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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This Adequacy of Consultation Report ('the Report') has been prepared by Rosefield Energyfarm Limited ('the Applicant') as part of the development of the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Rosefield Solar Farm ('the Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. The Proposed Development meets the criteria to be considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") under section 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008 ('PA 2008') as it is a proposed generating station which would be within England, does not generate electricity from wind, would not be offshore and would have a total generating capacity of more than 50 MW.
- 1.1.3. In 2024, the Government introduced new guidance for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects:
 - Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('the Guidance') (published 30 April 2024)
 - Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus ('the Prospectus') (published 16 May 2024)
- 1.1.4. Both the Guidance and the Prospectus introduce a new, non-statutory adequacy of consultation milestone (AoCM). The purpose of the AoCM is to provide the Applicant with the opportunity to submit to the Planning Inspectorate a document which:
 - Establishes the consultation undertaken to date;
 - Confirms that the commitments set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) have been met; and
 - Provides a summary of consultation responses received and how these responses are shaping the application.
- 1.1.5. The document should enable the Planning Inspectorate and the host local authorities to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the Applicant to date, minimising the risk of non-acceptance at the acceptance stage.
- 1.1.6. The Applicant shared a copy of this Report with Buckinghamshire Council ('the host authority') on 21 May 2025. A copy of the response provided by the host authority on 24 July 2025 is appended to this Report (see **Appendix E-1**).

1.1.7. Under section 55(4)(b) of the PA 2008, at the acceptance stage the Planning Inspectorate will seek the formal views from local authorities about the adequacy of consultation.

1.1.8. This Report provides an overview of how the Applicant has complied with pre-application statutory requirements set out in the Act.

1.2. The Proposed Development

1.2.1. The area of land required for the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of the Proposed Development will be outlined as part of the DCO Application. This includes land required for temporary and permanent uses.

1.2.2. The proposed Site boundary comprises 675.05 hectares of land and is located within the administrative area of Buckinghamshire close to the settlements of Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Middle Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Calvert Green.

1.3. Overview of the consultation process

1.3.1. **Table 1-1** provides a summary of key pre-application consultation milestones.

1.3.2. The Applicant has undertaken a continuous programme of engagement in parallel with, and complementary to, its formal phases of pre-application consultation. The important distinction between consultation and engagement are as follows:

- Engagement relates to discussions between the Applicant, community and stakeholders outside formal phases of consultation. The programme of engagement undertaken by the Applicant outside of formal phases of consultation will be detailed in the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.
- Consultation relates to the formal stages of consultation (both non-statutory and statutory). Information about statutory consultation undertaken on the Proposed Development is provided in **Chapters 2, 3 and 4** of this Report. Information about non-statutory consultation will be included as part of the Consultation Report.

Table 1-1: Summary of pre-application consultation and engagement activities

Activity	Date
Pre-Phase One Consultation: early engagement including with host authority	June – September 2023

Phase One Consultation: Early plans and proposals	28 September 2023 – 10 November 2023
Pre-Phase Two Consultation: Stakeholder engagement to inform design development	November 2023 – September 2024
Development of the Statement of Community Consultation	April 2024 – August 2024
Consultation of host local authority on the SoCC as prescribed by s47(6) of the PA 2008	12 July 2024 - 9 August 2024
Publication of the SoCC	04 September 2024
Notice of availability of SoCC in the vicinity of the proposal as prescribed by s47(6) of the PA 2008	04 September 2024
SoCC made available in the vicinity of the proposal as prescribed by s47(6) of the PA 2008	04 September 2024 – 05 December 2024
Notification of the Planning Inspectorate of proposed application as prescribed by s46 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 8 of the EIA Regulations	16 September 2024
Phase Two Consultation: Updated plans and proposals	18 September 2024 – 05 December 2024
Proposed application publicised as prescribed by s48 of the PA 2008 and Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations	11 September 2024 and 18 September 2024
Consultation as prescribed under s42 of the PA 2008	18 September 2024 – 05 December 2024
Consultation in accordance with the SoCC as prescribed under s47(7) of the PA 2008	18 September 2024 – 05 December 2024
Post phase-two consultation: Stakeholder engagement to inform design development	December 2024 – Ongoing
Targeted consultation on changes to the proposed Site boundary and the layout of Parcel 3.	21 May 2025 – 16 July 2025.

1.4. Report structure

- 1.4.1. The structure of this Report is intended to broadly follow the structure of the Consultation Report which will form part of the Application.
- 1.4.2. As the AoCM focusses on ensuring that the Applicant has adequately discharged formal requirements relating to pre-application consultation, the Applicant has not included detailed information about non-statutory consultation and engagement. This will be provided as part of the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.
- 1.4.3. In addition, the Applicant is in the process of analysing responses received its Phase Two Consultation and will produce a Consultation Report as part of the Application. The Consultation Report will be in accordance with section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008 and will evidence how consultation responses have been taken into account during the preparation of the application.
- 1.4.4. The Applicant has created a table showing how this Report relates to the Consultation Report (**Appendix D-2**). This is to assist the host authority with any adequacy of consultation response at the acceptance stage.
- 1.4.5. This Report is structured as follows:
 - **Chapter 1 Introduction:** explains the purpose of this Report, describes the Proposed Development and summarises the key pre-application consultation milestones.
 - **Chapter 2 Approach to statutory consultation and development of the SoCC:** explains the purpose, objectives and legal requirements for statutory consultation and details the preparation and publication of the SoCC. It should be read alongside **Appendices A-1 to A-4** and **B-1 to B-4**.
 - **Chapter 3 Phase Two Consultation 2024:** details the statutory consultation undertaken on the Proposed Development from 18 September – 5 December 2024 ('Phase Two Consultation'). It should be read alongside **Appendices C-1 to C-4**. It also includes narrative on the responses received to Phase Two Consultation and how they are shaping the Application.
 - **Chapter 4 Additional targeted consultation:** details targeted consultation currently being undertaken between 21 May 2025 and 16 July 2025. Regard should be had to **Appendix C-5**.
 - **Chapter 5 Conclusion:** draws conclusions on how the Applicant has discharged its requirements for pre-application consultation under the PA 2008. It should be read alongside **Appendices D-1 and D-2**.

2. Approach to statutory consultation and development of the SoCC

2.1. Overview

- 2.1.1. The Applicant undertook an initial phase of consultation on its early plans and proposals between 28 September and 10 November 2023 ('Phase One Consultation').
- 2.1.2. The purpose of this initial stage of consultation was to introduce early proposals for the Proposed Development to the local community in order to collect feedback on its emerging design.
- 2.1.3. Consultation activity included posting two leaflets to 2,887 addresses around the proposed Site boundary on 14 September 2023 and 28 September 2023 to share information about the proposals and promote the consultation. The Applicant held five public events at venues located around the proposed Site boundary and wrote to a range of consultees.
- 2.1.4. All of the materials published as part of Phase One Consultation are available to view on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library). These materials will be appended to the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.
- 2.1.5. The Applicant received 565 responses to Phase One Consultation.
- 2.1.6. Feedback from Phase One Consultation helped to inform the design of the Proposed Development presented at Phase Two Consultation. This included:
- A reduction in the area proposed for solar panels by 40% from 1,108 acres to 689 acres including:
 - Removal of a section of proposed solar in a field to reduce potential effects on the setting and significance of Claydon House and Claydon Park.
 - Removal of sections of proposed solar in four fields to provide larger setbacks from residential properties and existing Public Rights of Way ('PROW').
 - Removal of two fields from the proposed Site boundary to provide separation from residential properties and the village of Botolph Claydon.
 - Removal of three fields to reduce potential effects on ecological receptors.

- Removal of sections of proposed solar in four fields located to the east of the Bernwood Jubilee Way to reduce effects on the landscape character and visual setting towards Quainton Hill.

- Increasing the proposed areas set aside for nature by five times, from 82 acres to 434 acres.
- Proposing a new 1.9km footpath to open up access to Knowl Hill.

2.1.7. Feedback from Phase One additionally helped to inform the Applicant's approach to its Phase Two Consultation. This included:

- Ensuring public events were at a range of times and dates to suit people with different time commitments.
- Extending the inner zone of consultation to include areas of importance to the local community (e.g. PROWs, Quainton Hill).
- Publishing an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan for consultation in response to concerns about the impact of construction traffic on local roads.

2.1.8. The Applicant undertook statutory consultation ('Phase Two Consultation') on its updated proposals between 18 September and 5 December 2024 in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 (see Chapters 3 and 4).

2.2. Objectives for statutory consultation

2.2.1. The Applicant's approach to pre-application consultation was designed to ensure that consultees had the opportunity to understand and share feedback on the proposals and feel satisfied that they had been able to engage with the process. The key objectives for achieving this through pre-application consultation were:

- Ensuring thorough, open and transparent engagement and consultation on our proposals.
- Ensuring proposals are clearly presented and easily understood.
- Providing sufficient opportunities for interested parties to understand, provide feedback and influence our plans.
- Gathering high quality responses to, and feedback on, our plans to help inform proposals.
- Delivering a consultation that meets the legal requirements and best practice for a DCO application.

2.3. Legal requirements for statutory consultation

- 2.3.1. The statutory pre-application consultation for the Proposed Development was designed to comply with statutory requirements in:
- PA 2008,
 - Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("APFP Regulations"), and
 - Infrastructure Planning: (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017("EIA Regulations").
- 2.3.2. The Applicant has ensured that its pre-application consultation accords with the applicable legal framework and provides a high-quality, meaningful process of consultation with the local community, land interests, elected representatives and statutory consultees.
- 2.3.3. A table setting out the statutory requirements with an explanation of how the Applicant has complied with each requirement and identifying where further information can be found is included in **Appendix D-1**. More details about how the Applicant has carried out its Phase Two Consultation is presented in **Chapter 3** of this Report.

2.4. EIA Scoping

- 2.4.1. On 13 November 2023, the Applicant submitted an EIA Scoping Report and a request for a Scoping Opinion to the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under the provisions of the EIA Regulations. This described the scope and methodology for the technical studies proposed to provide an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development and, where necessary, described suitable mitigation measures. It also described topics and sub-topics proposed to be scoped out of the EIA process, and the justification for doing so.
- 2.4.2. The EIA Scoping Report was developed following consultation with a number of statutory consultees. Meetings that took place as part of this process will be detailed within the Environmental Statement that will be submitted as part of the Application.
- 2.4.3. Following consultation with statutory bodies, the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) adopted a Scoping Opinion on 21 December 2023. The Environmental Statement submitted as part of the Application will be based on the Scoping Opinion.
- 2.4.4. Key issues raised in the Scoping Opinion and the Applicant's response will be included in the Environmental Statement, demonstrating that all issues have been considered during the EIA process.

- 2.4.5. Following adoption of the Scoping Opinion, consultation was undertaken with relevant statutory consultees in the preparation of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and has been considered in the preparation of the Environmental Statement (including where required by the Scoping Opinion).
- 2.4.6. The Applicant additionally reviewed the list of consultees contacted by the Planning Inspectorate as part of its consultation on its Scoping Opinion to ensure that all organisations contacted by the Planning Inspectorate were included in subsequent consultation activity. All consultees included in Appendix 1 and 2 of the Scoping Opinion were consulted as part of Phase Two Consultation.
- 2.4.7. The Applicant was not notified of any additional consultation bodies under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations.

2.5. Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

- 2.5.1. As prescribed by section 47(1) of the PA 2008, the Applicant prepared a SoCC (**Appendix B-1.1**) setting out how it proposed to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposed Site boundary. In accordance with section 47(2) of the PA 2008, the Applicant consulted the local authority within section 43(1) of the PA 2008 (i.e. the host authority) on the contents of the SoCC.

2.6. Development of the SoCC

- 2.6.1. In preparing the draft SoCC, the Applicant's approach was informed by best practice, guidance from the Planning Inspectorate, Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, engagement with the host authorities and feedback from Phase One Consultation.
- 2.6.2. Feedback from the host authority helped to inform the development of the SoCC. The Applicant agreed its approach to consultation on the draft SoCC through its Planning Performance Agreement with the host authority. This included a timetable for engagement which included the provision for an early review of the SoCC ahead of formal consultation.
- 2.6.3. On 12 April 2024, the Applicant shared a draft SoCC (see **Appendix A-1**) with the host authority for informal comment, ahead of a SoCC workshop with the Applicant and the host authority which took place on 23 May 2024.
- 2.6.4. Themes discussed at the workshop included:
- Including high-level information about the project within the SoCC
 - Engaging Buckinghamshire Council members as part of the consultation

- Length of consultation period (with host authority indicating preference for eight-week consultation period)
- Engaging seldom-heard audiences
- Approach to determining scope of any targeted consultation, should this be required.

2.7. Formal consultation on the draft SoCC

- 2.7.1. The Applicant formally consulted the host authority on the draft SoCC from 12 July 2024 to 11:59pm on 9 August 2024, in accordance with sections 47(2) and (3) of the PA 2008.
- 2.7.2. The Applicant's covering letter and a copy of the draft SoCC issued to the host authorities is included at **Appendix A-3**. The Applicant received responses to the draft SoCC from the host authority on 8 August 2024.
- 2.7.3. The Applicant had regard to the responses from the host authority as required by section 47(5) of the PA 2008 and then finalised the SoCC for publication.
- 2.7.4. Tables listing feedback received to both informal and formal consultation and how the Applicant had regard to that feedback in preparing the final version of the SoCC are provided in **Appendix A-2** and **Appendix A-4**.
- 2.7.5. Key changes made in response to feedback from the host authorities included:
- Amending the consultation period from six to eight weeks
 - Providing high-level information about the components of a solar farm within the SoCC
 - Including younger audiences as a discrete seldom heard group
 - Adding information on engaging members of Buckinghamshire Council
- 2.7.6. Following formal consultation on the draft SoCC, Steeple Claydon Library and Calvert Green Village Hall confirmed they would not be able to accommodate the volume of consultation materials required. Therefore, the Applicant found alternative venues (Winslow Community Library and East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall). The host authority confirmed these were acceptable as alternate locations prior to the start of the consultation and the Applicant amended the SoCC to reflect this change.

