: Land West of Arnold
 - Area D: Land South of the A1035
 - Area E: Land East of Weel
 - Area F: Land North of Wawne
- 2.1.3 The Proposed Development would make a meaningful contribution to the local, and national climate commitments generating up to 320MW of renewable energy, enough to power approximately 136,000 homes.¹
- 2.1.4 The renewable energy produced by the Proposed Development would be equivalent to displacing over 11,200,000 tonnes of CO₂ from equivalent fossil fuel energy, which equates to taking 166,000 cars off the road for a year.

¹ Based on the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2022, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.2.1 The Proposed Development constitutes an ‘environmental impact assessment (‘EIA’) development’ as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 2.2.2 An Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) is therefore being prepared to ensure the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation measures should be put in place to control or reduce environmental effects. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the findings of the EIA.
- 2.2.3 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 20 December 2023. Together with the Applicant’s Scoping Report, this identifies the environmental issues relevant to the Proposed Development and suggests any potential mitigation measures. The Scoping Opinion is available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website at:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010157/EN010157-000009-PHSF%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 2.2.4 In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out initial information on the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development and any proposed mitigation, will be prepared and will help consultees to take an informed view on these matters.
- 2.2.5 The Applicant will invite feedback on the information presented in the PEIR as part of the statutory consultation. Feedback received will be considered before the DCO application and EIA are finalised for submission.

3. The consenting process

- 3.1.1 As the Proposed Development will have a generating capacity of more than 50MW, Peartree Hill Solar Farm will be classified as an NSIP and under the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to submit an application for a DCO.
- 3.1.2 If the application for the DCO is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an examining authority to scrutinise our application and who would make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State makes the final decision on a DCO application.

- 3.1.3 Before submitting an application, the Act requires us to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land and prescribed stakeholders.
- 3.1.4 Pre-application consultation is a key requirement for applications for Development Consent Orders for major infrastructure projects under the 2008 Act. The 2008 Act requires us to consult with persons with an interest in the proposed land and certain bodies as prescribed under section 42 of the 2008 Act; the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act (the subject of this SoCC); and to publicise the proposals locally and nationally under section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations”). It also provides a fixed role as consultees for those local authorities which host the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.5 The obligations under section 42 and section 48 of the 2008 Act are not included in this SoCC.
- 3.1.6 Further information on the DCO application process can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate which has published a range of advice notes which intend to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of matters in relation to the Planning Act 2008 process. This includes advice note eight, which provides more detail on the NSIP planning process. All advice notes can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.
- 3.1.7 As part of our development of the SoCC, we provided both East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority for the Proposed Development, and Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line, with an early draft of the document. These were sent on Monday 22 January 2024.
- 3.1.8 In line with the requirements of the 2008 Act, we undertook formal consultation on the SoCC with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority and neighbouring authority Hull City Council and took regard of comment received. The SoCC was sent on Thursday 29 February 2024.
- 3.1.9 An overview of the DCO process is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: The DCO Process



4. About RWE

4.1 The Applicant

RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd

- 4.1.1 RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.
- 4.1.2 In the UK, we currently operate:
- 10 offshore wind farms
 - 33 onshore wind farms
 - 21 hydro plants
 - 1 biomass plant
- 4.1.3 RWE has recently acquired JBM Solar. Established in 2012, JBM Solar has a proven track record of securing consent for over 1GW of clean, green solar energy schemes in the UK and Ireland.
- 4.1.4 The Applicant is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources such as wind, water, the sun and biomass.
- 4.1.5 The Applicant has a decade-long history of working closely with landowners, communities, and stakeholders such as local authorities and community groups to help deliver projects that deliver renewable energy, while working with both the community and local wildlife.

5. Engagement to date

- 5.1.1 The Applicant undertook a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Development between Monday 9 October and Monday 6 November 2023.
- 5.1.2 The non-statutory consultation had the following aims:
- to introduce the Proposed Development to the public, providing an overview of the Proposed Development and the national need for solar
 - present the early plans, including the land parcels and cable route options
 - to give stakeholders and the community the opportunity to provide feedback on our early-stage proposals
 - to outline the next steps for the Proposed Development

- 5.1.3 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the project team held three face-to-face public exhibitions and two webinars. The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings newspaper and social media adverts and posters sent to local parishes. Dedicated information channels were established for those who had questions about the Proposed Development or needed to get in contact with the project team. This engagement is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of engagement activities to date

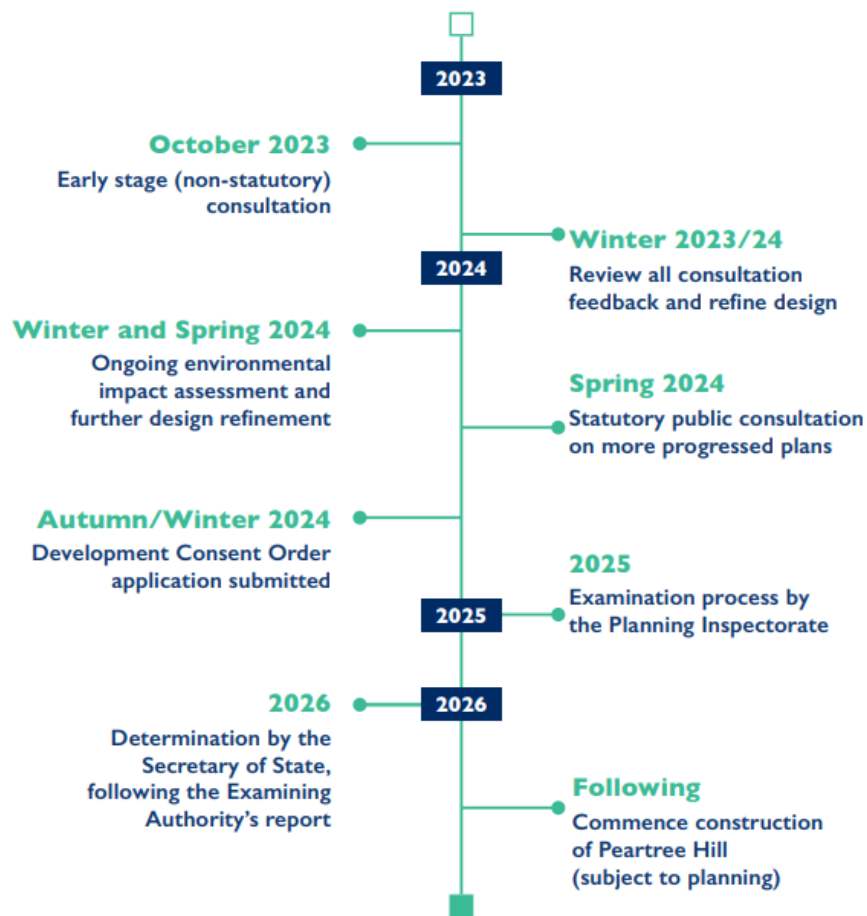
Activity	Total
Community Newsletters issued	11,516
In-person exhibitions	3
Stakeholder Briefings	8
Webinars	2
Website Visitors	400

- 5.1.4 There were a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to provide feedback. These included:
- Completing an online feedback form on the website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Completing a paper feedback form or sending written comments by post (Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM)
 - Emailing feedback to the email address (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Calling the information line (01482 695004)
- 5.1.5 In total, throughout the four-week non-statutory consultation period, 102 responses were received.
- 5.1.6 In addition to the non-statutory consultation period, the Proposed Development has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England.
- 5.1.7 More information about the non-statutory consultation can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report which is part of the documents that are currently available on the website, <https://peartreehillsolar.co.uk/>. Archive documents from the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the project's website. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in paragraph 6.4.3.

5.2 Timeline for Proposed Development

5.2.1 Figure 2 sets out an indicative timeline for each stage of the Proposed Development from consultation through to the Secretary of State decision.

Figure 2 Indicative Proposed Development timeline



6. Statutory Consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act

6.1 How we will consult on the proposed application

- 6.1.1 We will undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 for six weeks starting on Tuesday 7 May 2024. The deadline for accepting consultation responses is 11.59pm on Tuesday 18 June 2024. All responses to the consultation must be received by the closing date.
- 6.1.2 This consultation will provide an opportunity for people in the local community and interested parties to have their say about our proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.
- 6.1.3 As well as the community consultation in accordance with Section 47, this consultation will also include:
- Consultation with prescribed bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with host and neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (under Section 43 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development (under Section 44 of the 2008 Act); and general public consultation on the Proposed Development (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act)

6.2 Who are we consulting?

- 6.2.1 We will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC. Our consultation process is open to anyone with an interest in our proposals for Peartree Hill.
- 6.2.2 We have identified a primary consultation zone (PCZ) (shown in Figure 3) for the purpose of communicating with the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act. The PCZ has been identified by extending a minimum distance of approximately two kilometres from the proposed Site Boundary (Appendix 1) – within which the solar PV panels, energy storage system and on-site substation and supporting infrastructure would be located. The PCZ also extends one kilometre from the cable route corridor connecting to Creyke Beck substation.

6.2.3 The PCZ has been amended beyond these criteria, in certain areas, to consider:

- Existing physical features, such as main roads
- Capturing entire communities rather than excluding small numbers of properties
- Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications

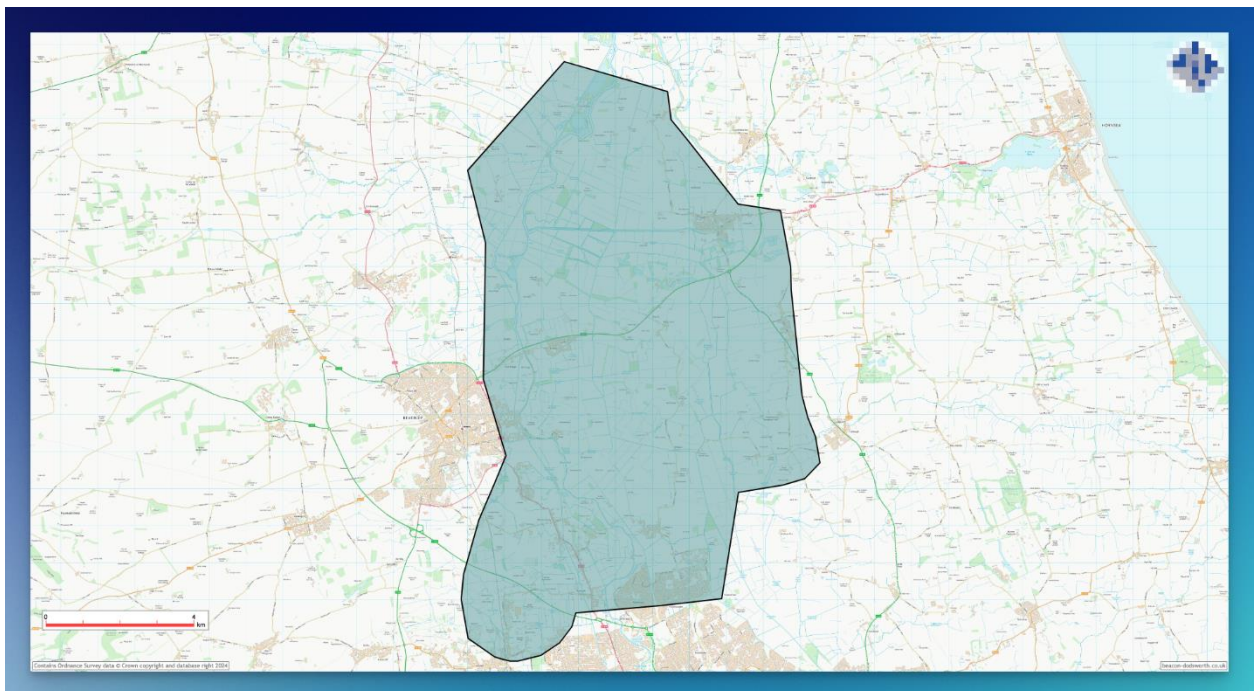
6.2.4 Within the PCZ, we will be consulting any person or group likely to be directly impacted by the Proposed Development by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site.

6.2.5 This will include:

- parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ, Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within and bordering the PCZ
- elected representatives in local authorities within the PCZ and
- relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups

6.2.6 We are also committed to making sure that individuals and organisations outside of the PCZ are given the opportunity to participate in the statutory consultation.