2.8. Publication of the SoCC

- 2.8.1. The SoCC was published on 04 September 2024 (see **Appendix B-1**) and made available for inspection by the public free of charge in accordance with section 47(6) of the PA 2008 on the Rosefield Solar Farm website

(**Appendix B-3**) and by depositing a printed copy at each location listed in **Table 2-1**. Hard copies of the SoCC were available to inspect at these locations between 04 September 2024 and 05 December 2024.

- 2.8.2. Hard copies of the SoCC were available on request free of charge from 04 September 2024 and could be requested using the Applicant's communication channels, including a freephone number, freepost address and email address (see sections 3.6.19-3.6.20). Two requests for a hard copy of the SoCC were received and fulfilled.

Table 2-1: Locations where the SoCC was made available for public inspection

Deposit location	Opening hours
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall, Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Monday to Thursday: 8am – 11pm Friday to Saturday: 8am – 12am
Winslow Community Library, Park Road, Winslow MK18 3DN	Monday: 9:30am – 5pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 1pm Friday: 1-5pm Saturday: 9:30am – 1pm

- 2.8.3. The Applicant also published the SoCC's availability in a newspaper circulated in the vicinity of the land, as prescribed by section 47(6) of PA 2008. The Applicant published the section 47 notice in both The Bucks Herald and Winslow Advertiser on 04 September 2024. These newspapers have an average combined circulation of 1,195 per issue within the inner and outer consultation zone (defined in **Chapter 3**). A copy of these notices as published, which confirms the name of the publication and the date these were published, is provided in **Appendix B-2**.
- 2.8.4. The publication of the SoCC ran in parallel with the launch of the Applicant's Phase Two Consultation (which commenced 14 days later on 18 September 2024). This involved:
- Sending a newsletter to 2,993 addresses within the inner zone of consultation (see **Figure 3-3**) on 04 September 2024 to publicise the availability of the SoCC and the upcoming consultation. It also included the times, dates and locations of the public events.
 - Writing to a range of statutory and non-statutory consultees, including elected representatives, parish councils, technical bodies, community organisations and business groups to publicise the upcoming consultation.

- Updating the Rosefield Solar Farm project website with information about the upcoming consultation, including the consultation newsletter and the times, dates and locations of the public events.
- Issuing a press release to approximately 50 journalists and media outlets on 04 September 2024 to publicise the availability of the SoCC and Phase Two Consultation. The press release listed the times, dates and locations of the public events. Coverage included Bucks Herald, Bucks Radio and Solar Power Portal.
- Sharing a post on the launch of the consultation period on the EDF Renewables UK (part of Rosefield Energyfarm Limited) LinkedIn account (c. 93,000 followers), which received 7,406 impressions.
- Print and digital advertising in the Bucks Free Press and Bucks Herald which advertised the consultation, including the dates, times and locations of the public events as well as the location of the deposit points.

2.8.5. The Applicant subsequently carried out local community consultation in accordance with the SoCC. The Applicant has listed the requirements of the SoCC, and how it has carried out the consultation in accordance with each requirement in **Appendix B-4**. Details of activity carried out as part of the consultation can be found in **Chapter 3** of this Report.

2.8.6. Following publication of the SoCC and start of Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant became aware that the final SoCC contained the word 'draft' on the title page in error.

2.8.7. The below actions were undertaken to address this:

- Adding a clarification note on the electronic copy of the SoCC on the Rosefield Solar Farm website and sending updated physical copies of the SoCC to both deposit points for replacement (shown in **Appendix B-1.2** and in **Figure 3-5** at the deposit point at Winslow Community Library).
- Adding clarification text under the link to the SoCC hosted on the Rosefield Solar Farm website to signpost the error (shown in **Appendix B-1.2**).
- Informing the host authority of the error and the actions taken to address this to ensure it was content with the measures undertaken.

3. Phase Two Consultation 2024

3.1. Overview

- 3.1.1. The Applicant conducted statutory consultation (Phase Two Consultation: updated plans and proposals) on the Proposed Development in accordance with the PA 2008, APFP Regulations and EIA Regulations between 18 September and 05 December 2024.
- 3.1.2. To ensure that anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development could find out more and share their views, the Applicant designed a consultation strategy comprising a mix of techniques, including:
- Issuing 2,993 letters to homes and businesses around the proposed Site boundary.
 - Holding five events in locations around the proposed Site boundary, supported by a virtual exhibition available through the Rosefield Solar Farm website.
 - Placing copies of the consultation materials – including the PEIR – in locations around the proposed Site boundary for people to inspect. Copies of the consultation booklet, consultation questionnaire and USBs containing the consultation materials were also available to take away from these locations.
 - Writing to a number of stakeholders and community organisations to raise awareness of the consultation.
 - Providing a range of communication channels to enable anyone to find out more about the Proposed Development and share their feedback.
 - Conducting statutory and non-statutory advertising to publicise information about the Proposed Development and how people could participate in the consultation.
- 3.1.3. The purpose of the consultation was to seek feedback on the updated plans and proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, including the PEIR.
- 3.1.4. During Phase Two Consultation, 239 people attended events about the Proposed Development, with 1,598 unique visitors to the Rosefield Solar Farm website (7,162 total views). The Applicant received 186 responses to the consultation.

3.2. Scope of Phase Two Consultation

- 3.2.1. Consultation was carried out for 11 weeks (78 days) between 18 September and 05 December 2024, significantly in excess of the statutory 28-day minimum prescribed in section 45(2) of the PA 2008 and Regulation 4(3)(i) of the APFP Regulations.

- 3.2.2. Following the start of Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant identified that some information was unintentionally omitted from the PEIR. These were six figures (Figures 12.1 to 12.6) which accompanied Chapter 12: Noise and Vibration, and the figures within Appendix 7.7: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report 2024.
- 3.2.3. Due to the nature of the omitted material, it was not believed that the minor omission would have affected the ability of anyone to understand and provide feedback on the Proposed Development. However, in the spirit of government guidance on pre-application consultation, the Applicant extended the consultation period stated in the SoCC (18 September to 14 November 2024) by 21 days. This was to ensure that respondents were given the statutory 28-days to review the additional information once this was published on 07 November 2024.
- 3.2.4. On 06 November 2024, the Applicant wrote to the host authority to confirm the actions taken to mitigate this error, which are detailed below:
- Updating the electronic version of the PEIR hosted on the Rosefield Solar Farm website, as well as the physical copies of the PEIR at the deposit points to include the omitted information.
 - Publishing an update on the home page of the Rosefield Solar Farm website.
 - Adding clarification notes under the PEIR on the Rosefield Solar Farm website and under each figure to ensure the additional information was clearly signposted.
 - Sending links to the omitted figures directly to consultees likely to have an interest in them (e.g. the Environmental Health Officer at the host authority).
 - Updating digital advertising with the amended consultation deadline with links through to the Rosefield Solar Farm website to find out additional information.
 - Updating site notices erected around the proposed Site boundary with the revised deadline for feedback (11:59pm on 05 December 2024).
- 3.2.5. As well as seeking comments on the Proposed Development generally, feedback was sought on the key elements of the Proposed Development, including:
- The design of the Proposed Development, including the preferred location of each of its elements and proposed environmental enhancements and mitigation.
 - The PEIR, which presented an initial account of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development during construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as preliminary

details on mitigation measures that could be introduced to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any potentially significant adverse effects.

- How the Proposed Development could contribute to the local community, including the development of a community benefit package.

3.2.6. Information on the Proposed Development and preliminary environmental assessment was published for consultation in a range of different materials and formats, including:

- Phase Two Consultation booklet: an accessible, 36-page non-technical overview of the Proposed Development. It also included information on the planning process, the consultation process (including how to find out more and respond to Phase Two Consultation) and the Applicant's approach to community benefit.
- Phase Two Consultation maps: the updated operational layout for Rosefield Solar Farm, as well as a map showing the proposed construction routes, access points and construction compounds. A version of the updated operational layout was published with a grid overlay to aid respondents to make location-specific comments on the design of the Proposed Development.
- Phase Two Consultation questionnaire: the main mechanism for collecting feedback.
- Phase Two Consultation exhibition banners: an accessible summary of the Proposed Development, EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps.
- Virtual exhibition: a virtual exhibition hall which contained the exhibition banners, consultation questionnaire, and a digital interactive portal to enable users to view 3D visualisations of the Proposed Development from key views around the proposed Site boundary.
- The PEIR: the initial results of environmental assessments carried out in support of the Proposed Development, as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects. The PEIR included a non-technical summary of the preliminary assessment of effects.

3.2.7. All of these materials are available to view on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library). These materials will be appended to the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.

3.3. Responding to Phase Two Consultation

3.3.1. All consultees were able to respond to the consultation by:

- Completing an online questionnaire on the Rosefield Solar Farm website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Submitting feedback or completed questionnaire by email to info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Posting a completed questionnaire or submitting comments to the Freepost address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL
- Returning a completed questionnaire at the public events.

3.4. Consultation with statutory consultees and notification to the Secretary of State (section 42 and section 46)

Section 42

- 3.4.1. Consultation letters were delivered between 13 - 18 September 2024 to statutory consultees identified by the Applicant. The letter notified consultees about Phase Two Consultation and set out where to find out more information about the Proposed Development, including the times and dates of the public events and how to access the consultation materials. It also identified them as a statutory consultee under s42 of the PA 2008, set out the ways in which respondents could share their feedback and get in contact with the project, and confirmed the (original) deadline for receipt of feedback, 11:59pm on 14 November 2024 (in accordance with s45 of the PA 2008). Samples of the letters are available in **Appendix C-2**.
- 3.4.2. There are different categories of consultee under s42 of the PA 2008. The sections below set out how the Applicant identified the consultees in each category. A full list of the section 42(a) and (b) consultees relevant to the Proposed Development is provided at **Appendix C-1**. A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included in the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

Section 42(1)(a): such persons as may be prescribed

- 3.4.3. The Applicant identified prescribed consultees with reference to Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations 2009 (as amended), Advice Note Three: EIA Notification and Consultation and the list of consultation bodies in Appendix 1 of the EIA Scoping Opinion dated 21 December 2023.
- 3.4.4. The Applicant did not consult the Marine Management Organisation (section 42(1)(aa)) as the Proposed Development is not considered likely to affect any of the areas specified in subsection 2 of s42 of the PA 2008 (e.g. tidal or offshore areas) or Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations.

Section 42(1)(b): each local authority that is within section 43

- 3.4.5. The Applicant consulted with local authorities identified in s43 of the PA 2008 as prescribed by s42(1)(b) of the PA 2008. The local authorities consulted for the purposes of the Proposed Development are identified in **Table 3-1**. The administrative boundaries of the local authorities are shown in **Figure 3-1** and **Figure 3-2**. The four categories of local authority are set out below:
- 'A' is a neighbouring local authority (s43(2)) that shares a boundary with a unitary council or lower-tier district 'B' council within whose area development is situated.
 - 'B' council within whose area development is situated 'B' is either a unitary council or a lower-tier district council in which the development is situated – a host authority.
 - 'C' is an upper-tier county council in which the development is situated – a host authority.
 - 'D' is either a unitary council or an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority – a neighbouring local authority (s43(2A)).
- 3.4.6. As a unitary authority, Buckinghamshire Council is categorised as a category 'B' authority. To ensure category 'D' authorities were captured, Buckinghamshire Council was additionally treated as a category 'C' authority in order to identify category 'D' authorities.

Table 3-1: Section 42(1)(b) local authorities

Local authority	Category within section 43 of PA 2008
Buckinghamshire Council	B/C
Cherwell District Council	A
Dacorum Borough Council	A
London Borough of Hillingdon	A
South Oxfordshire District Council	A
Three Rivers District Council	A
Central Bedfordshire Council	D
Hertfordshire County Council	D

Greater London Authority	D
Milton Keynes Council	D
Oxfordshire County Council	D
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	D
Slough Council	D
West Northamptonshire Council	D
Wokingham Council	D

Figure 3-1: Administrative boundaries of A and B category local authorities with the indicative location of the Proposed Development shown in red

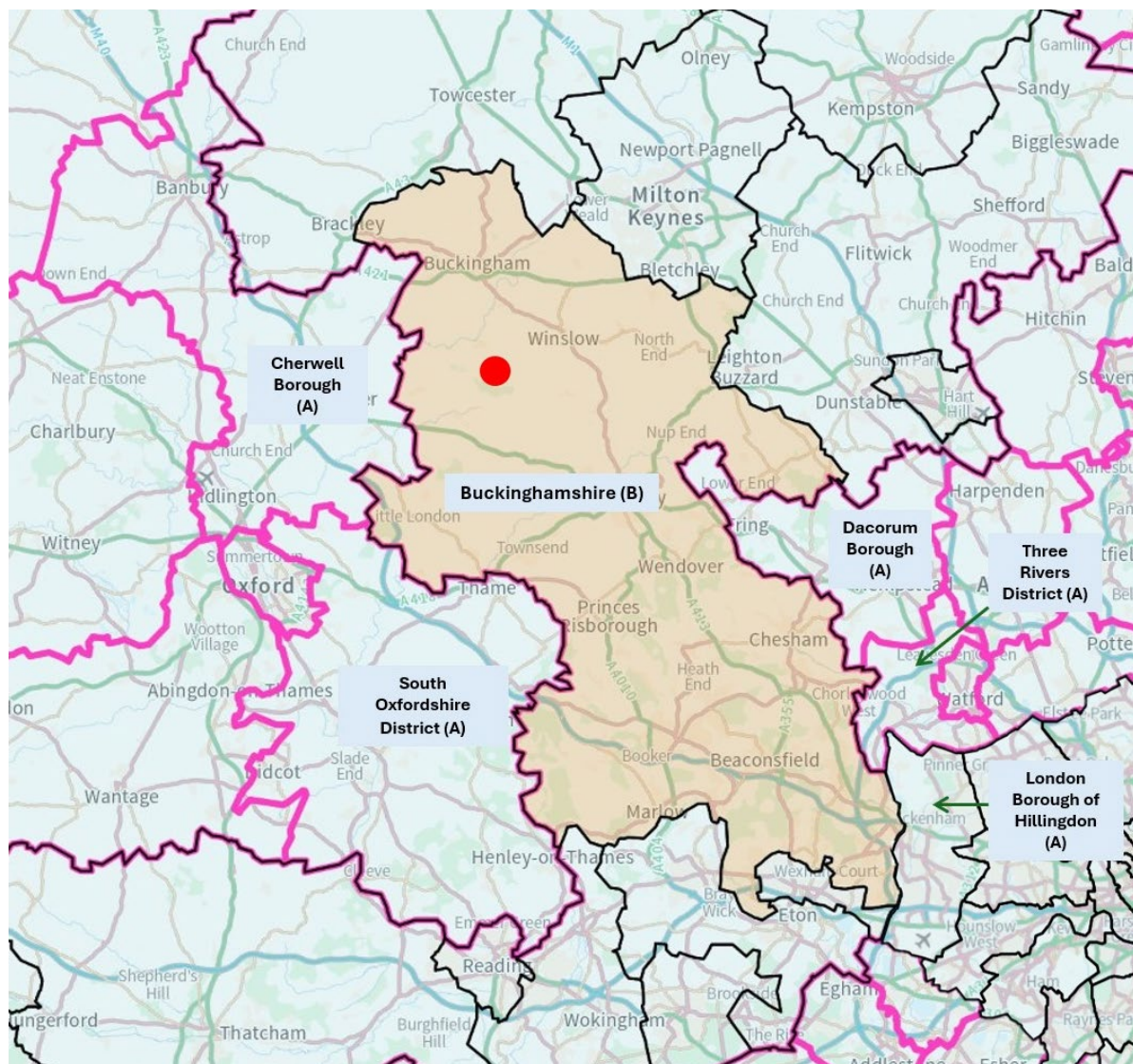
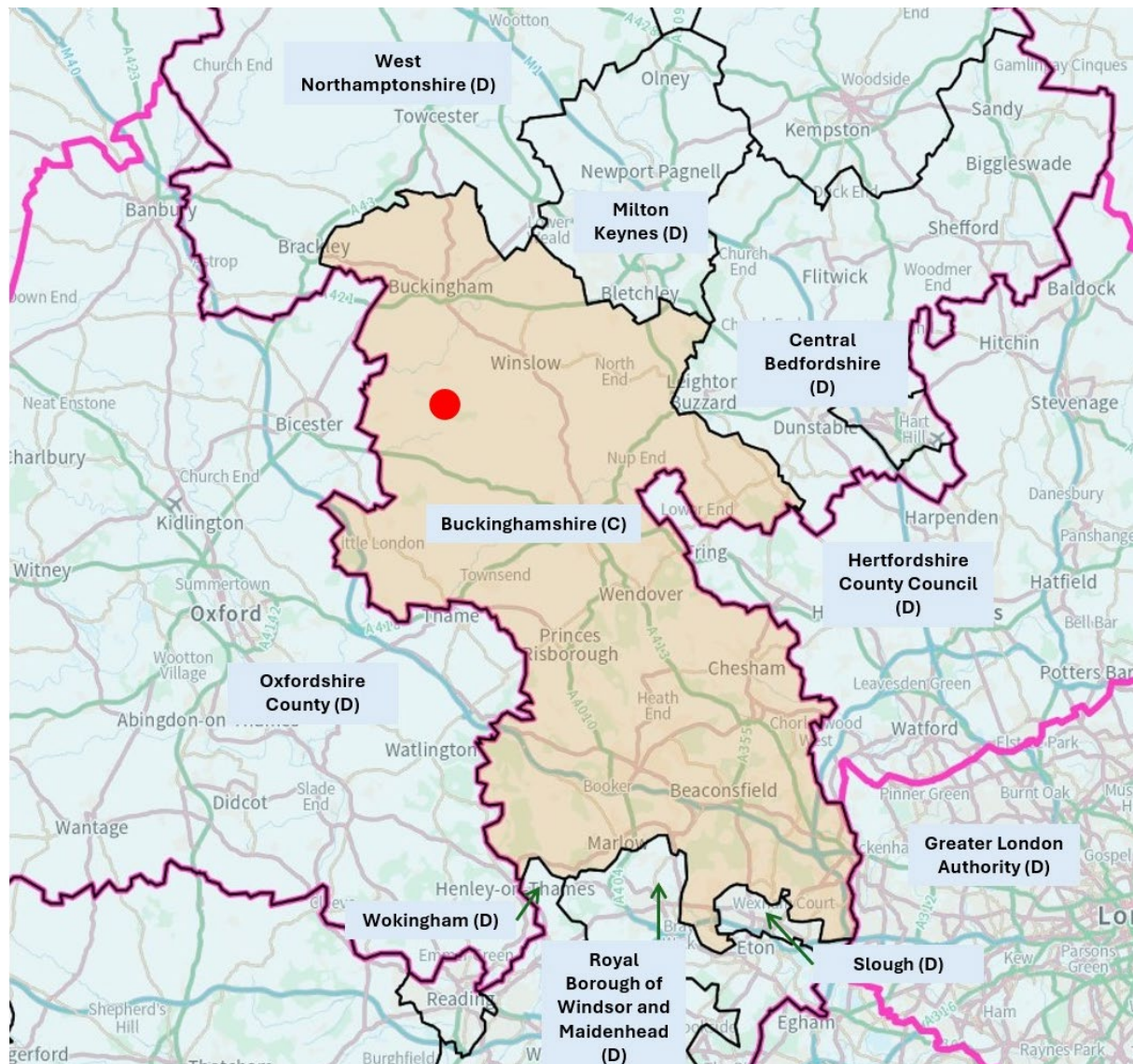


Figure 3-2: Administrative boundaries of C and D category local authorities with the indicative location of the Proposed Development shown in red



Section 42(1)(c): Greater London Authority

- 3.4.7. As a unitary council or an upper tier county council which shares a boundary with a host 'C' authority, the Greater London Authority was consulted in this capacity on the Proposed Development pursuant to section 42(1)(b). The Proposed Development is not itself located in Greater London so there was no requirement to consult under section 42(1)(c).

Section 42(1)(d): each person who is within one or more categories set out in section 44

- 3.4.8. S42(1)(d) of the PA 2008 requires the Applicant to consult each person who is within one or more categories set out in s44 of the PA 2008. The categories are:
- Category 1: A person is within Category 1 if the Applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land.
 - Category 2: A person is within the Category 2 if the Applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is interested in the land, or has the power to sell and convey the land or to release the land.
 - Category 3: A person is within the Category 3, if the Applicant, after making diligent inquiry, considers they would or might be entitled to make a 'relevant claim' as a result of (a) the implementing of the DCO, (b) the DCO having been implemented or (c) use of the land once the DCO has been implemented. There are three types of relevant claim: a claim under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965; a claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973; and a claim under section 152(3) of the PA 2008.
- 3.4.9. Land Referencers were appointed by the Applicant to complete the process of diligent inquiry prior to, throughout, and following Phase Two Consultation to identify relevant persons with an interest in land. The diligent inquiry process included the following methods described below.
- 3.4.10. Title information: His Majesty's Land Registry ('HMLR') registers and title plans were used to identify all parties that fall into one or more of the categories set out in paragraph 3.4.7. Additional desk top activities were undertaken to validate the information, including using the Royal Mail address finder, TraceSmart and Companies House. HMLR spatial polygons and title plans were used to create geo-referenced landownership parcels which were given a unique reference number. Information extracted from Registers was recorded against the relevant landownership parcel on the secure Land Referencing database Metis. To ensure any new interests were identified, refreshes of HMLR Registers were conducted every six months, or at a significant milestone in the pre-application stage (e.g., Phase Two Consultation), whichever came first.
- 3.4.11. Environmental Impact Assessment: As part of the preparation of the PEIR, the Applicant's environmental specialists and Land Referencing teams collaborated in identifying receptors potentially impacted by the Proposed Development with a view to understanding whether there were any 'Category 3' persons who might have a 'relevant claim' as defined by section 44(6) of the PA 2008.

- 3.4.12. Land Interest Questionnaires (“LIQs”): HMLR Register information was further verified using LIQs. These were issued to all identified land interests, both within the Order Limits and those identified outside the Order Limits as potential Category 3 interests. The LIQs asked respondents to confirm that the information extracted from the HMLR Register was correct and provide additional information not publicly available e.g., tenancy agreements and informal rights of access. Where new interests were found, LIQs were issued and the process outlined above was followed to verify their details, supplemented by desktop referencing and the use of publicly available information.
- 3.4.13. Where LIQs were not returned, contact was sought with interested parties through a variety of methods to confirm their land interest. This included LIQ reminder letters, phone calls and emails if the information was held on record. Where no contact information was held, site visits were conducted to speak to interested parties in person.
- 3.4.14. Unregistered site notices: Unregistered site notices were erected at sixteen locations around the proposed Site boundary during the Phase Two Consultation period in publicly accessible locations. Site notices were monitored and replaced, where required, on a weekly basis for the duration of the Phase Two Consultation. Where land is unregistered under roads, ad medium filum has been assumed and the adjacent landowners included as subsoil interests.
- 3.4.15. The Applicant consulted with all parties identified under s42(1)(d) and s44 of the PA 2008 at the time of Phase Two Consultation. There were 45 Category 1 and 2 consultees. No consultees were categorised as solely Category 3 interests.
- 3.4.16. Following letters being issued on 13 September 2024, one return to sender was received on 16 September 2024. A forwarding address was identified and a notice was hand-delivered on 24 September 2024.
- 3.4.17. Continued diligent enquiry identified a further two parties who, on a precautionary basis, were consulted under section 42(1)(d) as it was considered that they may hold an interest in the Order Limits - The National Trust and The Freshwater Habitats Trust. The National Trust was contacted on 16 September 2024 by phone and notified by email (noting they were a non-prescribed consultee and were therefore sent information about the consultation on 04 September 2024). The Freshwater Habitats Trust was notified on 08 October 2024.
- 3.4.18. The Applicant has undertaken statutory consultation pursuant to section 42(1)(d) with all people falling within section 44 of the PA 2008, based on the Order Limits for the Application. A full list of the persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 at the time of the Application will be included in the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

Notification to the Secretary of State (section 46)

- 3.4.19. In accordance with s46 of the PA 2008, the Applicant wrote to the Secretary of State on 16 September 2024 in advance of s42 consultation commencing on 18 September 2024 to provide notification of the consultation and signpost where consultation documents could be accessed. A copy of this letter is provided in **Appendix C-2**.
- 3.4.20. The letter provided details of where the consultation materials could be accessed and enclosed:
- A copy of the section 48 notice
 - Sample cover letters sent to consultees pursuant to sections 42(1)(a) and (b) and cover letters sent to consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d), which included a copy of the plan showing the proposed Site boundary of the Proposed Development.
- 3.4.21. The Applicant received an acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning the proposed application from the Planning Inspectorate on 18 September 2024. A copy of this letter is provided in **Appendix C-2**.

3.5. Consultation with the local community (section 47)

- 3.5.1. The Applicant consulted with the local community in accordance with the SoCC provided in **Appendix B-1**, as prescribed by section 47(7) of the PA 2008 and in parallel with its section 42 consultation and section 48 publicity.

Definition of consultees

- 3.5.2. The consultation was open to anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development who had feedback that they wanted to be considered. The Applicant used a mix of techniques to ensure that there were a range of ways to find out more about the Proposed Development and remove barriers to engagement.
- 3.5.3. To ensure consultation activity was targeted towards those living, working, studying, or otherwise using areas most likely to be affected by the Proposed Development, the Applicant defined two geographic zones – an inner zone and an outer zone – for the purposes of community consultation. Consultation activity was most intensive within the inner zone.
- 3.5.4. The inner zone covered people living, working and studying closest to the Proposed Development (and likely to be directly affected by the proposals), and their political representatives. This zone included all addresses within one and a half kilometres of the proposed Site boundary, extending in some areas to consider potential wider effects of the

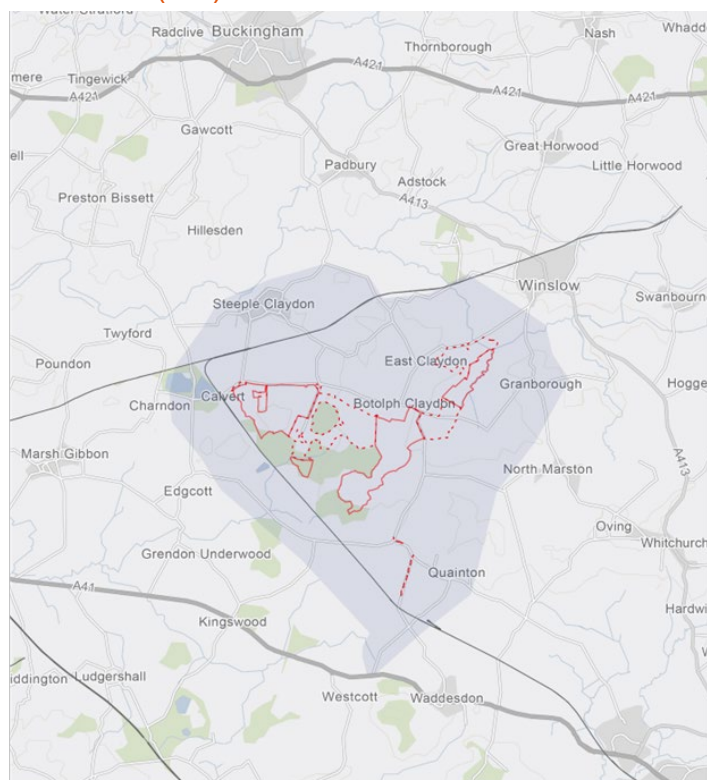
Proposed Development and human geographic boundaries. For example, the inner zone boundary was extended to include:

- Villages with Public Rights of Way that connect into the areas proposed for solar and/or battery storage, such as Quainton and Steeple Claydon.
- Locations that were highlighted as important to the local community in Phase One Consultation feedback, such as Quainton Hill.
- Properties that are near the proposed main access route.