Figure 3: Primary Consultation Zone for Peartree Hill Solar Farm



6.3 Approach to community consultation

- 6.3.1 During the statutory consultation, we will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. We will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.
- 6.3.2 Table 2 below sets out the approaches that will be used to publicise the consultation on the proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 2: Statutory consultation methods for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Inside the primary consultation zone	<p>All homes and businesses within the PCZ will receive a 4-page consultation newsletter with high-level details about the Proposed Development and consultation programme, as well as project's contact details.</p> <p>Consultation events will be held at locations within the PCZ.</p> <p>Where possible, relevant groups and organisations such as parish councils and local interest groups, will be notified of consultation opportunities.</p> <p>We have also identified a list of local community spaces within the PCZ that will be directly mailed a poster to put up, advertising how people can get involved in the consultation.</p>
Outside of the primary consultation zone	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation using a number of methods, including via local news media, social media advertising, and direct communication with organisations such as regional environmental, religious or health organisations located outside of the PCZ.</p>
Consultation Events	<p>We will be holding four in-person events at locations spread across the PCZ. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, the consultation brochure, on social media, on posters, in local news media and in a public notice.</p> <p>These events will run for periods of at least four hours between 11 am and 7pm on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability.</p> <p>Details of the events is available in table 6.</p>
Webinars	<p>Two webinars will be held for any member of the public to join. One webinar will be held at the start of the consultation and one towards the end of the consultation to provide an alternative option for those who may not be able to attend the in-person events. These will be held in the evening.</p> <p>Individuals can register for these events via the website. The webinars will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 15 May 2024 • Tuesday 4 June 2024 <p>A recording of the webinar will be made available online for those unavailable to attend.</p>

Project information line and email	<p>Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the information line (01482 695 004), email (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk) or write in (Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM).</p> <p>The project team will aim to respond to all enquiries within five working days.</p>
Deposit and information points	<p>Hard copies of the consultation materials including: this SoCC, the consultation brochure, and PEIR will be available to view at the following deposit locations (times identified in Table 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverley Library, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE • Leven Library, Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG <p>We will check on a weekly basis that consultation documentation remains at the information points throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>The consultation brochure and feedback form will be available to collect from the deposit locations above. Where possible the consultation brochure and feedback form will also be left at the event venues within the PCZ, so community groups using these spaces will be able to take hard copies away.</p>
Project website	<p>A dedicated website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk) will be live for people to find out more information about the proposals and to provide feedback.</p> <p>All consultation documents will be presented on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the deposit locations and consultation events.</p>

Table 3: Details of the deposit locations

Location	Address	Opening times
Beverley Library	Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE	Monday 9:30 am-5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm Wednesday 9:30 am-5 pm Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm Friday 9:30 am-5 pm Saturday 9 am-4 pm Sunday Closed
Leven Library	Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG	Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm, 3:30-7pm

6.4 What are we consulting on?

- 6.4.1 We will present proposals for the Proposed Development including how they have been informed by our environmental assessments and consultation to date.
- 6.4.2 We will be seeking feedback on the ongoing evolution of the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. These proposals will be explained in the following materials:
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – the PEIR sets out the preliminary findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It also includes photomontages of the Proposed Development from various locations around the site.
 - PEIR Non-Technical summary – providing a summary of the findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
 - Consultation Brochure – this brochure will provide an overview of the proposals including a summary of each land area and the cable route.
 - Maps – The maps will set out the site areas
- 6.4.3 All of the statutory consultation documents will be available on the project website. Additionally, as part of our statutory notices, we will publicise information on how to request hard copies of the PEIR. Hard copies of the consultation brochure will be available at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR can be requested for a charge £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs. Requests for hardcopies can be made by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or calling 01482 695 004.

Table 4: Statutory consultation materials for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Consultation Materials	
Material	Detail
Consultation newsletter	<p>A 4-page newsletter publicising the consultation and outlining a high-level overview of the Proposed Development details of the consultation programme, including the location, dates and times of the public consultation events and signposting to the project website.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be issued to wider consultees via emailed to local interest groups and sent to statutory parties in the post.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be available to view and download on the project website.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>A consultation brochure will be published at the start of consultation, providing a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, an outline of the environmental assessment work, details of how people can take part, and how feedback will be used to influence and shape the proposals.</p> <p>Printed copies of this brochure will be available to take away at all consultation events, at deposit locations, and on request by contacting the communications team.</p> <p>The brochure will also be available for download from the project website</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A feedback form will be prepared to gather feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The feedback form will be available for completion online via the project website and will be accessible throughout the 6-week consultation period.</p> <p>Printed feedback forms will also be available (free of charge) on request by contacting the communications team, in hard copy at consultation events, and at the deposit points, along with freepost envelopes.</p> <p>The feedback form will also be available to download from the website, complete in pen and return to Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM.</p>

Exhibition Banners	<p>Pull up banners will be created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the Proposed Development at the public exhibitions and will allow for further discussions with members of the project team during public information events and other meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public will also be available to view the banners on the project website.</p>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, based on the initial information available at that time.</p> <p>It will also set out how we propose to mitigate the impacts of and maximise the benefits of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The PEIR can be downloaded free of charge from the project website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation events. A hard copy can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs.</p>
Non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report	<p>The non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report will be developed. It will be available to view on the project website, at consultation events and at deposit points.</p>
Technical maps and plans of the Project	<p>Additional technical maps and plans for the Proposed Development will also be available on the project website and at the consultation events and deposit locations.</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £350 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient.</p>
Project Website	<p>A dedicated consultation website (see Table 5 for detail).</p>
Publication of the consultation	<p>We will publish a public notice with details of the consultation within both a local newspaper and a national newspaper, pursuant to section 48 of the Act.</p>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation website, available at consultation events, at deposit points and in hard copy on request.</p> <p>We will also publish a notice in a local newspaper to explain where this statement can be inspected, pursuant to section 47 of the Act.</p>

Materials in alternative formats	<p>Upon request, all documents will be available in alternative accessible formats, such as braille, speaking text and alternative languages.</p> <p>All requests should be made to the communications team by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or phone: 01482 695 004.</p>
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Table 5: The Project website and features

Function	Rationale
Online downloadable copies of all the statutory consultation material, including: The PEIR, consultation brochure, exhibition banners, non-tech summary of PEIR and feedback form	To ensure the exhibition material is accessible to those who may not be able to get to an in-person event or a deposit location. This will ensure that the consultation is fully accessible to everyone who wants to participate.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions without the need to contact the project team or attend an in-person event.
Online Feedback Form	To enable members of the public to submit their feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the project team for any further questions.

6.5 Consultation Events

- 6.5.1 Three public consultation events will be held for communities to find out information about the Project and speak to members of the project team. The consultation events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ if a suitable location in the PCZ is not available.
- 6.5.2 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available in print format at each consultation event. There will be a series of banners to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, including maps.
- 6.5.3 Those attending will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 6.5.4 Table 6 outlines the dates, times and locations of each of the consultation events.

Table 6: Details of the consultation events

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 18 May 2024	11am -3pm	Tickton Village Hall Main Street, Tickton, East Yorkshire, HU17 9RZ
Tuesday 21 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Cottingham Civic Hall Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG
Wednesday 22 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Leven Village Hall North Street, Leven, Beverly, HU17 5NF
Monday 3 June 2024	1pm-7pm	Wawne Village Hall 36 Main Street, Wawne, Hull, HU7 5XH

6.6 Promoting the consultation

- 6.6.1 We will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the Proposed Development and advertise the statutory consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ ahead of the statutory consultation period. The newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail, and to wider consultees via email, including local interest groups.
Press releases	<p>To raise awareness of the Proposed Development and the consultation programme, both within and beyond the PCZ, we will share a press release with local media outlets at the start of consultation.</p> <p>This will be sent to the following local and regional media outlets.</p>
Stakeholder briefings	<p>We will issue communications to key political stakeholders, representing wards, constituencies and parishes within the consultation zone. This will provide information about the proposals and consultation programme and invite them to take part in the consultation via in-person or online meetings.</p> <p>We will consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with other local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Emails and Letters	<p>We will send both emails and letters about the consultation programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs; • key elected representatives at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council • host and neighbouring parish councils; • host and neighbouring local authorities; • local interest groups, such as environmental groups. <p>Host parish councils will receive hard copies of the consultation brochure as part of the mailing to statutory consultees.</p>
Statutory notices	Statutory notices to publicise the SoCC and consultation, in accordance with section 48 and section 47 of the Act, will be published as a joint notice once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) and the London Gazette and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating papers The Hull Daily Mail and Yorkshire Post.

Information Posters	<p>Posters including details of the consultation, how to access information about the Proposed Development and how to get involved, will be displayed at well-used public locations within and outside of the PCZ, including libraries, shops and civic buildings. These will be hosted in agreement with relevant organisations and venues.</p> <p>Information posters will be sent to all host and neighbouring parish councils, to be used on local noticeboards, and to help raise awareness of the consultation.</p>
Social Media Advertising	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation via the project Facebook page. The page is used to provide updates about the proposals and consultation programme.</p> <p>Paid for social media advertising will be used to publicise the consultation programme and proposals, helping to engage younger people and those outside of the PCZ.</p>

- 6.6.2 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Any activity changes will also be published on the project website.

6.7 Wider Engagement

- 6.7.1 Ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation, including local authorities, MPs, and statutory parties such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England and with local interest groups, residents and landowners who get in touch.
- 6.7.2 All relevant parish councils, elected members for councils and MPs will be contacted and will be kept informed about the Proposed Development. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituency/local community.

6.8 Engagement with Seldom Heard groups

- 6.8.1 We are committed to ensuring that our consultation is accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including 'under-represented' or 'seldom heard' groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.
- 6.8.2 These groups and individuals that may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials, include:

- Geographically isolated communities
- Young People
- Old People
- Disabled people and those with learning disabilities
- People who do not have English as a first language

Table 8: Consultation with seldom heard groups for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Seldom Heard Groups	Consultation Approach
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phonenumber.</p> <p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and offering alternative formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via a freepost address so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
Disabled people and those with learning disabilities	<p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phonenumber.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>Two online webinars, so anyone who may not be able to attend an in-person event can have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provide space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
Geographically isolated communities	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via an online form and via the freepost address so feedback can be easily provided from all locations.</p> <p>Webinars for people to join and find out about the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Advertising the availability of the project phonenumber for stakeholders with further questions to speak with the project team, regardless of location.</p>
Young People	<p>Online engagement methods, including social media advertising, to encourage young people to complete online feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

6.9 Information Channels

- 6.9.1 The following channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request copies of the consultation materials and documents. These channels are provided in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Information channels for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Contact Details	Hours of operation
Website	www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24/7
Telephone	01482 695 004	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)
Email	info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24 hour (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within 10 working days)
Post	Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM	24 hour (mailbox will be monitored between 9am-5:30pm on weekdays)

- 6.9.2 Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required. This will include materials such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation.

7. Responding to the consultation

7.1 How to respond to the consultation

- 7.1.1 Feedback to the consultation must be submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday 18 June 2024. Responses received after this date may not be considered.
- 7.1.2 Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:
- Completing the feedback form online which can be accessed via the project website from Tuesday 8 May: (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or taken away and sent to us via a freepost (using Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM). Feedback forms can also be collected from our community deposit locations or requested from the community relations team as detailed in Table 9.
 - Emailing into info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Writing to us at Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp is required)

8. How we will use consultation feedback

- 8.1.1 When our statutory consultation closes, we will have regard to all comments received. All feedback, including ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, is important to us and will help to influence our design for the Proposed Development.
- 8.1.2 Once we have reviewed and finalised our Application, we will produce a Consultation Report, which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.
- 8.1.3 The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero as part of the DCO application.
- 8.1.4 Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the project website is available at: www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk.