3.5.5. A map of this zone in relation to the proposed Site boundary is shown in **Figure 3-3**.

3.5.6. The outer zone covered those living, working and studying outside of the inner zone who may be affected by or have an interest in the Proposed Development due to it being proposed within their local authority area. This zone followed the administrative boundary of the host authority and is shown in relation to the proposed Site boundary in **Figure 3-4**.

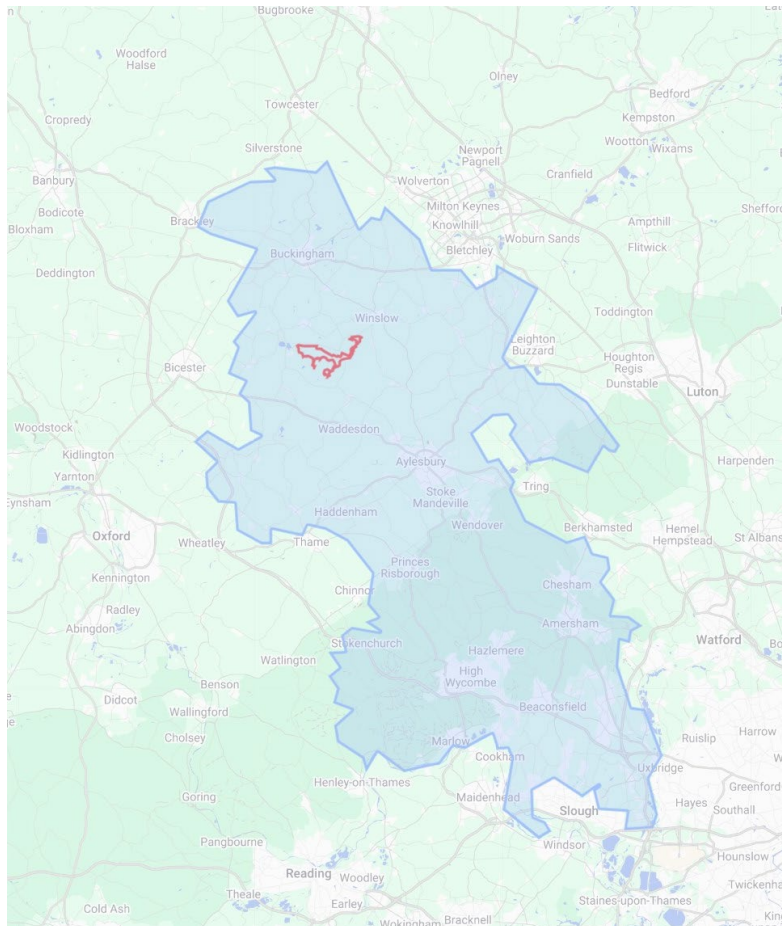
Figure 3-3: Inner consultation zone (blue) in relation to the proposed Site boundary (red)



LEGEND:

- Potential area for solar, battery, ecological enhancements and setbacks
- Potential area for underground cable routes, access tracks and temporary construction compounds (locations to be determined)
- Inner consultation zone

Figure 3-4: Map of the outer consultation zone (blue) in relation to the proposed Site boundary (red)



3.5.7. The Applicant also consulted a wide range of non-prescribed consultees due to their representative function, local knowledge and potential interest in the Proposed Development. Organisations were identified through desktop research, feedback from Phase One Consultation and engagement with the host authority. These included parish councils, community and seldom heard groups, education providers, business representative groups and local interest organisations (including ecology, heritage and walking groups). A total of 124 non-prescribed consultees were contacted by the Applicant.

Availability of consultation materials

3.5.8. Consultation materials were available to inspect in printed form throughout the consultation period at two deposit locations, listed in **Table 3-2**. The SoCC was available to inspect at each location from 04 September 2024, with the remaining consultation materials available from the beginning of the consultation period on 18 September 2024.

- 3.5.9. As well as a printed copy of the PEIR and SoCC to inspect, each location was sent copies of the consultation booklet and consultation questionnaires for people to take away. USBs containing the consultation materials – including the PEIR – were also available for people to take away.
- 3.5.10. Where information was updated during Phase Two Consultation (as described in sections 2.8.7 to 2.8.8 and 3.2.2 to 3.2.4), the deposit point was either updated by the Applicant or the materials were sent to the deposit points by post to update.
- 3.5.11. Regular checks (phone calls, emails and physical checks) were made of the deposit points to ensure materials remained available. An example of the deposit point at Winslow Community Library clearly showing the materials available is provided in **Figure 3-5**.

Table 3-2: Location of deposit points

Location	Opening times
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Sunday to Thursday: 8am – 11pm Friday and Saturday: 8am – 12am
Winslow Community Library Park Rd, Winslow MK18 3DN	Monday: 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday: 9.30am – 1pm Friday: 1 – 5pm Saturday: 9.30am – 1pm

- 3.5.12. All consultation materials were available to view and download from 18 September 2024 from the Rosefield Solar Farm website. Anyone could get in touch to request (free of charge) printed copies of the consultation booklet and consultation questionnaire as well as USBs containing the consultation materials.
- 3.5.13. Four copies of the consultation booklet and questionnaire were posted out following requests received through the Applicant's communication channels. The Applicant received one request for a hard copy of the chapters and appendices relevant to biodiversity of the PEIR from members of the Butterfly Conservation Trust. In addition, one copy of the Non-Technical Summary was issued to a member of the public. A copy of Figure 18.1 from the PEIR was issued to an elected representative following the public event at Calvert Green Village Hall. All these requests were fulfilled free of charge.
- 3.5.14. The consultation materials were available in alternate formats and languages upon request. This was advertised in the SoCC and Phase Two

Consultation booklet. No requests for alternative formats or languages were received.

- 3.5.15. Copies of the consultation materials were also available at the public events. Printed copies of the consultation booklet and questionnaire were available to attendees to take away along with USBs containing the full set of consultation materials. Printed copies of the PEIR and SoCC were available to inspect at the events.

Figure 3-5: Consultation materials available at Winslow Community Library



3.6. Consultation materials and activities

Consultation newsletter

- 3.6.1. As described in paragraph 2.8.5, the launch of the Applicant's Phase Two Consultation ran in parallel with the publication of the SoCC. On 04 September 2024, a newsletter was sent to the inner zone (2,993 addresses) to publicise the availability of the SoCC and give advance notice of Phase Two Consultation which would begin 14 days later on 18 September 2024. The newsletter was also made available on the Rosefield Solar Farm website.

- 3.6.2. The newsletter publicised the consultation, including the dates, times and locations of the public events as well as the addresses and opening times of the deposit points. It also set out how people could access consultation materials, find out further information (e.g. by visiting the Rosefield Solar Farm website or contacting the Applicant using its communications channels), and how to respond to the consultation.
- 3.6.3. The consultation newsletter is available to view on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library). A copy of this newsletter will be appended to the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.

Rosefield Solar Farm website and virtual exhibition

- 3.6.4. The Rosefield Solar Farm website hosted all of the consultation information throughout the consultation period, including a virtual exhibition with 3D indicative visualisations showing where Solar PV development was proposed.
- 3.6.5. The website hosted a document library which contained the following:
- SoCC
 - Consultation booklet
 - Consultation questionnaire (with an online version of the questionnaire linked on the website)
 - Exhibition banners summarising the proposals available at the public events
 - Consultation maps of the Proposed Development – including a map of the Proposed Development with a grid overlay to help people provide specific comments on the proposals.
 - PEIR
 - Consultation newsletter
 - Section 48 notice
- 3.6.6. The website was kept up to date for the duration of the Phase Two Consultation. The website has continued to host the consultation materials for reference and has been kept up to date following Phase Two Consultation.
- 3.6.7. Between publication of the SoCC and the day before the consultation started, there were 604 unique visitors to the Rosefield Solar Farm website who spent an average of 1 minute and 09 seconds on the website. Of the 604 unique visitors, 216 users clicked through to the document library. At this time, the website contained information about the

Proposed Development, materials available at Phase One Consultation and a copy of the SoCC that could be viewed and downloaded.

- 3.6.8. During the consultation period, there were 1,598 unique visitors to the Rosefield Solar Farm website (7,162 total views). Visitors to the website were most likely to visit the document library (460 users), with 260 users clicking through to the PEIR and 194 clicking through to the consultation booklet.
- 3.6.9. The interactive virtual exhibition provided an alternative format for people to learn about the Proposed Development. It included exhibition banners on display at the public events, plans of the Proposed Development, links to the online questionnaire and Rosefield Solar Farm website, as well as a link to a digital interactive portal. The digital interactive portal contained 3D indicative visualisations of the Proposed Development from different viewpoints around the proposed Site boundary. There were also two videos showing visualisations of the Proposed Development from the local road network. The virtual exhibition had 56 unique users within the consultation period. This is available to view through the Document Library page of the Rosefield Solar Farm website:
<https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/>. Screenshots of the virtual exhibition will be included as part of the Consultation Report.

Public events

- 3.6.10. Five public events were held within the consultation period. Venues for the events were chosen for their availability, size, accessibility and proximity to the Proposed Development.
- 3.6.11. Events were planned at a variety of different times and days of the week to accommodate the varying schedules and commitments of consultees. A preview session to enable elected representatives and officers to view the event and meet the project team took place between 1-2pm prior to the first event at Calvert Green Village Hall.
- 3.6.12. Each exhibition comprised 14 information boards, with large-scale copies of the updated layout of the Proposed Development and photomontages. Copies of the layout presented at Phase One Consultation were available to explain changes to the design that had been made. Copies of the SoCC and PEIR were available to inspect, with copies of the consultation booklet and questionnaire available to be taken away. People were able to write their feedback at the event and deposit completed feedback in a secure box.
- 3.6.13. A digital 3D model was also available at the public events and showed indicative visualisations of the Proposed Development. The 3D model was operated by a company specialising in 3D modelling using a computer and television monitor, with attendees able to request to see indicative

visualisations of the solar panels from different locations. It also showed how planting could be utilised to screen areas of the Proposed Development and the existing baseline, as well as the preferred location of the battery storage and Rosefield Solar Farm.

- 3.6.14. The locations, times and attendance figures for the exhibitions are included in **Table 3-3**. In total, 239 people attended the five events.

Table 3-3: Public events held and attendance

Locations	Date	Attendance
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar Cotswolds Way, Calvert MK18 2FJ	Thursday 3 October 2pm-6pm	34
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Friday 4 October 4pm-8pm	112
Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 5 October 10am-2pm	27
Steeple Claydon Village Hall 48 Queen Catherine Rd, Steeple Claydon MK18 2PY	Friday 18 October 3.30pm-8pm	43
Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 19 October 10am-2pm	23

Stakeholder meetings

- 3.6.15. The Applicant also held meetings with interested stakeholders during the consultation period. This included a briefing for members of Buckinghamshire Council, as well as meetings with Milton Keynes College, the National Infrastructure Commission and National Highways.
- 3.6.16. The Applicant was also pleased to meet with representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Butterfly Conservation Trust and the relevant Internal Drainage Board at the public events, as well as elected representatives at parish, unitary and parliamentary levels.
- 3.6.17. The Applicant fulfilled all requests for stakeholder briefings during the consultation period and continues to welcome requests for briefings on the proposals.

Seldom heard groups

- 3.6.18. The Applicant sought to ensure that its consultation programme was inclusive and accessible to people seldom heard in consultation activity by:
- Writing to local authorities and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups to ensure our consultation activity and materials are appropriate and remove barriers to engagement.
 - Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.
 - Publicising the consultation in digital editions of local newspapers and on social media to reach different demographics, such as younger people.
 - Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.
 - Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This included sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on-request and at deposit points.
 - Providing materials in alternative formats on request (e.g. different languages, large-print or easy read). Contact details to request materials in alternative formats were published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website, in the consultation booklet and newsletter.
 - Providing a variety of communication channels including a freephone number, email address and Freepost for those seeking further information.
- 3.6.19. In addition, the Applicant wrote to 59 gateway organisations and 11 education providers on 04 September 2024 and 18 September 2024, to let them know about the consultation, offer them a briefing and support them to promote the consultation on their own communications channels. This included a graphic highlighting how people could participate in the consultation was sent to all organisations where an email address was found during desktop research.

Communication channels

- 3.6.20. The consultation freephone (0800 861 1097) enabled anyone to get in touch to find out more about the consultation, request printed copies of the consultation materials and USBs, and speak to a member of the project team about the proposals. The freephone line was answered during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm).

- 3.6.21. Alternatively, people could email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk with questions or requests for documents or USBs. This resulted in four copies of the consultation booklet and questionnaire being sent out.

3.7. Publicising the consultation

- 3.7.1. Advertising took place across the inner and outer zone to publicise the consultation. Methods included newspaper advertising, social media and issuing press releases.

Section 48

- 3.7.2. The Applicant published notices containing the prescribed details in the newspapers and on the dates set out in **Table 3-4** pursuant to section 48 of the PA 2008 and regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

Table 3-4: Details of newspaper publication of section 48 notice

Newspaper	Date of advertisement
Bucks Herald	11 September and 18 September 2024
The Guardian	11 September 2024
London Gazette	11 September 2024

- 3.7.3. A copy of the notices as published, as well as a screenshot showing this on the Rosefield Solar Farm website, is provided in **Appendix C-3**.
- 3.7.4. The Proposed Development is an EIA development, and therefore in accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations the Applicant enclosed a copy of the section 48 notice to the consultation bodies as part of the letters sent to all section 42 consultees.

Newspaper and social media advertising

- 3.7.5. In addition to the statutory notices, the Applicant sought to publicise the consultation through an advertising campaign encompassing local newspapers, digital advertising and social media advertising. The purpose of the campaign was to reach people within the inner and outer zone (**Figures 3-3** and **3-4**) to raise awareness of the consultation, including the times and dates of the public events and where people could find out more about the Proposed Development.
- 3.7.6. Advertising during the Phase Two Consultation period was supplemented by pre-consultation advertising between 04 September – 18 September 2024 to publicise the launch of Phase Two Consultation and the availability of the SoCC, as described in paragraph 2.8.5.

- 3.7.7. From the start of the consultation period, the Applicant advertised the consultation, including the dates, times and locations of the public events, and where people could find out more information about the Proposed Development in both print and digital versions of the Bucks Herald and Bucks Free Press (combined circulation of 6,003 per issue).
- 3.7.8. A media release (in addition to one published at launch on 04 September 2024) was issued to approximately 50 journalists and media outlets on 18 September 2024 to update on the start of the consultation period. Information about the consultation was covered by BBC Beds, Herts & Bucks and Bucks Free Press.
- 3.7.9. The Applicant used social media advertising to reach as many people as possible. Advertisements were run on Facebook and LinkedIn platforms to promote the consultation and encourage those with an interest to submit their feedback.
- 3.7.10. A post was shared on the EDF Renewables UK & Ireland LinkedIn account (c. 93,000 followers) on 18 September 2024 to publicise the commencement of Phase Two Consultation, which received 6,027 impressions (in addition to one published at launch on 04 September 2024 which received 7,406 impressions).
- 3.7.11. A series of Facebook advertisements set out the dates of the consultation period, information about the public events and how people could find out more information and share their feedback. The Applicant targeted users living within 20 kilometres of the proposed Site boundary between 11 September 2024 and 05 December 2024, reaching 84,627 users.

3.8. Outcomes of Phase Two Consultation

- 3.8.1. The Applicant received 186 responses to Phase Two Consultation. A total of 186 “relevant responses” for the purposes of s49 of the PA 2008 were received in response to Phase Two Consultation. **Table 3-5** includes a breakdown of responses by response type.

Table 3-5: Number of responses received by method

Method of response submission	Total
Emails	166
Online questionnaire	18
Hard-copy (post or returned at event)	2

- 3.8.2. Responses have been received, securely recorded and analysed by a consultancy specialising in public consultation and stakeholder engagement. The following process has been utilised:
- When a response was received which provided identifying details (e.g., a postcode, company name), it was identified whether the response had been submitted by an individual or organisation under s42, s47 or s48.
 - Each response was assigned a unique ID number, and their feedback was recorded against this number in a secure database.
 - Hard copy questionnaires and letters were manually typed and recorded against the respondent's unique ID number.
 - Responses were analysed at sentence level, using thematic coding to group together comments on similar topics, with unique ID numbers logged against comments to indicate frequency.
 - An individual response was broken down and coded in as many themes as required to ensure that the entire sentiment was captured.
 - The coding process enabled all responses to be indexed according to the issues raised by respondents and allowed a detailed summary to be prepared of the content by themes and topics raised.

3.9. Responses received to section 42 consultation

- 3.9.1. The Applicant received 33 responses from consultees prescribed under section 42(1)(a) or (b) to Phase Two Consultation. All of these responses were sent via email and did not follow the format of the consultation questionnaire, due to the detailed and specific nature of their comments.

- 3.9.2. These respondents included:

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| • Anglian Water | • Historic England |
| • Buckinghamshire Council | • National Highways |
| • Bucks Fire and Rescue | • National Trust |
| • Calvert Green Parish Council | • Natural England |
| • East Claydon Parish Council | • NGET |
| | • Steeple Claydon Parish Council |

- 3.9.3. The Applicant received responses from Natural England and Quainton Parish Council on 06 December 2024, and National Highways on 19 December 2024. All were accepted by the Applicant.

- 3.9.4. The Applicant will include a summary of any responses to Phase Two Consultation identified as consultees under s42(1)(d) within the Consultation Report.
- 3.9.5. Within the Consultation Report, the Applicant will include a table which summarises feedback received from s42 consultees by theme and topic, along with the regard had by the Applicant and whether the feedback resulted in a change to the Proposed Development.

3.10. Responses received to section 47 consultation

- 3.10.1. This section sets out “relevant responses” for the purposes of s49 of the PA 2008 received from the local community, including a summary of the most common topics raised in feedback received.
- 3.10.2. The Applicant received 153 responses¹ to the s47 consultation between 18 September and 5 December 2024, with the vast majority of responses received via email (89%). The methods available to respond to the consultation are set out in section 3.3.
- 3.10.3. A total of 87 respondents provided a postcode as part of their consultation response, and responses received by village are shown in **Table 3-6**. All postcodes have been mapped in **Figure 3-6**.
- 3.10.4. Almost a third (32%) of respondents who provided a postcode were from Botolph Claydon, followed by 20% of respondents from East Claydon.

Table 3-7: Responses received by village

Village	Total
Botolph Claydon	28
East Claydon	18
Steeple Claydon	7
Quinton	6
Granborough	5
Hogshaw	5
Winslow	4

¹ Noting that this may change where s47 responses are identified as section 42(1)(d) as part of the reporting process.

Other

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Figure 3-6: Geographical location of responses (blue pins) which provided a postcode in relation to the proposed Site boundary (red)



3.10.5. The Consultation Report will include an appendix which will summarise the feedback received from s47 consultees by theme and topic, along with the regard had to the feedback by the Applicant and whether the feedback resulted in a change to the Proposed Development.

3.11. Responses received to section 48 consultation

3.11.1. The Applicant sought responses from s48 consultees (see section 3.7). None of the consultation responses specified that they had submitted under s48.

3.12. Changes to the Proposed Development following Phase Two Consultation

- 3.12.1. Changes to the design of the Proposed Development that have been made as a result of feedback received to Phase Two Consultation include:
- Removal of proposed solar development from a field to reduce effects on a residential property.
 - Removal of proposed solar development from parts of two fields to reduce effects on a residential property.
 - Removal of proposed solar development from parts of two fields to reduce potential effects on the setting and significance of Claydon House and Claydon Park.
 - Potential for the Rosefield Substation and battery storage to be located in a field (E23) removed – Field E23 is now proposed for solar only.
 - New hedgerow planting proposed along the parts of the Bernwood Jubilee Way within the proposed Site boundary.
 - New permissive walking routes proposed to connect HS2 footway to Steeple Claydon and future HS2 footway to Calvert Green.
 - New permissive walking route proposed to connect Knowl Hill to Calvert Road, extending the proposed route shown at Phase Two Consultation. Removal of proposed solar development from a field to reduce effects on a residential property.
 - Option for the southern cable route to connect Parcels 1 and 2 removed.
 - New permissive walking route to connect Splash Lane and Bernwood Jubilee Way.
 - Amendments to proposed footpath diversions to run along field edges where possible, rather than through the middle of fields where solar is proposed.
- 3.12.2. A Community Update newsletter was sent to all addresses within the inner zone on 21 May 2025. This included the updated operational layout of the Proposed Development and describes the changes made as a result of the feedback received. This is included within **Appendix C-4** of the Report to demonstrate how feedback is shaping the Application.

4. Additional targeted consultation

4.1. Purpose of consultation

- 4.1.1. Feedback received from Phase Two Consultation, along with ongoing environmental assessment and technical work, resulted in a number of changes to the proposals.
- 4.1.2. Where these changes required minor additions to the proposed Order Limits, or it was considered useful to gain feedback on them ahead of the submission of the Application, the Applicant commenced targeted statutory consultation with relevant prescribed and non-prescribed consultees and affected land interests.
- 4.1.3. The Applicant is undertaking targeted consultation on two proposed changes (together 'the proposed changes') concurrently between 21 May – 16 July 2025 (56 days). The consultation period was determined in consultation with the host authority.
- 4.1.4. The Applicant has set out a description of the proposed changes, consultation method and identification of consultees for each targeted consultation below.

Change 1: Addition to the proposed Site boundary ('the proposed additional land')

- 4.1.5. Change 1 relates to the incorporation of an existing farm track, currently used by traffic associated by HS2, to provide access to the area proposed for landscaping and environmental enhancements in Parcel 1a. This requires an amendment to the proposed Site boundary and is therefore subject to targeted consultation. This would allow light vehicles, such as tractors, to access this area for planting and maintenance.

Change 2: Proposed changes to the layout of Parcel 3 ('the proposed layout changes')

- 4.1.6. At Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant presented and assessed two different scenarios for the location of the BESS, Main Collector Compound and Rosefield Substation to account for uncertainty associated with the proposed replacement National Grid East Claydon Substation.
- 4.1.7. The Applicant has identified a single preferred layout for these elements, which involves the following:
 - At Phase Two Consultation, Rosefield Substation was proposed to be sited in either Field E11 or Field E23 in Parcel 3. In response to feedback, this is now proposed to be sited in Fields E11 and E20 in Parcel 3.
 - At Phase Two Consultation, the BESS was proposed to be in Field E23 in Parcel 3 and/or Fields D8/D9 in Parcel 2. In response to feedback

received, Field E23 has been removed as an option for the BESS site. The BESS is now solely proposed to be located in Fields D8/D9 in Parcel 2.

- At Phase Two Consultation, the Main Collector Compound was proposed to be located in either Field E20, E21, E22 or E23 in Parcel 3. In response to feedback, Field E23 has now been discounted as a potential location, while Field E11 is being considered alongside Fields E20, E21 or E22 in Parcel 3.

4.1.8. Neither of the proposed changes would affect the outcomes of the environmental assessments described in the PEIR published as part of Phase Two Consultation.

4.2. Identification of consultees

4.2.1. The Applicant undertook targeted consultation with affected s42(1)(d) consultees as required by PA 2008. Land interests were identified through a process of diligent inquiry undertaken by the Applicant as described in paragraphs 3.4.9 to 3.4.14 to ensure that any additional land interests were consulted.

4.2.2. A full list of the persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included within the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

4.2.3. The Applicant also consulted with relevant prescribed consultees under s42(1)(a) and (b) and non-prescribed consultees on a precautionary basis. This included host local authorities, parish councils and organisations likely to have an interest in the proposed changes (e.g., those with an interest in the proposed additional land such as HS2, and those likely to have an interest in the proposed layout changes). In compiling the list of prescribed and non-prescribed consultees, the Applicant took into account the limited nature of the proposed changes, and that there were no new or different likely significant environmental effects expected as a result of the proposed changes.

4.2.4. In line with the SoCC, the Applicant sought advice on its approach from the host authority through its regular PPA calls on 19 February and 02 April 2025. In response to feedback from the host authority, the Applicant extended the consultation period to eight weeks, from the four weeks originally proposed.

4.2.5. A full list of prescribed and non-prescribed consultees consulted on the proposed changes is provided at **Appendix C-5** (sorted by each targeted consultation). A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included in the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

4.3. Consultation activity

- 4.3.1. The Applicant sent letters by recorded delivery to all consultees, notifying them of the changes and inviting comment for a 56-day period between 21 May 2025 and 16 July 2025. The content and plans included within the letters differed for each targeted consultation.

Change 1: Targeted consultation on the proposed additional land

- 4.3.2. All consultees received a letter to notify them of the changes and invite comment for a 56-day period between 21 May and 16 July 2024, as well as a plan showing the proposed Site boundary with the proposed additional land shown in blue. Land interests received land interest plans relevant to the nature of their interest.

Change 2: Targeted consultation on the proposed layout changes

- 4.3.3. All consultees received a letter to notify them of the changes and invite comment for a 56-day period between 21 May and 16 July 2024. An enclosed plan showed the updated layout within Parcel 3, with an extract of the previous proposed layout in this area for comparison (presented at Phase Two Consultation) presented on the same page.
- 4.3.4. In addition, the Applicant also prepared an addendum to the PEIR to confirm that the proposed layout changes would not result in any new or different potentially significant effects than those presented at Phase Two Consultation. The letter contained a link to the PEIR Addendum which was published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website.

Activity on both of the proposed changes

- 4.3.5. Where consultees were consulted on both of the proposed changes, the Applicant emailed these consultees to explain the relationship between the two consultations and confirm that any response made could cover both the proposed changes.
- 4.3.6. The Applicant also wrote to members representing the ward in which the Proposed Development is located, offering a meeting to discuss the proposed changes.
- 4.3.7. Noting the wider community interest in the Proposed Development, the Applicant issued a Community Update newsletter (**Appendix C-4**) to all addresses within the inner zone of consultation (2,993 addresses) on 20 May 2025 to coincide with the start of targeted consultation. This described all the changes made to the design of the Proposed Development.

- 4.3.8. Given the targeted nature of the consultation, the Applicant invited feedback on the proposed changes in writing via Freepost or email, rather than using a consultation questionnaire.
- 4.4. Responses received to targeted consultation and changes made to the Proposed Development in response to feedback received
 - 4.4.1. Both targeted consultations are currently ongoing at the time of writing this Report.
 - 4.4.2. The Consultation Report will include a summary of feedback received to the targeted consultation by theme and topic, along with the regard had to the feedback by the Applicant and whether the feedback resulted in a change to the Proposed Development.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1.1. This Report describes how the statutory requirements for pre-application consultation have been fulfilled by the Applicant, and demonstrates that the consultation has met the requirements set out in sections 42, 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the PA 2008 (as well as the requirements of the APFP Regulations and EIA Regulations). **Appendix D-1** sets out how the Applicant has complied with guidance on the pre-application process.
- 5.1.2. The purpose of this Report is to enable the Planning Inspectorate and the host local authorities to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the Applicant to date, minimising the risk of non-acceptance at the acceptance stage. It mirrors the content and structure of the Consultation Report which will be submitted as part of the Application. This relationship is shown in **Appendix D-2**.
- 5.1.3. The Applicant shared a copy of the Report with Buckinghamshire Council ('the host authority') on 21 May 2025. A copy of the response provided by the host authority on 24 July 2025 which has been appended to this Report (**Appendix E-1**). The Applicant has submitted this Report to the Planning Inspectorate ahead of the planned submission of the Application.
- 5.1.4. As demonstrated by this Report, feedback from consultation and engagement has been integral to developing the design of the Proposed Development. The Applicant's programme of consultation and engagement has spanned almost two years, and has included two formal phases of consultation, two additional targeted consultations and a continuous programme of stakeholder engagement.
- 5.1.5. The Applicant is very grateful to all those who have responded to the consultation and engaged with the project team to help shape the Proposed Development so far.
- 5.1.6. Full detail about the Applicant's programme of pre-application consultation and engagement, including how feedback has informed the design of the Proposed Development, will be provided in the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.