9. Further consultation

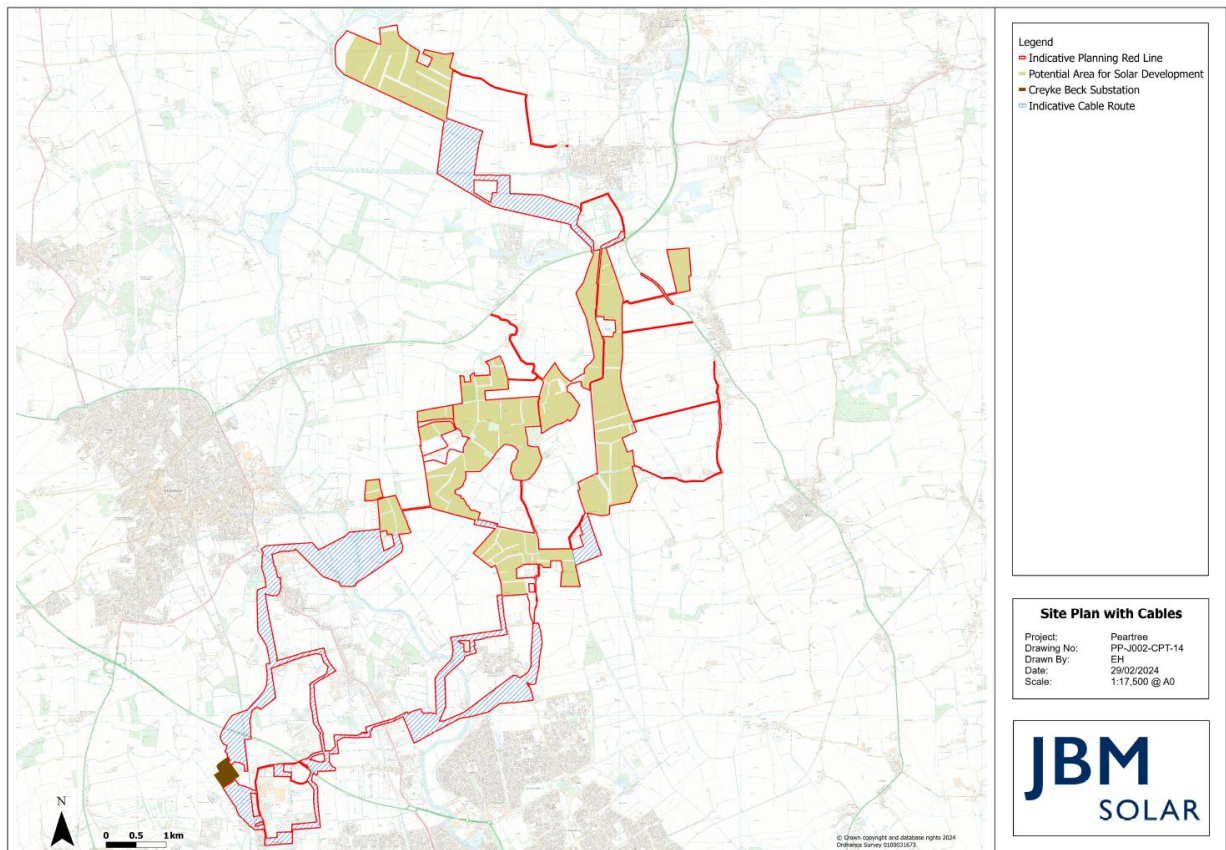
- 9.1.1 If, following the statutory consultation we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

10. Contact details

- 10.1.1 Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more information about Peartree Hill Solar Farm and our consultation programme. You can get in touch with members of our communications team using any of the communications lines listed below.
- 10.1.2 Should you require any documents in large print or audio then please contact us using the details provided. Every effort has been made to ensure that information is accurate at the time of going to print.
- 10.1.3 Our communications channels are:
- Email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Call: 01482 695 004
 - Write to: Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (you do not need a stamp)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Site Boundary Plan



Appendix C-6 Emails with updated consultation dates and final SoCC

Appendix C-6.1 Email to East Riding of Yorkshire Council with updated consultation dates and final SoCC

RE: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - SoCC and PPA update

Laura Tinker <[REDACTED]>

Mon 2024-04-29 11:08

 2 attachments (6 MB)

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Good morning Anna / all,

I wanted to update you on a further change to the Statutory Consultation dates for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. The Consultation period will now run from 15th May to 26th June 2024.

Please find attached clean and tracked versions of the SoCC which reflect this change.

I also wanted to enquire whether it was likely that EROs response to the upcoming consultation would be taken to committee or not – do you recall what the approach was with the East Yorkshire solar farm?

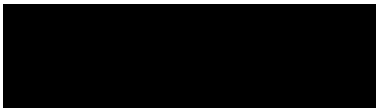
Finally – it would be great to please get an update on the draft PPA, as below, if there is anything that Peartree Hill can support you with on this please do let me know as we are very keen to get this finalised.

Cheers,

Laura Tinker

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From: Laura Tinker

Sent: 22 April 2024 15:03



Subject: RE: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - SoCC and PPA update

Afternoon Anna / all,

I wanted to follow up on my email below. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to support on getting the PPA ready for finalisation.

Cheers,

Laura Tinker

BA, MPlan, MRTPI
Associate



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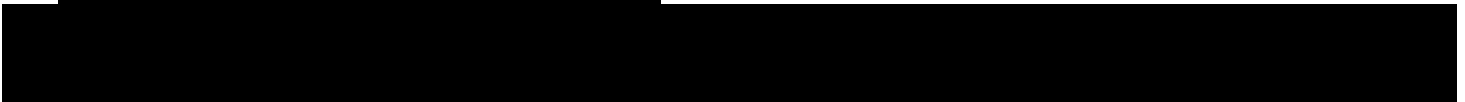
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From: Laura Tinker

Sent: 16 April 2024 08:57



Subject: RE: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - SoCC and PPA update

Morning Anna,

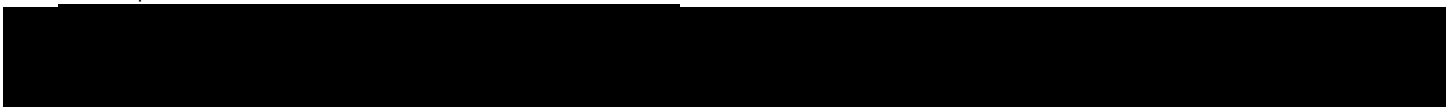
Can I confirm that the below has been received?

I also wanted to follow up about the PPA, the Project is very keen to get this signed so that any external consultants can be instructed and we can begin any remaining engagement. If you could please get back to me with expected timelines for this that would be appreciated.

Cheers,
Laura Tinker

From: Laura Tinker

Sent: 11 April 2024 16:27



Subject: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - SoCC and PPA update

Good afternoon Anna,

Thanks again for your comments on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) received on 8 March 2024 regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.

We have reviewed your comments and also made some changes to the document, outlined below, due to a slight change in consultation dates. Please find attached the updated final SoCC, including a word tracked changes version for your information.

Paragraph	Comment	Change made
6.4.2. What we are consulting on	East Riding of Yorkshire Council: From experience of other schemes the more detail you can provide the public, the better. Those who's houses are close by will want to know what will be located close to their house, how tall panels will be. what road improvements are proposed etc, what landscaping is proposed etc. Will you also consult on supporting docs such as TA/Ecology information for consulting with He and NE etc?	No change made. We don't have a draft Traffic Assessment to share at the PEIR stage. The PEIR (which will be issued as part of the statutory consultation) will have Transport and Ecology chapters with corresponding figures and appendices. We've been sharing this data and preliminary assessments with key stakeholder including EYRC Highways and Natural England to date and will continue to do so.
6.5 Consultation events	East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Suggest an event at Cottingham/Creyke Beck way in addition if possible as these are all east and some of the PCZ stretches further west	An additional consultation event will be held at Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham on Tuesday 21 May 2024, 1pm-7pm
Throughout – consultation dates	RWE change	The dates for the consultation have moved to Tuesday 7 May to Tuesday 18 June 2024. As such two of the consultation events have moved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First webinar is now Wednesday 15 May 2024, 6.30-8pm • Wawne Village Hall event is now Monday 3 June 2024, 1pm-7pm
Table 7 - Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm	RWE change	Statutory notices to publicise the SoCC and consultation, in accordance with section 48 and section 47 of the Act, will be published as a joint notice.
Table 7 - Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm	RWE change	Amendment to the local papers the notice will be placed in. The Beverley and Holderness Gazette does not exist therefore notices will be placed in the Hull Daily Mail and Yorkshire Post which both cover the area of the proposed development.

I also wanted to check whether there is any update on the PPA. I am free all day tomorrow, if you let me know your availability I would be happy to put a 15min call in your diary to go over any questions you may have so we can get things moving again?

I look forward to hearing from you.

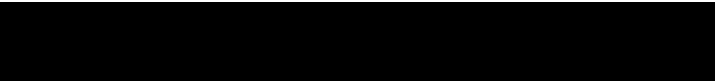
Cheers,
Laura Tinker

Appendix C-6.2 Email to Hull City Council with updated consultation dates and final SoCC

RE: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Statement of Community Consultation

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Hi Simon,

I wanted to update you on a further change to the Statutory Consultation dates for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. The Consultation period will now run from 15th May to 26th June 2024.

Please find attached clean and tracked versions of the SoCC which reflect this change.

Let me know if you have any questions on this.

Cheers, Alex

From: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk <info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk>

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:31 PM



Subject: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Statement of Community Consultation

Hi Simon,

I hope you are well.

I am writing further to our email on 29 March 2024 about our consultation on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd’s proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. We have not received from Hull City Council but wanted to send you over for information the updated final SoCC.

The table below shows the changes to the document and I have attached both a tracked and clean version of the document.

If you do have any comments on the SoCC please do send them over as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Olivia

Paragraph	Comment	Change made
6.4.2. What we are consulting on	East Riding of Yorkshire Council: From experience of other schemes the more detail you can provide the public, the better. Those who's houses are close by will want to know what will be located close to their house, how tall	No change made. We don't have a draft Traffic Assessment to share at the PEIR stage. The PEIR (which will be issued as part of the statutory consultation) will have Transport and Ecology

	panels will be. what road improvements are proposed etc, what landscaping is proposed etc. Will you also consult on supporting docs such as TA/Ecology information for consulting with He and NE etc?	chapters with corresponding figures and appendices. We've been sharing this data and preliminary assessments with key stakeholder including EYRC Highways and Natural England to date and will continue to do so.
6.5 Consultation events	East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Suggest an event at Cottingham/Creyke Beck way in addition if possible as these are all east and some of the PCZ stretches further west	An additional consultation event will be held at Cottingham Civic Hall, Market Green, Cottingham on Tuesday 21 May 2024, 1pm-7pm
Throughout – consultation dates	RWE change	The dates for the consultation have moved to Tuesday 7 May to Tuesday 18 June 2024. As such two of the consultation events have moved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First webinar is now Wednesday 15 May 2024, 6.30-8pm • Wawne Village Hall event is now Monday 3 June 2024, 1pm-7pm
Table 7 - Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm	RWE change	Statutory notices to publicise the SoCC and consultation, in accordance with section 48 and section 47 of the Act, will be published as a joint notice.
Table 7 - Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm	RWE change	Amendment to the local papers the notice will be placed in. The Beverley and Holderness Gazette does not exist therefore notices will be placed in the Hull Daily Mail and Yorkshire Post which both cover the area of the proposed development.

From: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk <info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk>

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:54 PM

Cc: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk

Subject: Peartree Hill Solar Farm - Request for comments on Statement of Community Consultation

Dear Simon Mounce,

RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR & STORAGE LIMITED
PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM

SECTION 47 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008: DUTY TO CONSULT LOCAL COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

I am writing to you regarding RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Ltd's proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm, a solar and battery storage project that would provide 320MW of clean energy, in East Riding of Yorkshire.

The proposed scheme is identified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) and therefore we are required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration, before a final decision is made by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Before submitting a DCO application we must also undertake a 'statutory' consultation on the proposals. We intend to hold this consultation in Spring 2024.

Prior to undertaking a statutory consultation, the Planning Act 2008 (Part 2, Section 47) requires RWE: *"Prepares a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land. Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement."*

Whilst not a host authority identified within section 43 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, we are inviting Hull City Council as a neighbouring authority to participate in formal consultation on our draft SoCC, which is attached.

Please treat this email as notice of a request for comments on the contents of our SoCC from Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line.

This is an important opportunity for you to share your views on our SoCC. We will record how we have considered your views by responding to you directly in writing, and in our Consultation Report which forms part of our application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate.