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Consultation Report

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SoCC

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Subject: [REDACTED]
Date: 15 May 2025 15:53:15
Attachments: [DRAFT Rosefield Statement of Community Consultation_V1.pdf](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 April 2024 15:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Rosefield Solar Farm

Afternoon [REDACTED],

Please find attached Rosefield Solar Farms draft SoCC. As set out in the draft PPA, we are sharing this with you for informal consultation.

Our hope is that we could schedule a workshop w/c 29th April to go over the draft document with you. If you could let me know availability for that week I can get a meeting set up. Otherwise please let me know if you need more time to review the document and we can agree a date that works for you.

Cheers,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 April 2024 17:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Rosefield Solar Farm

Afternoon [REDACTED],

Can we arrange a time for a quick call to go over the PPA? It would be great to get the document finalised and signed so that we can kick off engagement with the external consultants that need to be instructed.

I am free all of tomorrow and can make myself available early next week, just let me know when works best for you.

Cheers,

Appendix A-1.2 – Draft SoCC for informal consultation



Rosefield Solar Farm

Draft Statement of Community
Consultation
Phase Two Consultation

DATE 2024

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1. Introduction

1.1 Rosefield Solar Farm

- 1.1.1. Climate change is a challenge we must all play our part in addressing – from the small changes we need to make in our everyday lives to the transformational changes we need to make across our whole economy, including how we power our homes, businesses, and transport systems.
- 1.1.2. Over the next decade, the fossil fuels that once powered our economy need to be replaced with sources of low-carbon electricity. Solar is an important part of the way we can meet this challenge – it is reliable and can be built quickly. This is particularly important as the UK focuses on boosting its domestic supply of clean energy.¹
- 1.1.3. Rosefield Solar Farm ('Rosefield') is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located in Buckinghamshire. Backed by EDF Renewables and PS Renewables, Rosefield would make an important contribution to our future energy network by producing enough clean, secure electricity to power more than 57,000 homes every year.²
- 1.1.4. Rosefield is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts ('MW'). This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.
- 1.1.5. Unlike planning applications which are determined by local planning authorities, NSIP applications are submitted to and determined by the relevant Secretary of State, in this case the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- 1.1.6. Applying for a DCO is a fixed legal process, which is illustrated in Figure 1. A key part of this process is the requirement for consultation with the local community and other stakeholders, including statutory consultees, before the DCO application is submitted. This is known as a 'statutory consultation.'
- 1.1.7. We held an initial stage of consultation (called a 'non-statutory consultation') between 28 September and 10 November 2023 on our early plans for Rosefield. This was to introduce our early proposals and gain feedback on them while they were still being developed.
- 1.1.8. The feedback we received from the community at this first stage, as well as the environmental surveys carried out since, have helped us to develop

¹ Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, [Powering Up Britain: Energy Security Plan](#), 2023.

² Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

our plans to the extent that we are now ready to carry out our statutory consultation.

- 1.1.9. The feedback we receive during our second stage of consultation will help inform our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm before we submit our DCO application.
- 1.1.10. Before we carry out this consultation, we must publish a statement of how we will consult with the local community – known as a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC'). This SoCC has been prepared and publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process).
- 1.1.11. It also reflects the feedback we have received from the host local authority for Rosefield – Buckinghamshire Council – which we have consulted in the preparation of this document.
- 1.1.12. As part of our DCO application, we will submit a Consultation Report detailing how we consulted, the feedback that we received during our statutory consultation and how we have had regard to it. When considering our DCO application, the Secretary of State must consider whether the consultation that we have undertaken has been adequate.
- 1.1.13. This SoCC sets out how we will consult with the local community. It includes:
- A brief summary of the Rosefield Solar Farm proposal
 - When consultation will be carried out
 - Who will be consulted
 - Where people can find out more about Rosefield Solar Farm
 - How we will consult (including on Preliminary Environmental Information)
 - How feedback will be collected and used to inform our proposals.

1.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

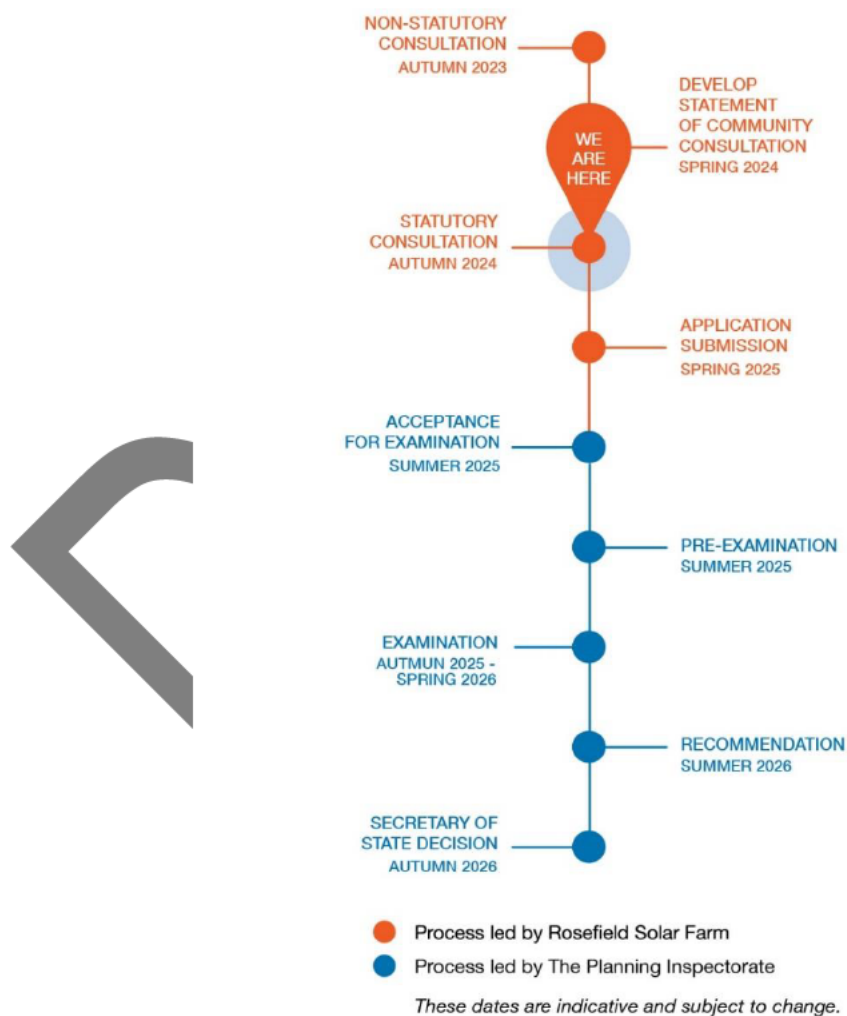
- 1.2.1. Rosefield Solar Farm is classed as an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development requiring an assessment of its likely significant effects on the environment under The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Where appropriate, we will also describe measures that are proposed to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any significant adverse effects. We will report on this process in a document called an Environmental Statement ('ES') when we submit our DCO application.

- 1.2.2. At the statutory consultation, we will be sharing the initial results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects. We will do so in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') document.

1.3 More information

- 1.3.1. You can find more information about the Planning Act 2008, the Planning Inspectorate and its role, as well as how to participate in the DCO process on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>, or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

Figure 1: Planning process for NSIPs and indicative timescales for Rosefield



2. Rosefield Solar Farm

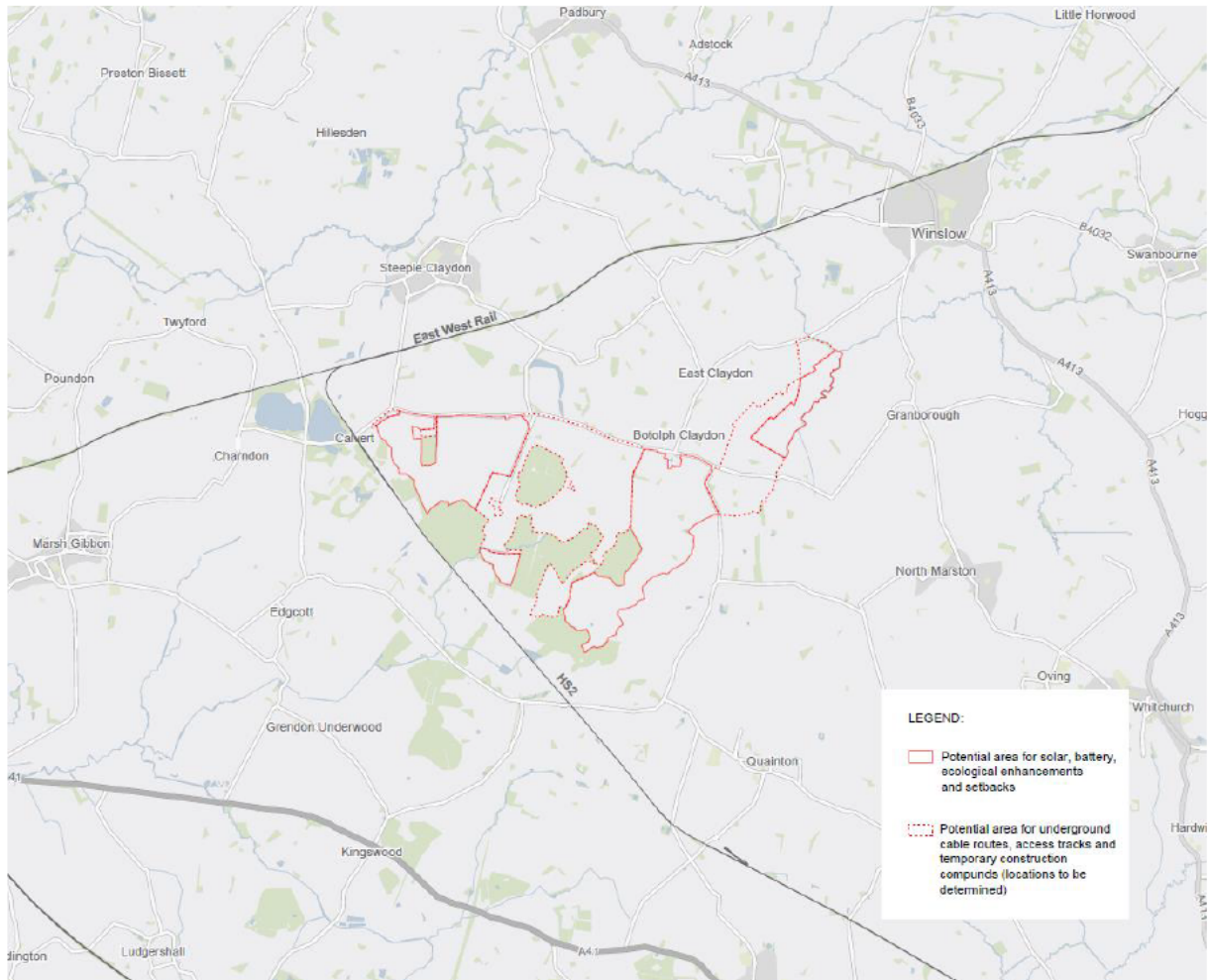
2.1 About our proposals

- 2.1.1. Rosefield is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Rosefield to the National Grid East Claydon Substation, and any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping.
- 2.1.2. We have secured a grid connection agreement with National Grid that would allow us to export up to 500MW of clean and secure electricity to this network, through the East Claydon Substation owned by National Grid. There would also be capacity to import power from the network.
- 2.1.3. Rosefield is located in the local authority area of Buckinghamshire Council (the host authority). Figure 2 shows the location of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm.
- 2.1.4. Since the previous stage of consultation [overview of updated redline boundary to be added once refined cable route/access area is confirmed].
- 2.1.5. Further details of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm will be included in the materials published during the consultation. Details of the materials we will publish are in the 'How will we consult' section at 3.6.
- 2.1.6. More information can also be found on our project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.

2.2 About the developers

- 2.2.1. Rosefield Solar Farm is backed by Rosefield Energyfarm Ltd – a joint venture between EDF Renewables and PS Renewables.
- 2.2.2. EDF Renewables is a subsidiary of EDF Group, one of the world's largest low carbon electricity companies. In the UK, it has 41 operating sites providing much needed low carbon electricity across all renewable technologies.
- 2.2.3. PS Renewables is an established UK-based renewable energy development and construction company, with an existing solar portfolio totalling more than 850MW of electricity.
- 2.2.4. We have a strong track record of working jointly on solar projects.
- 2.2.5. You can find out more about both organisations at: www.edf-re.uk and www.psrenewables.com.

Figure 2: Location of Rosefield Solar Farm [new redline to be inserted once updated underground cabling/access area confirmed]



3. Consulting the community

3.1 Developing our approach to consultation

- 3.1.1. Our approach to consultation has been informed by our early engagement with key stakeholders, as well as our phase one consultation.
- 3.1.2. The phase one consultation was held between 28 September 2023 to 10 November 2023 to introduce our proposals to the community and gain initial feedback on them, including on our early design for Rosefield Solar Farm, our approach to assessing environmental effects and community benefit.
- 3.1.3. The feedback we have received to date has helped us refine our proposals and our ongoing approach to consultation and engagement.