To aid the process of providing your comments, please find attached our SoCC (provided as Word and a Pdf file) for you to review. Please provide any comments and suggested amendments in track changes as doing this will assist us in ensuring these are recorded and considered. Please confirm receipt of this email and the accompanying SoCC. If you wish to discuss the content of this email, please do not hesitate in contacting us info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or call 01482 695 004.

Please submit your comments on the draft SoCC via email to info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk. The deadline for providing comments by **11.59pm on Tuesday 2 April 2024**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

Olivia White

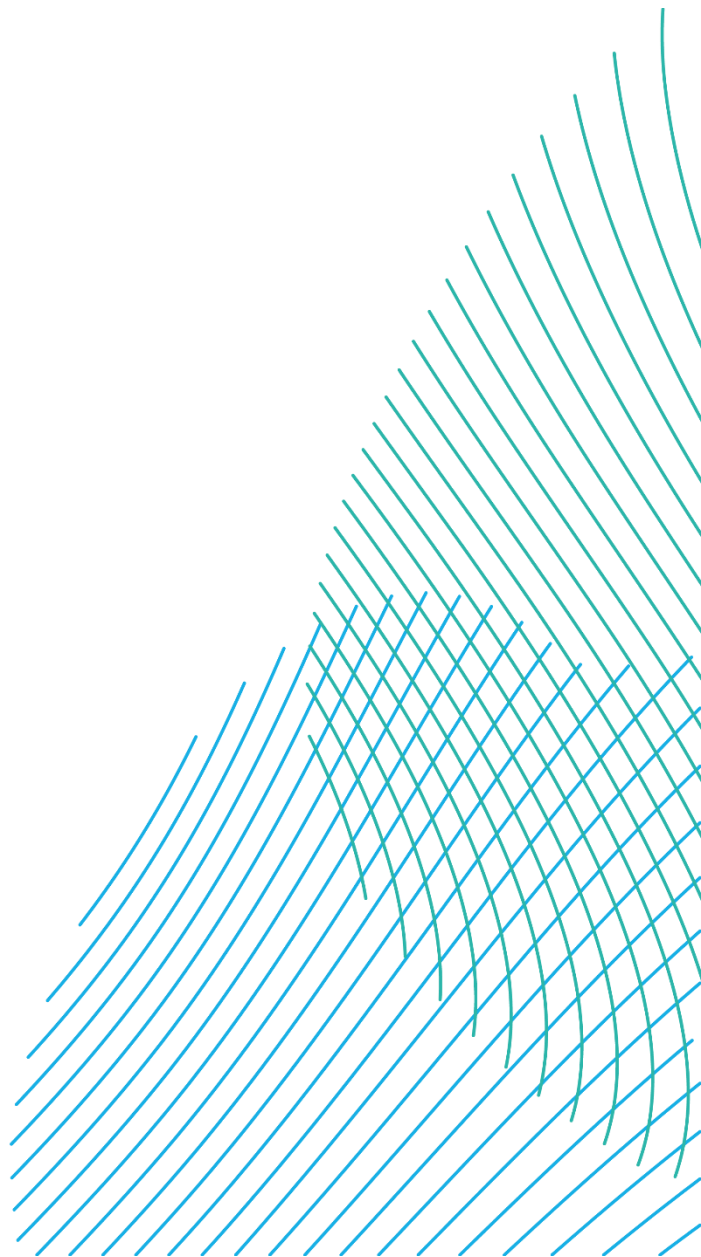
Communications Manager

Appendix C-7 Final SoCC



Pear tree Hill Solar Farm Statement of Community Consultation

April 2024



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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1 RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd (“we” or “the Applicant”) is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in connection with its proposals for a new solar energy and storage scheme known as Peartree Hill Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”).
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development about the proposals.
- 1.1.3 Understanding the views of the local community, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure we identify valuable information and the feedback received will help shape the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.4 This SoCC explains the consultation being undertaken before submission for our application for development consent. It includes:
- A description of the consenting process we must follow
 - What we will be consulting on
 - Who we will consult
 - How we will consult
 - How people can respond to the consultation
 - How we will use the consultation feedback responses
- 1.1.5 Anticipated to generate up to 320MW of energy, the Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”), as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”).
- 1.1.6 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the Act, which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with the local community regarding their proposals, and to carry out pre-application consultation in accordance with this statement.
- 1.1.7 As the Proposed Development is an ‘EIA Development’ (meaning that it is subject to an environmental impact assessment or “EIA”), this SoCC also sets out how we intend to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information, in accordance with Regulation 12 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”).

- 1.1.8 In addition to our obligations under section 47, section 42 of the 2008 Act clearly sets out how to consult with prescribed consultees, local authorities and persons with an interest in land. None of the section 42 consultees are excluded from any of the community consultation activities set out in this document.

2. Peartree Hill Solar Farm

2.1 The Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Proposed Development is located to the east of Beverley within the administrative boundaries of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The Proposed Development will connect into the National Grid Creyke Beck substation located in Cottingham via an underground cable.
- 2.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises an area of approximately 2,000 acres and is made up of six land areas where solar panels and battery storage energy systems are proposed. These land areas will also include associated infrastructure, areas for ecological mitigation and enhancement, and new community assets. The land areas are:
- Area A: Land South of High and Low Baswick
 - Area B: Land North West of Long Riston
 - Area C: Land West of Arnold
 - Area D: Land South of the A1035
 - Area E: Land East of Weel
 - Area F: Land North of Wawne
- 2.1.3 The Proposed Development would make a meaningful contribution to the local, and national climate commitments generating up to 320MW of renewable energy, enough to power approximately 136,000 homes.¹
- 2.1.4 The renewable energy produced by the Proposed Development would be equivalent to displacing over 11,200,000 tonnes of CO₂ from equivalent fossil fuel energy, which equates to taking 166,000 cars off the road for a year.

¹ Based on the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2022, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.2.1 The Proposed Development constitutes an ‘environmental impact assessment (‘EIA’) development’ as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- 2.2.2 An Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) is therefore being prepared to ensure the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation measures should be put in place to control or reduce environmental effects. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the findings of the EIA.
- 2.2.3 An EIA Scoping Opinion was issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 20 December 2023. Together with the Applicant’s Scoping Report, this identifies the environmental issues relevant to the Proposed Development and suggests any potential mitigation measures. The Scoping Opinion is available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website at:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010157/EN010157-000009-PHSF%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 2.2.4 In accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out initial information on the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development and any proposed mitigation, will be prepared and will help consultees to take an informed view on these matters.
- 2.2.5 The Applicant will invite feedback on the information presented in the PEIR as part of the statutory consultation. Feedback received will be considered before the DCO application and EIA are finalised for submission.

3. The consenting process

- 3.1.1 As the Proposed Development will have a generating capacity of more than 50MW, Peartree Hill Solar Farm will be classified as an NSIP and under the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to submit an application for a DCO.
- 3.1.2 If the application for the DCO is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an examining authority to scrutinise our application and who would make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State makes the final decision on a DCO application.

- 3.1.3 Before submitting an application, the Act requires us to carry out consultation with people living in the vicinity of the land and prescribed stakeholders.
- 3.1.4 Pre-application consultation is a key requirement for applications for Development Consent Orders for major infrastructure projects under the 2008 Act. The 2008 Act requires us to consult with persons with an interest in the proposed land and certain bodies as prescribed under section 42 of the 2008 Act; the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act (the subject of this SoCC); and to publicise the proposals locally and nationally under section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regulations”). It also provides a fixed role as consultees for those local authorities which host the Proposed Development.
- 3.1.5 The obligations under section 42 and section 48 of the 2008 Act are not included in this SoCC.
- 3.1.6 Further information on the DCO application process can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate which has published a range of advice notes which intend to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of matters in relation to the Planning Act 2008 process. This includes advice note eight, which provides more detail on the NSIP planning process. All advice notes can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>.
- 3.1.7 As part of our development of the SoCC, we provided both East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority for the Proposed Development, and Hull City Council, as a neighbouring authority which has the cable route going close to its boundary line, with an early draft of the document. These were sent on Monday 22 January 2024.
- 3.1.8 In line with the requirements of the 2008 Act, we undertook formal consultation on the SoCC with East Riding of Yorkshire Council, the host local authority and neighbouring authority Hull City Council and took regard of comment received. The SoCC was sent on Thursday 29 February 2024.
- 3.1.9 An overview of the DCO process is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: The DCO Process



4. About RWE

4.1 The Applicant

RWE Renewables UK Solar & Storage Ltd

- 4.1.1 RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies and is the UK's second largest power producer and third largest renewable generator supplying around 12% of UK electricity.
- 4.1.2 In the UK, we currently operate:
- 10 offshore wind farms
 - 33 onshore wind farms
 - 21 hydro plants
 - 1 biomass plant
- 4.1.3 RWE has recently acquired JBM Solar. Established in 2012, JBM Solar has a proven track record of securing consent for over 1GW of clean, green solar energy schemes in the UK and Ireland.
- 4.1.4 The Applicant is dedicated to generating electricity using sustainable and environmentally friendly resources such as wind, water, the sun and biomass.
- 4.1.5 The Applicant has a decade-long history of working closely with landowners, communities, and stakeholders such as local authorities and community groups to help deliver projects that deliver renewable energy, while working with both the community and local wildlife.

5. Engagement to date

- 5.1.1 The Applicant undertook a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Development between Monday 9 October and Monday 6 November 2023.
- 5.1.2 The non-statutory consultation had the following aims:
- to introduce the Proposed Development to the public, providing an overview of the Proposed Development and the national need for solar
 - present the early plans, including the land parcels and cable route options
 - to give stakeholders and the community the opportunity to provide feedback on our early-stage proposals
 - to outline the next steps for the Proposed Development

- 5.1.3 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the project team held three face-to-face public exhibitions and two webinars. The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings newspaper and social media adverts and posters sent to local parishes. Dedicated information channels were established for those who had questions about the Proposed Development or needed to get in contact with the project team. This engagement is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of engagement activities to date

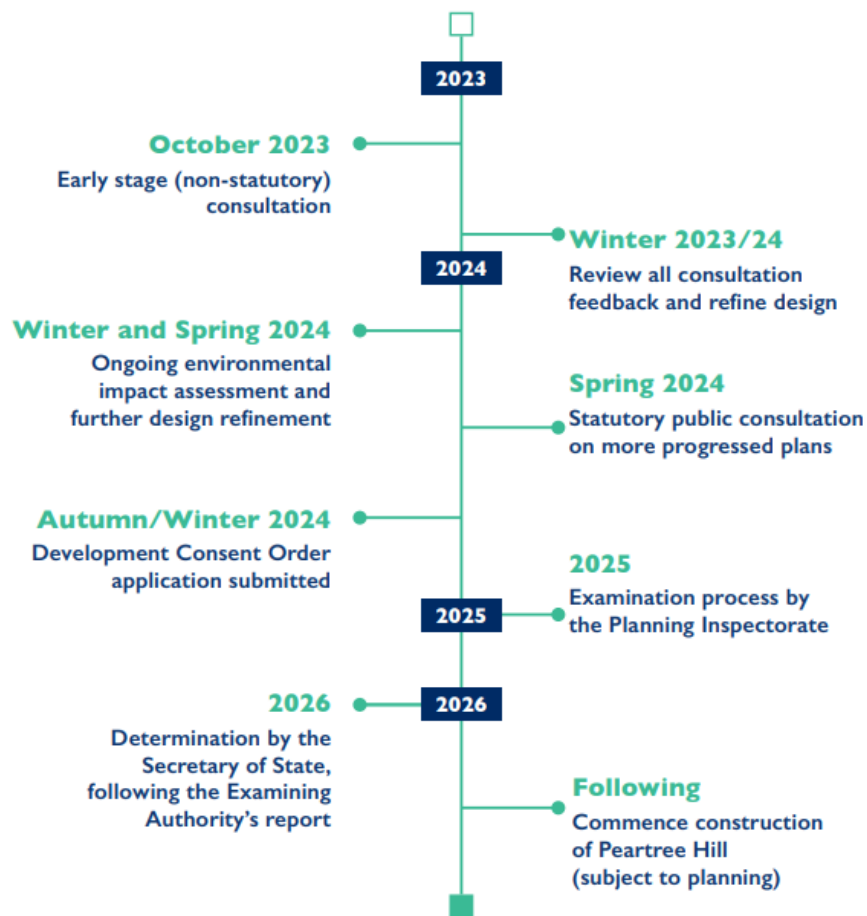
Activity	Total
Community Newsletters issued	11,516
In-person exhibitions	3
Stakeholder Briefings	8
Webinars	2
Website Visitors	400

- 5.1.4 There were a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the consultation to provide feedback. These included:
- Completing an online feedback form on the website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Completing a paper feedback form or sending written comments by post (Freepost PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM)
 - Emailing feedback to the email address (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Calling the information line (01482 695004)
- 5.1.5 In total, throughout the four-week non-statutory consultation period, 102 responses were received.
- 5.1.6 In addition to the non-statutory consultation period, the Proposed Development has engaged with key stakeholders through meetings and other forms of discussion on a regular basis. These stakeholders include East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England.
- 5.1.7 More information about the non-statutory consultation can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report which is part of the documents that are currently available on the website, <https://peartreehillsolar.co.uk/>. Archive documents from the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the project's website. Paper copies will be available on request and subject to a printing charge outlined in paragraph 6.4.3.

5.2 Timeline for Proposed Development

5.2.1 Figure 2 sets out an indicative timeline for each stage of the Proposed Development from consultation through to the Secretary of State decision.

Figure 2 Indicative Proposed Development timeline



6. Statutory Consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act

6.1 How we will consult on the proposed application

- 6.1.1 We will undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 for six weeks starting on Wednesday 15 May 2024. The deadline for accepting consultation responses is 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. All responses to the consultation must be received by the closing date.
- 6.1.2 This consultation will provide an opportunity for people in the local community and interested parties to have their say about our proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm.
- 6.1.3 As well as the community consultation in accordance with Section 47, this consultation will also include:
- Consultation with prescribed bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with host and neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (under Section 43 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development (under Section 44 of the 2008 Act); and general public consultation on the Proposed Development (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act)

6.2 Who are we consulting?

- 6.2.1 We will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC. Our consultation process is open to anyone with an interest in our proposals for Peartree Hill.
- 6.2.2 We have identified a primary consultation zone (PCZ) (shown in Figure 3) for the purpose of communicating with the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act. The PCZ has been identified by extending a minimum distance of approximately two kilometres from the proposed Site Boundary (Appendix 1) – within which the solar PV panels, energy storage system and on-site substation and supporting infrastructure would be located. The PCZ also extends one kilometre from the cable route corridor connecting to Creyke Beck substation.

6.2.3 The PCZ has been amended beyond these criteria, in certain areas, to consider:

- Existing physical features, such as main roads
- Capturing entire communities rather than excluding small numbers of properties
- Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications

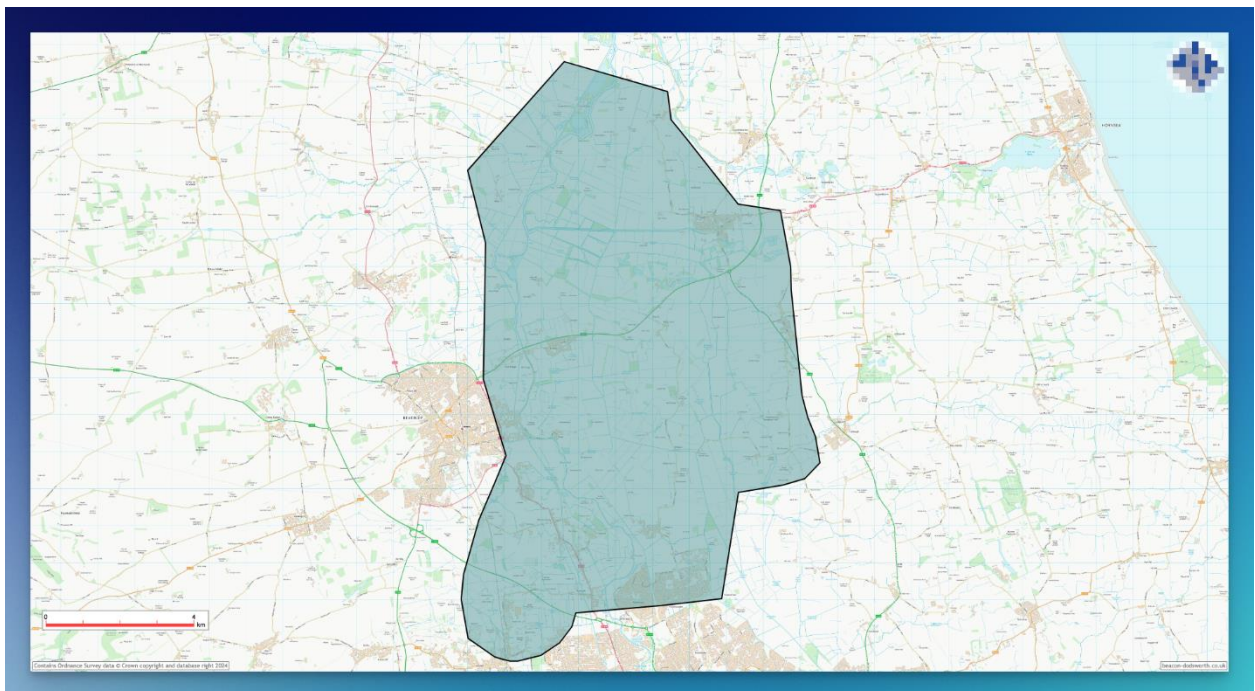
6.2.4 Within the PCZ, we will be consulting any person or group likely to be directly impacted by the Proposed Development by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site.

6.2.5 This will include:

- parish councils representing parishes within the PCZ, Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within and bordering the PCZ
- elected representatives in local authorities within the PCZ and
- relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups

6.2.6 We are also committed to making sure that individuals and organisations outside of the PCZ are given the opportunity to participate in the statutory consultation.

Figure 3: Primary Consultation Zone for Peartree Hill Solar Farm



6.3 Approach to community consultation

- 6.3.1 During the statutory consultation, we will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. We will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.
- 6.3.2 Table 2 below sets out the approaches that will be used to publicise the consultation on the proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 2: Statutory consultation methods for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Inside the primary consultation zone	<p>All homes and businesses within the PCZ will receive a 4-page consultation newsletter with high-level details about the Proposed Development and consultation programme, as well as project's contact details.</p> <p>Consultation events will be held at locations within the PCZ.</p> <p>Where possible, relevant groups and organisations such as parish councils and local interest groups, will be notified of consultation opportunities.</p> <p>We have also identified a list of local community spaces within the PCZ that will be directly mailed a poster to put up, advertising how people can get involved in the consultation.</p>
Outside of the primary consultation zone	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation using a number of methods, including via local news media, social media advertising, and direct communication with organisations such as regional environmental, religious or health organisations located outside of the PCZ.</p>
Consultation Events	<p>We will be holding four in-person events at locations spread across the PCZ. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, the consultation brochure, on social media, on posters, in local news media and in a public notice.</p> <p>These events will run for periods of at least four hours between 11 am and 7pm on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability.</p> <p>Details of the events is available in table 6.</p>
Webinars	<p>Two webinars will be held for any member of the public to join. One webinar will be held at the start of the consultation and one towards the end of the consultation to provide an alternative option for those who may not be able to attend the in-person events. These will be held in the evening.</p> <p>Individuals can register for these events via the website. The webinars will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 28 May 2024 • Wednesday 12 June 2024 <p>A recording of the webinar will be made available online for those unavailable to attend.</p>

Project information line and email	<p>Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the information line (01482 695 004), email (info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk) or write in (Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM).</p> <p>The project team will aim to respond to all enquiries within five working days.</p>
Deposit and information points	<p>Hard copies of the consultation materials including: this SoCC, the consultation brochure, and PEIR will be available to view at the following deposit locations (times identified in Table 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverley Library, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE • Leven Library, Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG <p>We will check on a weekly basis that consultation documentation remains at the information points throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>The consultation brochure and feedback form will be available to collect from the deposit locations above. Where possible the consultation brochure and feedback form will also be left at the event venues within the PCZ, so community groups using these spaces will be able to take hard copies away.</p>
Project website	<p>A dedicated website (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk) will be live for people to find out more information about the proposals and to provide feedback.</p> <p>All consultation documents will be presented on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the deposit locations and consultation events.</p>

Table 3: Details of the deposit locations

Location	Address	Opening times
Beverley Library	Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE	Monday 9:30 am-5 pm Tuesday 9:30 am-8 pm Wednesday 9:30 am-5 pm Thursday 9:30 am-8 pm Friday 9:30 am-5 pm Saturday 9 am-4 pm Sunday Closed
Leven Library	Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5NG	Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm, 3:30-7pm

6.4 What are we consulting on?

- 6.4.1 We will present proposals for the Proposed Development including how they have been informed by our environmental assessments and consultation to date.
- 6.4.2 We will be seeking feedback on the ongoing evolution of the proposals for Peartree Hill Solar Farm. These proposals will be explained in the following materials:
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – the PEIR sets out the preliminary findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). It also includes photomontages of the Proposed Development from various locations around the site.
 - PEIR Non-Technical summary – providing a summary of the findings from the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
 - Consultation Brochure – this brochure will provide an overview of the proposals including a summary of each land area and the cable route.
 - Maps – The maps will set out the site areas
- 6.4.3 All of the statutory consultation documents will be available on the project website. Additionally, as part of our statutory notices, we will publicise information on how to request hard copies of the PEIR. Hard copies of the consultation brochure will be available at no extra charge. A hard copy of the PEIR can be requested for a charge £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs. Requests for hardcopies can be made by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or calling 01482 695 004.

Table 4: Statutory consultation materials for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Consultation Materials	
Material	Detail
Consultation newsletter	<p>A 4-page newsletter publicising the consultation and outlining a high-level overview of the Proposed Development details of the consultation programme, including the location, dates and times of the public consultation events and signposting to the project website.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be issued to wider consultees via emailed to local interest groups and sent to statutory parties in the post.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be available to view and download on the project website.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>A consultation brochure will be published at the start of consultation, providing a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, an outline of the environmental assessment work, details of how people can take part, and how feedback will be used to influence and shape the proposals.</p> <p>Printed copies of this brochure will be available to take away at all consultation events, at deposit locations, and on request by contacting the communications team.</p> <p>The brochure will also be available for download from the project website</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A feedback form will be prepared to gather feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The feedback form will be available for completion online via the project website and will be accessible throughout the 6-week consultation period.</p> <p>Printed feedback forms will also be available (free of charge) on request by contacting the communications team, in hard copy at consultation events, and at the deposit points, along with freepost envelopes.</p> <p>The feedback form will also be available to download from the website, complete in pen and return to Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM.</p>

Exhibition Banners	<p>Pull up banners will be created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the Proposed Development at the public exhibitions and will allow for further discussions with members of the project team during public information events and other meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public will also be available to view the banners on the project website.</p>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, based on the initial information available at that time.</p> <p>It will also set out how we propose to mitigate the impacts of and maximise the benefits of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The PEIR can be downloaded free of charge from the project website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation events. A hard copy can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs.</p>
Non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report	<p>The non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report will be developed. It will be available to view on the project website, at consultation events and at deposit points.</p>
Technical maps and plans of the Project	<p>Additional technical maps and plans for the Proposed Development will also be available on the project website and at the consultation events and deposit locations.</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the technical documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply (up to a maximum of £350 for one full suite of documents) to be paid for by the recipient.</p>
Project Website	<p>A dedicated consultation website (see Table 5 for detail).</p>
Publication of the consultation	<p>We will publish a public notice with details of the consultation within both a local newspaper and a national newspaper, pursuant to section 48 of the Act.</p>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>This SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation website, available at consultation events, at deposit points and in hard copy on request.</p> <p>We will also publish a notice in a local newspaper to explain where this statement can be inspected, pursuant to section 47 of the Act.</p>

Materials in alternative formats	<p>Upon request, all documents will be available in alternative accessible formats, such as braille, speaking text and alternative languages.</p> <p>All requests should be made to the communications team by email: info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk or phone: 01482 695 004.</p>
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Table 5: The Project website and features

Function	Rationale
Online downloadable copies of all the statutory consultation material, including: The PEIR, consultation brochure, exhibition banners, non-tech summary of PEIR and feedback form	To ensure the exhibition material is accessible to those who may not be able to get to an in-person event or a deposit location. This will ensure that the consultation is fully accessible to everyone who wants to participate.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	To provide answers to frequently asked questions without the need to contact the project team or attend an in-person event.
Online Feedback Form	To enable members of the public to submit their feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.
Webinar sign-up form	To enable members of the public to sign-up to webinars.
Contact details	To provide details of how to contact the project team for any further questions.