3.2 Our approach to statutory consultation

- 3.2.1. Our statutory consultation will be open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield Solar Farm who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals, or has a view that they would like considered.
- 3.2.2. Our multi-stage approach to consultation has ensured that community input has already helped to shape the plans we are presenting. The feedback that we receive from this stage of consultation will help us to further refine our proposals and inform our assessments before we submit our DCO application.
- 3.2.3. We are committed to making sure that everybody has the opportunity to understand and provide their feedback on our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm. Our key objectives for achieving this through our pre-application consultation include:
 - Ensuring thorough engagement and consultation on our proposals.
 - Ensuring proposals are clearly presented, and issues easily understood.
 - Providing sufficient opportunities for interested parties to understand and influence our plans.
 - Gathering high quality responses to, and feedback on, our plans to help inform proposals.
 - Delivering a consultation that meets the legal requirements and best practice for a DCO application.

3.3 Timing

- 3.3.1. The statutory consultation will run for 6 weeks from DATE to DATE. All responses must be received by 11:59pm on DATE.

3.4 What will we consult on?

- 3.4.1. During the statutory consultation, we will be asking for views on:
- The proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, including the preferred locations of each of its elements and our proposed environmental enhancements and mitigation.
 - The PEIR, which will present an initial account of the potential environmental effects of Rosefield Solar Farm during construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as preliminary details on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any potentially significant adverse effects.
 - How Rosefield Solar Farm could contribute to the local community, including local initiatives or organisations that Rosefield could support over its lifetime.

3.5 Who will we consult?

- 3.5.1. We have defined two geographic zones – an inner zone and an outer zone – for the purpose of consulting with the local community. This recognises the fact that levels of potential impact are likely to vary with distance to the site. These zones have informed how we will publicise the consultation and are set out below, with further detail about the consultation information detailed in sections 3.6.4-3.6.28.
- 3.5.2. We will publicise the consultation in both zones using our project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.3. We will also email those people who have previously registered to receive project updates.

Inner zone

- 3.5.4. The inner zone covers people who live and work closest to the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm and their political representatives. Our consultation activity will be most intensive within this zone. A map of this zone is shown in Figure 3.
- 3.5.5. This zone includes all properties within one and a half kilometres of the areas where we are proposing to place solar and battery, extending in some locations to consider the potential wider effects of the proposal and human geographic boundaries. For example, we have extended the inner zone boundary to include:
- Villages with Public Rights of Way that connect into the areas proposed for solar and battery storage, such as Quainton and Steeple Claydon.
 - Locations that were highlighted as important to the local community in non-statutory consultation feedback, such as Quainton Hill.

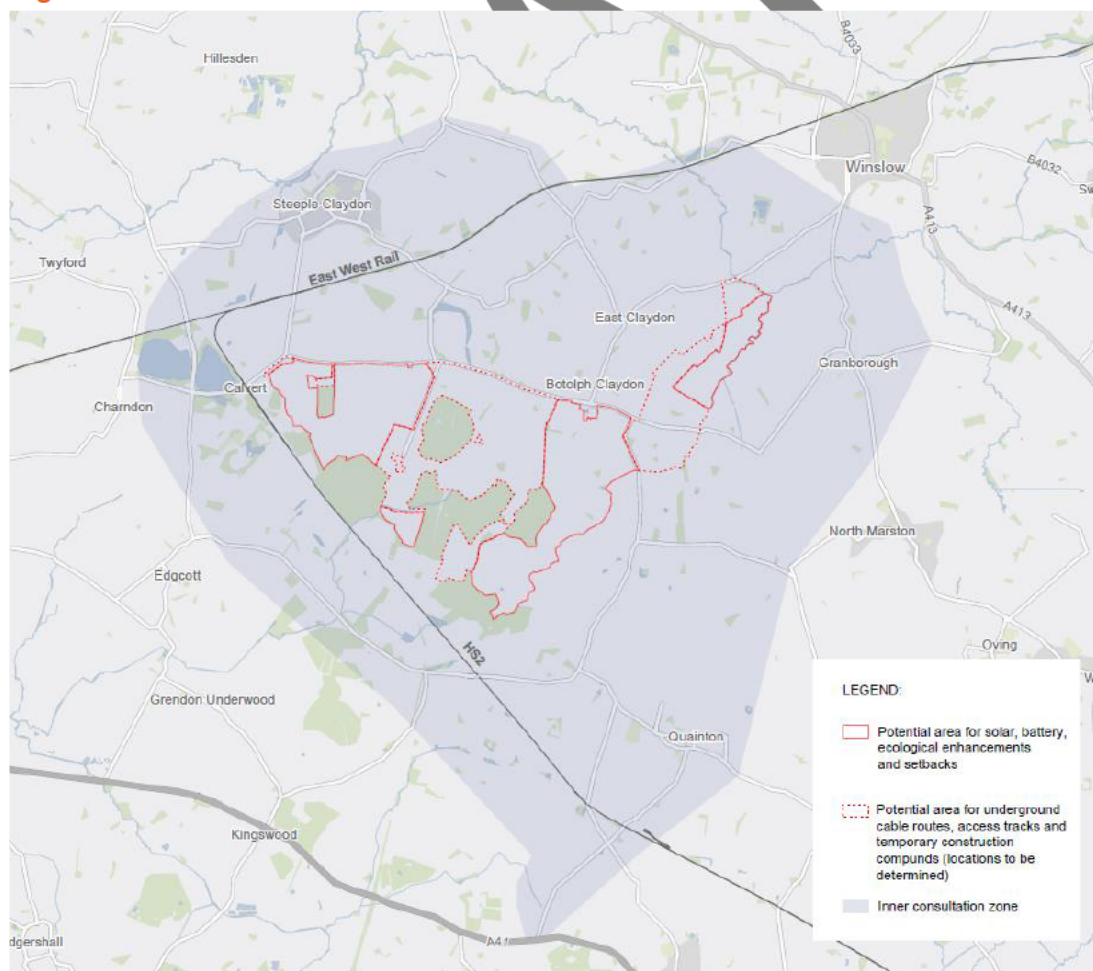
- Properties that are near the proposed main access route.

3.5.6. A newsletter will be sent to all properties within the inner zone at the beginning of consultation. Where possible, it is intended that public events and deposit points will be focused in or close to this area.

3.5.7. We will write to elected members of Buckinghamshire Council, the local Member of Parliament, parish councils and community groups within this zone to offer them a briefing and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels. Parish Councils located within this zone include:

- Calvert Green Parish Council
- Steeple Claydon Parish Council
- East and Botolph Claydon Parish Council
- Hogshaw Parish Council
- Quainton Parish Council
- Granborough Parish Council

Figure 3: Inner zone



Outer zone

- 3.5.8. The outer zone covers those living and working in the area outside of the inner zone, who may be affected by or have an interest in our proposals due to the proposals being brought forward in their local authority area. This zone follows the local authority boundary of Buckinghamshire Council.
- 3.5.9. In addition to the methods set out in section 3.5.2, we will write to all Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet members and the parish councils listed below to support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels.
- Twyford Parish Council
 - Edgecote Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council

Statutory consultees and community organisations

- 3.5.10. At the same time as consulting the local community, we will also consult a range of statutory consultees as set out by Section 42 and Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and additional organisations that we recognise to have an interest in the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. These groups include:
- The host and neighbouring local authorities
 - Statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and others)
 - Other community groups and organisations that may have an interest in the proposals (such as Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, Aylesbury & District Group Ramblers and others)
 - People with an interest in land (e.g. owners or tenants) that may be affected by the proposals.
- 3.5.11. The proposed application will also be publicised as required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

3.6 How will we consult?

- 3.6.1. This section sets out how we intend to consult during the consultation.
- 3.6.2. We will present information in a variety of formats and enable feedback to be submitted in a number of ways to encourage participation in the consultation. More detail on the consultation techniques we will use is provided in sections 3.6.4-3.6.28.

- 3.6.3. Should we carry out any further stages of consultation prior to submission of the DCO application, we will use some, but not necessarily all, of the means of consultation set out in this document. We will work with Buckinghamshire Council to assist us in deciding the most appropriate activities for any further stages of consultation.

Consultation information

- 3.6.4. Information about our proposals will be published for consultation in the following formats:

- **A consultation newsletter:** a newsletter issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and how people can share their feedback. This will additionally be published on the project website to view and download.
- **A consultation booklet:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
- **A questionnaire:** the main way we will collect feedback from the community. The questions will be easy to understand and the responses will be considered as we refine our plans. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
- **A 3D model:** a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm site will be available to view at the public events.
- **A website:** the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to a virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- **A virtual exhibition:** containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and project website. It will host contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- **Exhibition banners:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which will be displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners will also be available in the virtual exhibition and as PDFs to download from the project website.
- **The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR):** containing the initial results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as

preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.

- 3.6.5. Printed copies of the SoCC and consultation documents – including the PEIR – will be available in local libraries and community venues ('deposit points') close to the proposed site for Rosefield Solar Farm and maintained throughout the consultation period. USBs containing all of these documents will also be available to take away. All materials will be published on the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk).
- 3.6.6. Deposit points have been selected to ensure they are within the inner zone, are accessible and have opening times to accommodate people with different time commitments.
- 3.6.7. The locations of the deposit points, which are listed in Table 2 below, will be publicised in our consultation material, including the newsletter, consultation booklet and on the project website.
- 3.6.8. We will provide hard copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC free of charge on request – as well as USBs containing all of the consultation materials (including the PEIR). We will review requests for hard copies of the PEIR on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient.
- 3.6.9. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

Table 2: Deposit points [To be confirmed with venues]

Location	Opening hours*
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar Cotswolds Way, Calvert	Thursday 10am – 12pm Friday 7pm – 11pm
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon	Monday to Thursday 8am – 11pm Friday and Saturday 8am – 12am
Steeple Claydon Library 48 Queen Catherine Rd, Steeple Claydon	Tuesday 2.30pm – 5.30pm Thursday 9am – 12pm Friday 2.30pm – 5.30pm Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm

*Please check opening times before travelling

Website and virtual exhibition

- 3.6.10. From the start of consultation, the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- 3.6.11. The interactive virtual exhibition will be accessed through the website and will provide an alternative format for people to learn about the proposals. It will include information boards which will be on display at the public events, links to documents and the online questionnaire.

Public events

- 3.6.12. We will hold in-person public events during the consultation period to enable anyone with an interest in the proposals to find out more about them and ask questions to members of the team. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available at these events for members of the public to take away. Completed questionnaires will be able to be returned at the events.
- 3.6.13. The dates and times of these events are listed in Table 3 below. The events are being held in accessible venues around the proposed Rosefield site and have been organised at a range of dates and times to ensure that people with different schedules are able to attend. This includes events after normal working hours and on the weekend.
- 3.6.14. Details about the dates and times of the public events will be published on the project website, in the consultation newsletter and booklet. The schedule will also be included in supporting publicity such as newspaper and social media adverts. We will consider requests for additional events throughout the consultation period on a case-by-case basis. Any further events would be publicised on the project website, using social media adverts and, if possible, at the venue.

Table 3: Public events

Location	Date and time
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar	TBC
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall	TBC
Steeple Claydon Village Hall	TBC
Quanton Memorial Hall	TBC

Presentations and stakeholder meetings

- 3.6.15. We will seek to accommodate reasonable requests for presentations and briefings from stakeholder groups, for example: local authorities, parish councils, and local community groups, during the consultation period.
- 3.6.16. Other activities will be carried out, if considered necessary and appropriate, to engage specific interests or seldom heard groups (see section 3.6.28). This could include, for example, further meetings with residents who are closest to the proposed site.
- 3.6.17. Details of all our consultation activity will be included in a Consultation Report which we will submit as part of our DCO application.

Publicity and advertising

- 3.6.18. We will publicise the consultation and associated activities in local media ahead of the start of the consultation period and will update local broadcast and print media channels on our activity during the consultation.
- 3.6.19. Where publication timings allow, we will seek to use local newsletters to further engage with local communities.
- 3.6.20. Statutory notices will be published in line with Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act.

Social media

- 3.6.21. We will use social media advertising to help publicise the consultation and encourage those with an interest in our proposals to get involved. We are unable to accept feedback via social media.

Consultation hotline and email address

- 3.6.22. To find out more information or request copies of the consultation materials, anyone can contact the consultation team by freephone (0800 861 1097) during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm). Outside of these hours, callers will be able to leave a message requesting a callback.
- 3.6.23. Alternatively, people can email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or write to the team via Freepost (no stamp required): Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.

Collection of responses

- 3.6.24. We will produce a questionnaire inviting feedback on different elements of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. The questionnaire will be available to complete on the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk, in printed form at public events, at deposit points around the local area and on request using the project contact details.
- 3.6.25. The completed hard-copy questionnaire can be returned using the Freepost address set out in this document during the consultation period, or at the public events.

- 3.6.26. Respondents will also be able to complete the questionnaire online, which will be made available through the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk as well as the virtual exhibition.
- 3.6.27. Alternatively, respondents can write to us via email or Freepost using the details set out in this document. All written feedback will be accepted.

Seldom heard audiences

- 3.6.28. It is important to ensure that everyone with an interest in the proposals has the opportunity to comment on our proposals as part of the consultation. We want our consultation to be inclusive and gather feedback from a wide range of audiences, including those who are seldom heard in public consultations such as people without internet access, seasonal workers, younger people and socially isolated people. We will do this by:
- Writing to the local authority and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups directly.
 - Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.
 - Publicising the consultation in digital and print editions of local newspapers and on social media.
 - Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.
 - Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This includes sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on-request and at deposit points.

4. Consultation arrangements

4.1. How to find out more

4.1.1. Anyone can find out more by:

- Contacting us on 0800 861 1097 or info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or by writing to the Freepost address (Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).
- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the proposed Rosefield site.
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on our website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or visiting a deposit point.