6.5 Consultation Events

- 6.5.1 Three public consultation events will be held for communities to find out information about the Project and speak to members of the project team. The consultation events will be held at suitable, publicly accessible venues that are within or near to the PCZ if a suitable location in the PCZ is not available.
- 6.5.2 Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available in print format at each consultation event. There will be a series of banners to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, including maps.
- 6.5.3 Those attending will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 6.5.4 Table 6 outlines the dates, times and locations of each of the consultation events.

Table 6: Details of the consultation events

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6.6 Promoting the consultation

- 6.6.1 We will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the Proposed Development and advertise the statutory consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ ahead of the statutory consultation period. The newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail, and to wider consultees via email, including local interest groups.
Press releases	<p>To raise awareness of the Proposed Development and the consultation programme, both within and beyond the PCZ, we will share a press release with local media outlets at the start of consultation.</p> <p>This will be sent to the following local and regional media outlets.</p>
Stakeholder briefings	<p>We will issue communications to key political stakeholders, representing wards, constituencies and parishes within the consultation zone. This will provide information about the proposals and consultation programme and invite them to take part in the consultation via in-person or online meetings.</p> <p>We will consider invitations to, or requests for, meetings with other local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.</p>
Emails and Letters	<p>We will send both emails and letters about the consultation programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs; • key elected representatives at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Hull City Council • host and neighbouring parish councils; • host and neighbouring local authorities; • local interest groups, such as environmental groups. <p>Host parish councils will receive hard copies of the consultation brochure as part of the mailing to statutory consultees.</p>
Statutory notices	Statutory notices to publicise the SoCC and consultation, in accordance with section 48 and section 47 of the Act, will be published as a joint notice once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) and the London Gazette and twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating papers The Hull Daily Mail and Yorkshire Post.

Information Posters	<p>Posters including details of the consultation, how to access information about the Proposed Development and how to get involved, will be displayed at well-used public locations within and outside of the PCZ, including libraries, shops and civic buildings. These will be hosted in agreement with relevant organisations and venues.</p> <p>Information posters will be sent to all host and neighbouring parish councils, to be used on local noticeboards, and to help raise awareness of the consultation.</p>
Social Media Advertising	<p>We will raise awareness of the consultation via the project Facebook page. The page is used to provide updates about the proposals and consultation programme.</p> <p>Paid for social media advertising will be used to publicise the consultation programme and proposals, helping to engage younger people and those outside of the PCZ.</p>

- 6.6.2 Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond our control, where possible, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated in local newspapers (via press release) circulating in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Any activity changes will also be published on the project website.

6.7 Wider Engagement

- 6.7.1 Ongoing engagement with relevant stakeholders will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation, including local authorities, MPs, and statutory parties such as the Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England and with local interest groups, residents and landowners who get in touch.
- 6.7.2 All relevant parish councils, elected members for councils and MPs will be contacted and will be kept informed about the Proposed Development. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituency/local community.

6.8 Engagement with Seldom Heard groups

- 6.8.1 We are committed to ensuring that our consultation is accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including 'under-represented' or 'seldom heard' groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.
- 6.8.2 These groups and individuals that may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials, include:

- Geographically isolated communities
- Young People
- Old People
- Disabled people and those with learning disabilities
- People who do not have English as a first language

Table 8: Consultation with seldom heard groups for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Seldom Heard Groups	Consultation Approach
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phonenumber.</p> <p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and offering alternative formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via a freepost address so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
Disabled people and those with learning disabilities	<p>Providing important information in both digital and non-digital formats and providing alternate formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phonenumber.</p> <p>Consultation events at three locations within the PCZ, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>Two online webinars, so anyone who may not be able to attend an in-person event can have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provide space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
Geographically isolated communities	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via an online form and via the freepost address so feedback can be easily provided from all locations.</p> <p>Webinars for people to join and find out about the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Advertising the availability of the project phonenumber for stakeholders with further questions to speak with the project team, regardless of location.</p>
Young People	<p>Online engagement methods, including social media advertising, to encourage young people to complete online feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

6.9 Information Channels

- 6.9.1 The following channels will be available throughout the consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request copies of the consultation materials and documents. These channels are provided in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Information channels for Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Method	Contact Details	Hours of operation
Website	www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24/7
Telephone	01482 695 004	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)
Email	info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk	24 hour (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within 10 working days)
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- 6.9.2 Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required. This will include materials such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation.

7. Responding to the consultation

7.1 How to respond to the consultation

- 7.1.1 Feedback to the consultation must be submitted by 11:59pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Responses received after this date may not be considered.
- 7.1.2 Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:
- Completing the feedback form online which can be accessed via the project website from Wednesday 15 May: (www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk)
 - Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or taken away and sent to us via a freepost (using Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM). Feedback forms can also be collected from our community deposit locations or requested from the community relations team as detailed in Table 9.
 - Emailing into info@peartreehillsolar.co.uk
 - Writing to us at Freepost PEARTREEHILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp is required)

8. How we will use consultation feedback

- 8.1.1 When our statutory consultation closes, we will have regard to all comments received. All feedback, including ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, is important to us and will help to influence our design for the Proposed Development.
- 8.1.2 Once we have reviewed and finalised our Application, we will produce a Consultation Report, which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.
- 8.1.3 The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero as part of the DCO application.
- 8.1.4 Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the project website is available at: www.peartreehillsolar.co.uk.

9. Further consultation

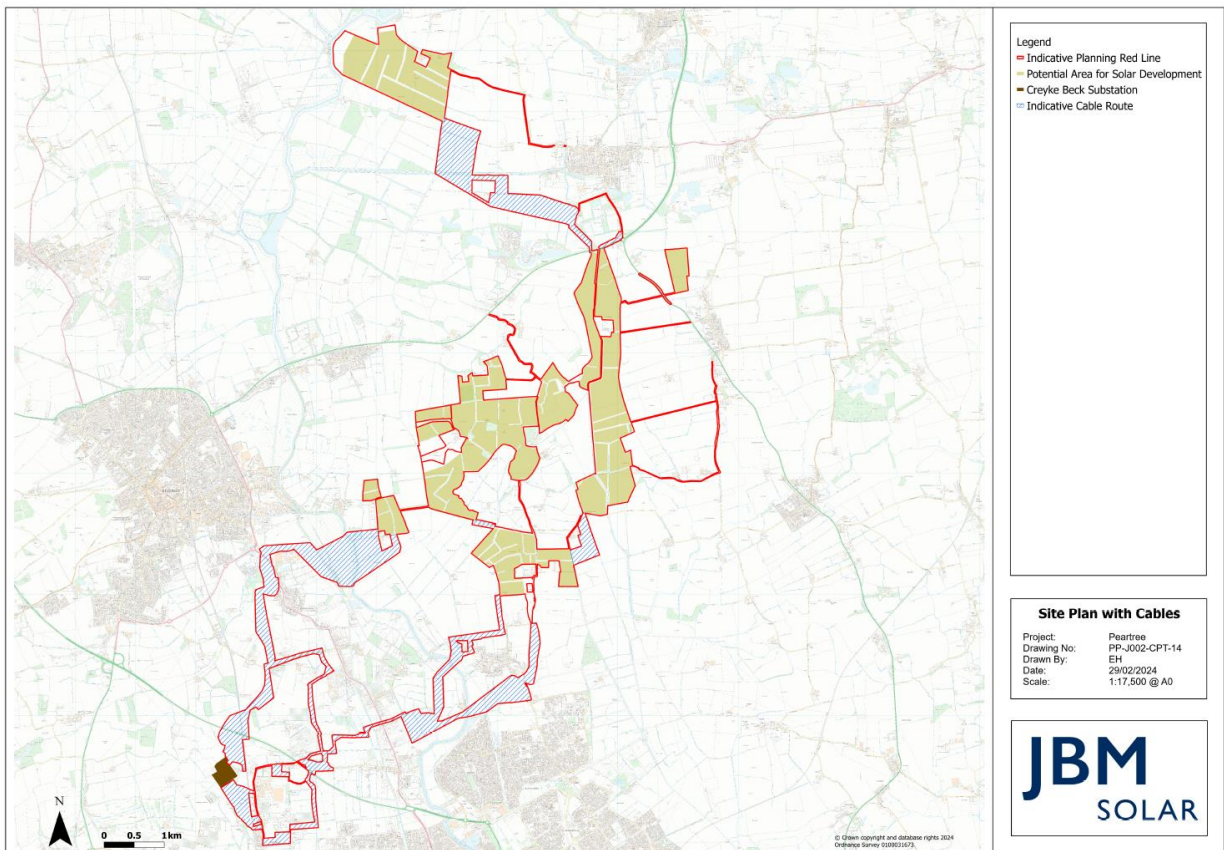
- 9.1.1 If, following the statutory consultation we consider it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

10. Contact details

- 10.1.1 Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more information about Peartree Hill Solar Farm and our consultation programme. You can get in touch with members of our communications team using any of the communications lines listed below.
- 10.1.2 Should you require any documents in large print or audio then please contact us using the details provided. Every effort has been made to ensure that information is accurate at the time of going to print.
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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Site Boundary Plan





Appendix C-8 Section 47 and Section 48 Notice

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Labour report calls for rent caps to tackle growing housing crisis

Exclusive
Aletha Adu

Rent rises should be capped for millions of people struggling to afford soaring rates, according to a report commissioned by Labour.

The leaked proposals recommend a range of measures that give breathing room to renters buckling under the cost of living.

The report will put pressure on

Keir Starmer, the Labour leader, to do more for renters after he promised to tackle England's housing crisis if elected as prime minister, in part with a massive programme of socially rented housebuilding.

The report author Stephen Cowan's stabilisation model proposes a "double lock" for those renewing tenancies, guaranteeing rises are capped at either consumer price inflation or local wage growth - whichever is lower - across England and Wales.

Starmer's deputy, Angela Rayner, has also promised to scrap no-fault evictions, as previously promised by the Conservatives but then kicked into the long grass.

But Labour is also cautious about doing anything the Tories could attack as being overly left wing, and conscious of warnings from experts that rent controls can discourage developers from building new houses and therefore make the crisis worse.

The independent report will

disappoint some campaigners who have called for tougher action, including rent freezes or limits on rises imposed by landlords in between tenancies. It warns these could make it harder to find a rental property, further pushing up prices.

Cowan also recommends that rents can be increased only once a year, with tenants receiving at least four months' notice of any increase. He also believes rent review clauses - which give landlords the scope to

raise rents mid-contract - should be banned. Both of these measures, however, are in the government's housing bill.

Labour has cautiously welcomed the report, which was commissioned by Lisa Nandy when she was shadow housing secretary, but the party distanced itself from the findings, saying they do not reflect its official view.

The Guardian understands that the report, led by Cowan, who is the Labour leader of

Trump told me to bury Daniels' story, says Cohen

Victoria Bekiampis
New York

Donald Trump told his one-time fixer Michael Cohen to bury Stormy Daniels' account of an alleged sexual liaison weeks before the 2016 election, demanding that he "just take care of it", according to trial

testimony in a Manhattan court yesterday. After taking the stand, Cohen recalled Trump saying: "This was a disaster, a fucking disaster", adding: "Women will hate me."

Cohen described Trump as angry at the possibility that Daniels, an adult film star, might come forward shortly after the Washington Post published a hot-mic recording from an Access

▲ Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's former fixer, leaves his home in Manhattan to attend court yesterday

Hollywood taping in which Trump bragged about groping women "by the pussy" without their consent.

Cohen is core to the case against Trump because he is accused of shuffling

Weight-loss jab 'could cut heart attack risk'

Tobi Thomas
Health and inequalities
correspondent

A weight-loss injection could reduce the risk of heart attacks and benefit the cardiovascular health of millions of adults across the UK, in what could be the largest medical breakthrough since statins, according to a study.

It found that participants taking the medication semaglutide, the active ingredient in brands including Wegovy and Ozempic, had a 20% lower risk of heart attack, stroke or death due to cardiovascular disease.

The study, presented at the European Congress of Obesity (ECO) and led by researchers at University College London, also found that semaglutide brought about cardiovascular benefits for its participants, regardless of their starting weight or the amount of weight that they had lost. It suggests that those with mild obesity or who have lost only a small amount of weight could have an improved cardiovascular outcome.

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SECTION 47 AND 48 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008
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PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF A STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND NOTICE
PUBLISHING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

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- The Proposed Development's main components are:
 - Solar panel modules and associated mounting structures
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 - Two on-site substations to connect the solar panels to the electricity network
 - Underground cabling connecting solar panel areas to the on-site substation, to other Land Areas and to Chayke Beck substation in Catthorpe to the south of the site
 - Supporting infrastructure including access tracks, security measures, gates and fencing, lighting, drainage infrastructure and storage containers
 - Highways work to enable construction for example, additional passing places
 - Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on the surrounding environment and nearby communities
- In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Proposed Development, including compulsory acquisition if needed.

The Proposed Development constitutes an "environmental impact assessment" ("EIA") development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") has been produced (to describe the environmental effects of the scheme) and is being consulted on alongside the other consultation documents. It also means that an Environmental Statement will be produced and submitted with the Application in due course.

Consultation on the Proposed Development will take place from **Wednesday 15 May 2024 until 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 June 2024**.

How to view the SoCC

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Leven Library	Recreation Hall, East Street, Leven, Beverley HU17 5JG	Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm, 3.30pm-7pm
Beverley Library	Champersey Road, Beverley, HU17 5HE	Monday 9.30am-3pm Tuesday 9.30am-3pm Wednesday 9.30am-3pm Thursday 9.30am-3pm Friday 9.30am-3pm Saturday 10am-4pm Sunday Closed

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Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 21 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Catthorpe Civic Hall, Market Green, Catthorpe, HU16 5DQ
Wednesday 22 May 2024	1pm-7pm	Leven Village Hall, North St, Leven, HU17 5NF
Tuesday 28 May 2024	8.30pm-9pm	Online webinar - Register at peartreehill.co.uk
Wednesday 29 May 2024	11am-3pm	Tickton Village Hall, Main Street, Tickton, HU17 9RZ
Monday 3 June 2024	1pm-6.30pm	Wosme Village Hall, 56 Main St, Wosme, HU17 5XH
Wednesday 12 June 2024	8.30pm-9pm	Online webinar - Register at peartreehill.co.uk

How to respond to the consultation

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- Scanning a paper copy of the feedback form or submitting a free text letter or email
- By post at FREEPOST Peartree Hill Solar Farm
- By email (info@peartreehill.co.uk)

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By submitting a consultation response to the Applicant, a respondent agrees that we may supply a copy of their response to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate if required to do so. However, RWE will request that personal details are not placed on the public record. Personal information will be processed and handled securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. The information may be disclosed to or shared with the Applicant's connected companies, agents, contractors and advisers who provide services to the Applicant in connection with the preparation of an application for development consent under the 2008 Act. This will allow the Applicant to fully consider the responses and use them in the preparation of application materials. The information will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of the project and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties. Please see our data privacy notice on the website: www.peartreehill.co.uk/privacy

If you have any questions about the Proposed Development or the consultation, please get in touch:

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THE KINGSTON UPON HULL CITY COUNCIL

Planning Services, Development Management,
Guldhall, Hull, HU1 2AA

The following applications have been received and can be viewed online. Please make comments to the Council within 21 days of this notice. Comments are available for the public to see online. We will not acknowledge your letter but decision notices will be available to view online in due course when a decision is made.
View applications and decisions, & make comments online at www.hull.gov.uk using the site address.

Proposed alterations to the character and appearance of a Conservation Area

24/00337/PLU: LAND SOUTH OF HUMBER STREET, WEST OF QUEEN STREET AND NORTH OF WELLINGTON STREET Proposed redevelopment of the site for residential use (including apartments and town houses) and use classes B2a, B2b and B2c. Works to include demolition, access, drainage and associated works.

Proposed a Major Development

24/00234/PLU: LAND WEST OF OLD FLEET DRIFT, TH TERMINAL, LITTONER HOUSE LANE, HEDON ROAD Civil Engineering works to prepare immediate surfacing and drainage (including flow drainage and surface water retention) in order to improve existing storage pond.

Alcohol & Licensing

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that an application was made to KINGSTON UPON HULL CITY COUNCIL for a premises licence under the above Act on the 26th APRIL 2024. Applicant: TOKYO INDUSTRIES YORKSHIRE LTD. Address of premises: UNIT 05/07, PRINCES QUAY, HULL, HU1 2PQ.

Proposed licensable activities: Regulated Entertainment (Film / Live Music / Recorded Music / Performance of Dance). Provision of late night refreshment, supply of alcohol.

Proposed days and hours of licensable activities: Mon - Sun 8am - 3am.

The postal address of the Licensing Authority where the register is kept and the application may be inspected is: Kingston upon Hull City Council Licensing Section, 33 Wilham Kingston upon Hull HU9 1DB.

Any person wishing to make representations on this matter shall give notice, in writing, stating the nature and grounds for making such representations to the Licensing Officer at the above address within 28 days of this notice. Further information is available at www.hull.gov.uk/licensing-permits-regulations.

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Goods Vehicle Licensing

Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

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Notice is hereby given that Malar Retail Ltd has applied for a premises licence to Hull City Council in relation to Malar Retail Ltd, 506 Holderness Road, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU10 3DS to permit the provision of the following licensable activities: Retail Sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday to Sunday 08.00hrs – 23.00hrs. The licensing register and details of this application may be inspected during normal office hours at the below address. Any interested party or responsible authority may make representations in writing to: Kingston upon Hull City Council, Licensing Section, 33 Withern, Kingston upon Hull, HU10 1DB or Email: Liquor@hullcc.gov.uk Such written representation must be received by 06/06/2024 clearly stating the grounds upon which the representation is made in relation to the four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited. Impack Ltd., 10 Whittle Road, Ferndown Ind Est, Wombourne, Dorset. www.impack.com



Probate & Trustee

GEORGIA SUZANNE RUTLEDGE (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Flat 23, 67 Albany Street, Hull, HU10 1PN, who died on 28/04/2024, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 16/07/2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Williamson Solicitors,
Three House, Mill Street, Driffield, YO25 6TN



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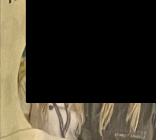
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Yorkshire rookie is seizing his chance

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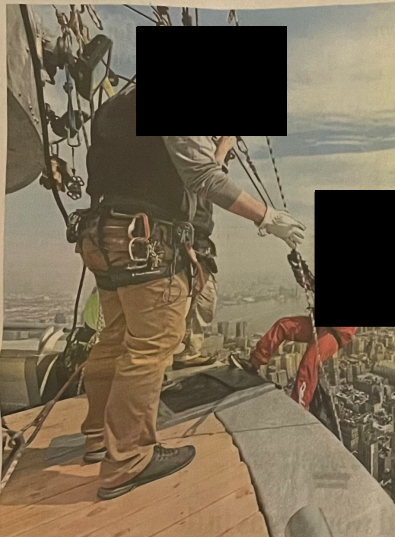
"The authority has said it is not the first to opt to 'eliminate' apostrophes from street signs."

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Brave Katie's leap of faith

Katie Cross, from South Yorkshire, had her heart in her mouth when she took the leap from the top of the Empire State Building in New York - and for the Outward Bound organisation. She said she felt "over the moon" after the dizzy fall, watched by Princess Beatrice.

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Businesses let down by red tape and banks, MPs told

SMALL businesses are being put off from innovating and growing by damaging financial regulation and inadequate support from banks.

The warning comes from Parliament's Treasury Committee which condemns the unfair de-banking of legitimate businesses and substandard processes for resolving disputes between small to medium-sized enterprises and banks.

During its inquiry, MPs on the committee received evidence that more than 140,000 small businesses had been de-banked in the last year - often with little to no notice.

It heard that at least 4,234 of the de-banked were without any bank account, a clear risk to consistent definition within the industry.

The committee is calling on the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to force banks to be more transparent about why decisions to de-bank businesses are taken.

They also believe the regulator should compel firms to send them the number of business accounts they have closed each quarter split by reason.

It has also recommended that the Financial Conduct Authority give the Financial Ombudsman Service the powers to address personal guarantees for smaller firms as there is a gap in its remit which means small businesses are not receiving the same support as consumers.

Chairman of the Treasury Committee, Dame Harriet Baldwin, said: "There's no hiding from the fact smaller firms have had a torrid time over the last few years."

"Unfortunately, what we have found over the course of the inquiry is that there are some instances where banks and regulators are making a tough world for small businesses needlessly tougher."

Comment: Page 12

Social housing still in crisis 4 years after MPs' warning

Mason Boycott-Owen
WESTMINSTER CORRESPONDENT

THE Government must invest in social housing to address a "chronic" shortage it was warned about four years ago, a cross-party group of MPs has warned.

Parliament's Levelling Up Committee said that there is still the severe shortage which it identified in a 2020 report, along with its recommendation to regulate and invest in the sector to deliver 90,000 social rent homes a year.

Though its MPs noted that the sector is currently "relatively financially resilient", it is also under severe financial pressure, with additional bills for decarbonisation, fire safety work, the report said, but described an "unhelpful disparity between the private and social housing sectors".

"At the same time, the maximum rent social housing providers can charge has been unacceptably capped by the Government," it added.

The report, published today, found that providers have cut the amount they plan to spend on building new social homes.

"This comes at a time when the country needs to build significantly more social housing and if this continues it will present a major problem for individuals that need social housing," it added.

Providers have faced "significant additional costs" for necessary fire safety work, the report said, but described an "unhelpful disparity between the private and social housing sectors".

Report demands investment to tackle chronic shortages

The report said: "There is no justification for private sector landlords to be treated more favourably."

"We once again reiterate the recommendation from our 2020 report. The Regulation of Social Housing, that 'social housing providers must have exactly the same access to funds for building safety remediation as private sector landlords'."

Labour MP and committee chair, Chie Berts, said: "The social housing sector is crucial for providing shelter and support for millions of households."

Social landlords are, however, buffeted by a range of serious financial pressures. There is a chronic

social housing shortage. There are pressing demands to invest in improving homes, so they are not blighted by mould, damp, and leaks, and to decarbonise the housing stock, and fix building safety defects.

"More social homes are needed. The Government must act to fix this situation by committing to focus investment on building the social homes the country needs."

The Local Government Association, which represents local authorities, said: "Long-term certainty on powers and funding could help councils deliver 100,000 high-quality, climate-friendly social homes a year."

The committee recommended that the Government should publish an annual assessment of the capacity of and targets for the delivery of the overall housing market including social housing.

Clare Miller, chief executive of Clarion Housing Group, said what was a housing crisis "has become a housing emergency" and she welcomed the committee's report as it "reaffirms the urgent need for government investment".

"As we head towards a general election, I'd like to see commitments from parties to bring forward investment we need to deliver on a plan for housing."

It comes after warning that a lack of social housing and an insecure private rental system is leading people into homelessness.

Comment: Page 12

Jabba the Hut used to direct emergency help

A NEW tool will allow emergency workers to pinpoint the location of incidents across the UK using nicknames and colloquial names, Ordnance Survey (OS) has announced.

The Vernacular Names Tool already contains the nicknames of more than 9,000 locations and the OS has asked more blue light workers to input nicknames from where they live.

Locations on the list already include Jabba the Hut, a distinctive beach hut in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, and the Drinking Dinosaur, a rock formation at Flamborough Head in East Yorkshire.

It is a replacement for Fintan, a mapping tool created more than 10 years ago for HM Coastguard.

The original tool allowed users to upload the local name or nickname for a coastal feature to the database, alongside the accurate location or its geographic name.

Chief Coastguard Peter Miter said the tool is an "incredibly useful resource", and added: "It has allowed local knowledge to be shared across our operational network and there are examples where its use has improved the tasking of critical rescue assets."

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Blood scandal call

BEREAVED families who lost loved ones in the contaminated blood scandal have claimed their relatives were being "used for research" after discovering historic notes in medical records.

It is claimed some patients treated for haemophilia in the 1970s and 1980s were given blood plasma treatment which doctors knew may be contaminated.

Full story: Page 2

Rafah offensive

AN ISRAELI tank brigade secured control of the Gaza Strip side of the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, authorities said, moving forward with an offensive even as ceasefire negotiations with Hamas remain on a knife edge.

The move comes despite the militant group saying it accepted an Egyptian-Qatari mediated ceasefire proposal.

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Crosswords & Puzzles

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Firms hit with fines

ACCOUNTING firms PwC and Ernst & Young have been hit with fines by the sector's watchdog over their audits of failed multibillion firm London Capital and Finance (LCF).

LCF collapsed in early 2019 after it was unable to meet the payments it had promised to bondholders on high-risk, unregulated investments.

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Veterans are honoured by the PM to mark 80 years since D-Day

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Fears for jobs after spending on mine is cut

MPs 'shocked' as polyhalite project to produce fertiliser is paused despite £2bn investment

Chris Burn
BUSINESS AND FEATURES EDITOR

SENIOR politicians have voiced fears about the future for hundreds of workers after investment in a huge new Yorkshire mine was curtailed by more than £1bn and its opening substantially delayed.

Mining giant Anglo American, which is currently fighting a takeover bid from rival firm BHP, made a shock announcement yesterday meaning that it will "slow the development" of a scheme dubbed the Woodsmith Project on costs.

The scheme involves the creation of a new mining site near Skipton south of Whinny and a 2.5-mile tunnel that will transport a naturally occurring mineral, polyhalite, to new processing and shipping facilities on Teesside. It is intended the product will be sold globally as a fertiliser suitable for organic use that can boost crop yields and aid more sustainable farming.

Construction started back in 2017 and was taken over by Anglo American in 2020 from previous owners Sirius Minerals. It now employs around 2,000 people, with a stated aim of reaching polyhalite by 2027. It was planned around 1,000 highly-skilled permanent jobs would be created, along with hundreds more in the local supply chain.

But in an announcement yesterday morning, the company said: "In the near term, Anglo American will slow the development of the Woodsmith project to support Anglo American's balance sheet deleveraging." No new timescale has been announced but it is understood the scheme could be delayed by two years as a consequence.

Anglo American has already invested £2bn in the project, with

nearly 18 miles of the 23-mile tunnel already built. The company has previously said capital expenditure on the project was expected to be around £800m a year between 2024 and 2026. But the new announcement states \$200m (£159m) will be spent in 2025 and nothing at all in 2026 – an effective cut of more than £1.4bn. The planned £800m investment for this year is understood to still be going ahead.

Tom McCalley, CEO of Anglo American's Crop Nutrients business, said: "Anglo American has again stated that Woodsmith is central to its growth plans. We have been progressing the project on time and on budget but have decided to slow development in the near term."

"Anglo American continues to recognise Woodsmith's unique resource and long-term value potential and will complete critical technical studies in 2025 to then enable syndication for value with one or more strategic partners."

"We need to work out the full details of this in the coming weeks and ensure that we are able to re-start full construction activity as soon as conditions allow."

"I know that this announcement will create uncertainty, but we will keep our workforce and community stakeholders updated as we work through the detail of what this means for everyone."

Scarborough and Whinny MP Sir Robert Goodwill told The Yorkshire Post that the announcement has come as a shock. "If you pause a project like this it is hard to get it moving again," he said. "I hope they might think again. It is worrying for all concerned. This came completely out of the blue."

He said he was surprised by the announcement given how much

has been invested so far and the amount of construction work done to date. Sir Robert said it was "unlikely" the Government would get involved in the project and he hoped either BHP or Anglo American would take over the project.

Middlebrough, Sag and East Cleveland MP Sir Sam Clark wrote on X, formerly Twitter, that he was "very concerned" the announcement would be seeking a meeting with Anglo American. He said the news "clearly have significant implications for the dedicated workforce who are my number one priority."

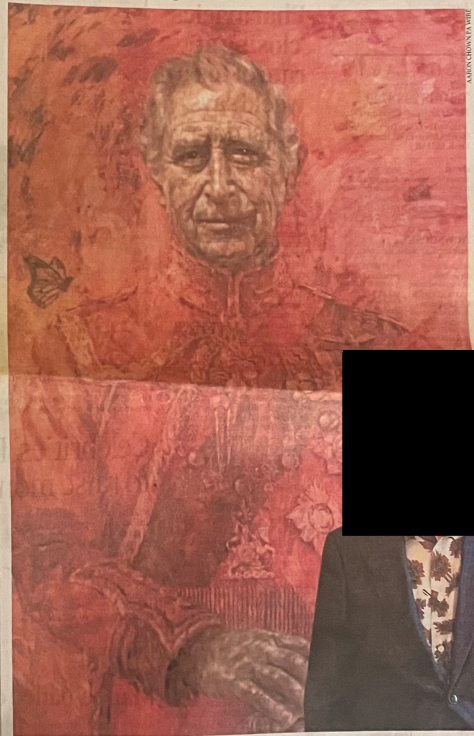
Henri Mutton, chief executive of Northern Powerhouse Partnership, said: "The Woodsmith Mines critical project for the north of England, with huge potential for UK exports and global food security. Our primary concern is maintaining employment for the Anglo American colleagues on site and in Scarborough, as well as the local supply chain."

The stock market announcement stated that Woodsmith remains "integral" to Anglo American's growth plans despite the current investment, with a feasibility study to be finished in the first half of next year. It is hoped the completion of the feasibility study will help secure outside investment to allow the project to progress.

Anglo American said the scheme has "outstanding long-term potential" and can play an important role in the north's food security and the increasing challenges around access to arable land and the need to increase crop yield and support improved soil health.

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New portrait of King unveiled



Artist Jonathan Yeo is pictured at the unveiling of his painting of King Charles. It is the monarch's first official portrait since his Coronation. It depicts the King in the uniform of the Welsh Guards. Full story: Page 11.

Food and drink festival cancelled as firm goes bust

THE Yorkshire Dales Food and Drink Festival has been called off as the firm which runs the popular annual event has entered liquidation. B3 Ltd has ceased trading with immediate effect, meaning that the 2024 version of the three-day festival has been cancelled as it stands.

A statement on the event's website said: "Unless an interested party comes forward to resurrect the festival unfortunately the event in July will not take place. Customers are

encouraged to check with their credit or debit card providers if they can claim a refund by making a chargeback request on their purchase."

The event was founded in 2015 and had become the largest food and drink festival in the UK, taking place at Fountains Farm near Skipton, for a year. Last year, the Haiky Bikers made an emotional return to the event following Dave Myers' cancer diagnosis. Mr Myers, who died

in February this year, told The Yorkshire Post last summer how much the festival meant to him.

He said: "This is much more than just a food festival. It's a family festival. When you go to a lot of food festivals you go to see a lot of food, but this is a hybrid festival, it's a bit of a music festival, a family festival, and also 'we just eat the food'."

This year James Martin, Chesney Hawkes and Blue had been among

those booked to attend. Administrators Azets said B3's liquidation occurred after a loss-making event in 2023, partly caused by flooding, was followed by a "dramatic" increase in operating costs for 2024 and lower-than-anticipated ticket sales.

Proposed joint liquidator Jonathan Amor, Partner and Head of Restructuring for Azets in Yorkshire, said: "The Yorkshire Dales Food and Drink Festival is the largest event of its kind in the UK and regarded for

the contribution it makes to the local economy. Unfortunately, the business has been suffering from unsustainable financial problems and the directors decided that it would be in the best interests for all creditors for the company to cease trading and be placed into liquidation. Steps will be taken to market the assets for sale including the brand, intellectual property, digital platform, data and essential infrastructure such as marquees, tents and staging."

Inspirational teen to take on new challenge

INSPIRATIONAL youngster Tobias Weller is preparing for a new challenge, saying he is determined to keep fundraising for the school that helped him so much.

The 13-year-old, who has cerebral palsy and autism, was the youngest person to receive the British Empire Medal (BEM), when he was awarded the honour in 2022 after completing a series of fundraising challenges.

Now the Sheffield teenager, known as Captain Tobias, is preparing to take part in the Deserve Valley 10K on Sunday to help raise even more cash for his former school.

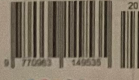
Tobias has already raised more than £168,000 for Paces School, in Sheffield, and the Children's Hospital Charity in the city. He said: "It's really important to me that I help Paces because I went to Paces from when I was three years old."

He will be using his all-terrain wheelchair for the event.

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Staff cuts anger

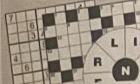
UNION members at the University of Huddersfield have expressed their outrage at another wave of staff cuts, in which almost 200 members of staff are expected to be made redundant. The university is planning to cut off almost 12 per cent of its financial intake in the university sector. Full story: Page 7.

US warns Iran

THE US has called on Iran to halt its transfer of an "unprecedented" amount of weaponry to Yemen's Houthis rebels. US deputy ambassador Robert Wood told the UN Security Council that if it wants to make progress towards ending the civil war in Yemen, it should collectively "call Iran out for its destabilising role". Full story: Page 10.

Crosswords & Puzzles

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Growth for Renew

THE engineering services group Renew has said it continues to see a healthy pipeline of merger and acquisition opportunities after it delivered a record first half performance.

Paul Scott, CEO of Renew, said that the Leeds-based group had enjoyed a period of strong organic growth in the six months ended March 31, 2024. Full story: Page 18.

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ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Planning

TOWN PLANNING

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up and diversion of 2 lengths of Newcastle 2 Footpath and improvement of a length of Newcastle 2 Footpath at Kildagrove in the Borough of Newcastle Under Lyme.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council, under references 21/00595/FUL and 23/00220/REM.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Turnstall Post Office, 118 High Street, Turnstall, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, ST8 5TL in the 28 days commencing on 14 May 2024, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the addresses stated below quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/5589.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 11 June 2024. Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

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DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of the whole of the unnamed footpath as lies off Halton Moor Avenue at Halton Moor, in the City of Leeds.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Leeds City Council, under reference 21/00854/FU.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Osmondthorpe Post Office, 139-139 Halton Moor Avenue, Leeds, LS9 0HB in the 28 days commencing on 14 May 2024, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the addresses stated below quoting NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/5742.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 11 June 2024. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

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DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of an Order made under Section 247 of the above Act entitled 'The Stopping up of Highways (North West) (No. 28) Order 2024' authorising the stopping up of a length of Queen Pit Road, three part widths of Queen Pit Road and a part width of King Pit Road at Pemberton, in the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan. This is to enable development as permitted by Wigan Council under reference A/23/96416/MAJOR.

Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR or nationalcasework@dtf.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/5660). They may also be inspected during normal opening hours at Wigan Borough Council, Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan WN1 1YN.

Any person who wishes to challenge the validity of the decision to make the Order may apply to the High Court within 6 weeks from 14 May 2024.

S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

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RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR & STORAGE LIMITED SECTION 47 AND 48 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 REGULATION 4, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009 PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF A STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION AND NOTICE PUBLISHING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR & STORAGE LIMITED ("RWE") of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, England, SN5 6PB intends to make an application ("the Application") to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Peartree Hill Solar Farm, a solar photovoltaic (PV) array generating facility and energy storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and associated infrastructure ("the Proposed Development").

In accordance with section 47 of the Act, this notice publicises where and when the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) can be inspected. The SoCC sets out how the Applicant will undertake its consultation.

Additionally, the Applicant has a duty to publicise the proposed Application under section 48 of the Act in line with Regulation 4 of the 2009 Regulations. In accordance with those provisions, this notice also summarises the main proposals and explains where the consultation documents can be viewed.

Summary of proposed works

The Proposed Development comprises six land areas on farmland to the east of Beverley in the administrative boundary of East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The Proposed Development's main proposals are:

- Solar panel modules and associated mounting structures
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- On-site supporting equipment including inverters, transformers, and switchgears
- Two on-site substations to connect the solar panels to the electricity network
- Underground cabling connecting solar panel areas to the on-site substations, to other Land Areas and to Croyke Beck Substation in Cottingham to the south of the site
- Supporting infrastructure including access tracks, security measures, gates and fencing, lighting, drainage infrastructure and storage containers
- Highways work to enable construction for example, additional passing places
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on the surrounding environment and nearby communities

In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Proposed Development, including compulsory acquisition if needed.

Appendix C-9 Website screenshot showing SoCC

Appendix C-9 Website screenshot showing SoCC can be downloaded

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