4.2 Responding to the consultation

4.2.1. We welcome feedback on our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm. Anyone can share their views by:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or in writing to the above Freepost address.

4.2.2. Responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 23:59 on DATE.

4.2.3. Responses must be individual. Petitions will be treated as a single response for the purpose of the Consultation Report.

4.3. How we will consider the responses

4.3.1. Following this consultation, we will consider all of the feedback we receive as we continue refining our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

- 4.3.2. Any comments received will be analysed by Rosefield Energyfarm Ltd and its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on the public record and will be held securely by Rosefield Energyfarm Ltd and its agents in accordance with data protection laws. Any personal details will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.
- 4.3.3. The Planning Inspectorate has also published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>.

4.4 Further information

- 4.4.1. For further information, please contact us by:
- Calling 0800 861 1097 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
 - Emailing info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
 - Writing to the team at Rosefield Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local.

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Appendix A-2 – Regard had to host authority informal feedback on draft SoCC



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Table A-2: Informal feedback from host authority regarding the draft SoCC and the Applicant's response

Summary of comment	Change Y/N	Applicant's response
<i>The SoCC should include more specific information on the application proposals, particularly the type and size of key scheme components, including the grid connection, and details on construction phase activities.</i>	Y	Noting that more detail about the proposals would be published as part of Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant included information about the main elements of a solar farm (section 2.2).
<i>More information in the SoCC will help Buckinghamshire Council to understand and comment on the most appropriate methods of consultation. It would also be helpful to understand how the consultation might interface with other projects planned in the area.</i>	N	The role of the SoCC was to outline the Applicant's approach to its Phase Two Consultation and therefore the Applicant did not include information about the proposals in the SoCC. However, the Applicant engaged with the host authority to ensure it had the information required to comment on the draft SoCC. This included a SoCC workshop held on 23 May 2024 as well as regular Planning Performance Agreement meetings between the host authority and the Applicant.
<i>Paragraph 3.4.1's reference to "preferred locations of each of its elements" needs to be clarified. The consultation materials must clearly indicate which elements are fixed (e.g. in terms of design or location) and which will be influenced by consultation responses.</i>	Y	The Applicant amended the wording of this section of the SoCC to ensure that it was clear that it was seeking feedback on the potential locations of different parts of the Proposed Development. The consultation materials were clear about the design stage of our proposals and therefore which aspects are fixed, and which could be influenced by feedback. This included, for example, information about optionality of the location and layout

of the Rosefield Substation, Main Collector Compound and Battery Energy Storage System in the consultation booklet, and exhibition boards. In addition, the Applicant published a version of the proposed operational layout of the Proposed Development with a grid overlay so that respondents to the consultation could make location-specific comments as part of their consultation feedback.

The document lacks a clear timeline. Figure 1 should be revised to specify the months during which the statutory consultation will occur, given that Autumn 2024 is imminent.

N

While Figure 1 of the SoCC gave an overview of the DCO process at a high-level, the Applicant included details about the specific timings of Phase Two Consultation within the SoCC, including the deadline to received feedback.

The SoCC should detail how the applicant is adhering to the DLUHC's April 2024 guidance. This includes whether a Programme Document is being produced to reflect the guidance including:

N

The SoCC was prepared with regard to the relevant guidance and legislation, including Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (published 30 April 2024).

- ***date proposed for submission of the application***
- ***comprehensive pre-application timeline***
- ***main issues for resolution and activities to be undertaken to address these***
- ***engagement strategies for statutory consultees and local authorities including financial support agreements***

- **identification of risks to achievement of the pre-application stage and the process by which these risks are tracked and managed ·**
- **cross reference to the SoCC required by S47 of the Planning Act.**

Paragraph 3.3.1 states a six-week consultation period, which Buckinghamshire Council appreciates as it exceeds the statutory minimum of 4 weeks. However, Buckinghamshire Council suggests that this period be considered the minimum, with a preference for extending it to eight weeks.

Y

In response to feedback from the host authority, the Applicant amended the consultation period stated in the SoCC to eight-weeks (between 18 September and 14 November 2024).

Following the start of Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant identified that some information was unintentionally omitted from the PEIR. While it was not believed that the minor omission would have affected the ability of anyone to understand and provide feedback on the Proposed Development the Applicant extended the consultation period stated in the SoCC by 21 days (to 11:59pm on 05 December 2024). This was to ensure that respondents were given the statutory 28-days to review the additional information once this was published on 07 November 2024.

This gave in excess of 11 weeks to provide feedback on the Proposed Development.

The SoCC should provide a clearer commitment to giving advance notice of the consultation period to the community and other consultees to ensure they are prepared and available to respond as required. Paragraphs 3.6.18-20 are

N

While the Applicant did not include specific timescales within its SoCC, the Applicant outlined a range of methods it would use to publicise the consultation in section 3.6 of the SoCC.

quite limited in this respect and should be updated with more commitment to when advance notice will be provided (suggest minimum two weeks' notice to key consultees, perhaps with direct mailing/emails).

The Applicant launched its consultation on 4 September 2024, giving 14 days' notice of the consultation period which commenced on 18 September 2024.

Presentations and briefings offered to parish councils and community groups should also include ward members.

Y

The Applicant amended section 3.5.8 of the SoCC to include specific reference to ward members of the host authority.

The document should define what constitutes a "reasonable request for a presentation or briefing" and commit to providing briefings to specific groups if needed.

Y

The Applicant defined in section 3.6.18 what would constitute a 'reasonable request for a presentation or briefing' as:

- received during the consultation period;
- from an organisation or individual who requires an additional way to find out more about our proposals or to provide feedback, which cannot be accommodated by the consultation activities outlined in this SoCC.

In section 3.6.17 of the SoCC, the Applicant committed to providing briefings for stakeholder groups, 'for example local authorities, parish councils, and local community groups.' Section 3.6.19 additionally made provision for the Applicant to carry out further activities if considered necessary and appropriate, to engage specific interests or seldom heard groups.

The seldom heard audiences should also consider younger age groups and using targeted

Y

The Applicant amended section 3.6.31 of the SoCC accordingly to make specific reference to younger age

methods that are more likely to capture them i.e. use of social media. When providing information thought should be given to the use of language limiting technical jargon to ensure that it is accessible to a wide audience.

groups as an example of a group seldom heard in consultation, as well as the use of social media advertising as a technique to reach seldom heard groups.

The SoCC should list additional groups that are relevant to the consultation, such as Middle Claydon, Marsh Gibbon Parish Council, Winslow and Villages Community Board, and Buckingham and Village Community Board. The Council would appreciate a similar approach taking toward members and parishes that are within the outer zone as those within the inner zone.

Y

The Applicant amended sections 3.5.8-3.5.12 of the SoCC accordingly to list additional groups and make specific reference to elected members in both the inner and outer zones of consultation.

As part of consultation, additional information should be made available in order to give full and detailed consideration of the potential impacts. If this information is supplied early enough, the consultation will be more meaningful. The concerns are that without established baselines, fixed areas and adequate information available about the impact of the proposed development, the consultation exercise without a follow up consultation is premature. Care should be taken in the use of language to ensure that it is accessible to a wide range of audiences.

N

Details of the Proposed Development were published in a range of consultation materials as part of the Applicant's Phase Two Consultation. All materials were listed in the SoCC (section 3.6.5) and were available from the start of consultation period. Materials were presented at a range of different levels of detail to ensure that it was accessible to a wide range of audiences. For example, a non-technical summary of the PEIR was published alongside the PEIR.

The SoCC should outline a clear and inclusive consultation method, learning from previous non-

N

The Applicant agrees with this comment. The Applicant's approach to consultation was designed to be

statutory consultations to address any concerns effectively.

inclusive and open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield Solar Farm who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals or has a view that they would like considered. The SoCC was informed by our early engagement with stakeholders and Phase One Consultation.

The Consultation Report should reflect how feedback from the non-statutory consultation has informed the statutory consultation and the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) should be in the form of a draft Environmental Statement (ES), however it should also be available in a format and language which can be easily understood by non-technical consultees. The assessment in the PEIR should also be sufficiently advanced so that community can understand the potential impacts and whether/how they might be affected.

N

The Consultation Report will outline how feedback from the Phase One Consultation has informed Phase Two Consultation and the Proposed Development. The PEIR included the results of the Applicant's preliminary environmental assessments and was accompanied by a non-technical summary. The PEIR was sufficiently advanced to allow consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, noting environmental assessment work was still ongoing and would be presented in the Environmental Statement.

The SoCC should state that project updates will be published on the project website and distributed to key consultees at regular intervals following the consultation, to update them on progress. This is in the interests of the applicant as well as the community, to help build trust and avoid a break in information between consultation and submission.

Y

The Applicant amended section 3.6.4 of the SoCC to include the commitment to provide updates about the Proposed Development to statutory consultees and on the Rosefield Solar Farm website as appropriate.

Para 3.6.3 should be clear about what will happen should there be substantial changes to the project or its impacts as a whole prior to DCO submission.

Y

The Applicant amended section 3.6.3 of the SoCC to include the commitment to consult with Buckinghamshire Council on any targeted consultation, noting that the level of consultation required would be informed by the potential effects of the change and the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Good morning [REDACTED],

As discussed in our meeting last week, I am now sharing Rosefield Solar Farms draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for your formal review. Please find attached a cover letter and the draft SoCC for review. In accordance with Section 47(3) of the Planning Act 2008, this consultation will last for 28 days, starting tomorrow on 11 July 2024 and closing at 11:59pm on 8 August 2024.

The attached draft SoCC takes into account Buckinghamshire Councils informal feedback on an earlier version of the draft SoCC. The summary table below sets out the Councils comments and how we have responded to these. I hope this is useful in guiding your review.

Buckinghamshire Council comment	Rosefield Solar Farm response
<p>Detailed Application Proposals: The SoCC should include more specific information on the application proposals, particularly the type and size of key scheme components, including the grid connection, and details on construction phase activities.</p> <p>It is anticipated that more detailed information will be provided in the formal consultation materials, however, more information in the SoCC will help the Buckinghamshire Council (BC) to understand and comment on the most appropriate methods of consultation. It would also be helpful to understand how the consultation might interface with other projects planned in the area.</p>	<p>See updated section 2.2 for an overview of the main elements of a solar farm.</p> <p>The role of the SoCC is to outline our approach to statutory consultation. More detail about our proposals will be published as part of our statutory consultation. However, we would be more than happy to provide additional information to assist Buckinghamshire Council outside of the SoCC document.</p>
<p>Clarity on Scheme Elements: Paragraph 3.4.1's reference to "preferred locations of each of its elements" needs to be clarified. The consultation materials must clearly indicate which elements are fixed (e.g. in terms of design or location) and which will be influenced by consultation responses.</p>	<p>See section 3.4.1 amended accordingly.</p> <p>Our consultation materials will be clear about the design stage of our proposals and therefore what aspects are fixed and what could be influenced by feedback.</p>
<p>Consultation Timeline: The document lacks a clear timeline. Figure 1 should be revised to specify the months during which the statutory consultation will occur, given that Autumn 2024 is imminent.</p>	<p>At this stage, we are aiming to commence consultation in September (see updated section 3.3.1).</p> <p>We will continue to keep the Council updated on our progress.</p>
<p>Alignment with DLUHC Guidance on the pre-application process (April 2024): The SoCC should detail how the applicant is adhering to the DLUHC's April 2024 guidance. This includes whether a Programme Document is being produced to reflect the guidance including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• date proposed for submission of the application,• comprehensive pre-application timeline,• main issues for resolution and activities to be	<p>This SoCC has been prepared with regard to the relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024), and will provide a Programme Document to the Planning Inspectorate on 10 July in line with the updated guidance.</p>

undertaken to address these,

- engagement strategies for statutory consultees and local authorities including financial support agreements,
- identification of risks to achievement of the pre-application stage and the process by which these risks are tracked and managed and
- cross reference to the SoCC required by S47 of the Planning Act.

Consultation Period: Paragraph 3.3.1 states a six-week consultation period, which BC appreciates as it exceeds the statutory minimum of 4 week. However, BC suggests that this period be considered the minimum, with a preference for extending it to eight weeks.

We are proposing to hold a 6 week consultation in line with our phase one consultation. Our initial phase of consultation saw a strong response rate from the local community, indicating that this timeframe was sufficient.

Advance Notice for Consultation: The SoCC should provide a clearer commitment to giving advance notice of the consultation period to the community and other consultees to ensure they are prepared and available to respond as required. Paragraphs 3.6.18-20 are quite limited in this respect and should be updated with more commitment to when advance notice will be provided (suggest minimum two weeks notice to key consultees, perhaps with direct mailing/emails).

We will provide as much notice as possible of our statutory consultation and our public events.

Presentation and Briefing Requests: Presentations and briefings offered to parish councils and community groups should also include ward members. The document should define what constitutes a “reasonable request for a presentation or briefing” and commit to providing briefings to specific groups if needed. The seldom heard audiences should also consider younger age groups and using targeted methods that are more likely to capture them i.e. use of social media. When providing information thought should be given to the use of language limiting technical jargon to ensure that it is accessible to a wide audience.

See sections 3.5.8, 3.6.17-18 and 3.6.31 amended accordingly.

Identification of Additional Groups: The SoCC should list additional groups that are relevant to the consultation, such as Middle Claydon, Marsh Gibbon Parish Council, Winslow and Villages Community Board, and Buckingham and Village Community Board. The Council would appreciate a similar approach taking toward members, parishes that are within the outer zone as those within the inner zone.

See sections 3.5.8-3.5.12 amended accordingly.

Provision of Comprehensive Information: As part of consultation, additional information should be made available in order to give full and detailed consideration of the potential impacts. If this information is supplied early enough, the consultation will be more meaningful. The concerns are that without established baselines, fixed areas and adequate information available about the impact of the proposed development, the consultation exercise without a

Our statutory consultation will include a range of materials outlining our detailed proposals and preliminary environmental information.

See section 3.6.5 for how this information will be presented.

follow up consultation is premature. Care should be taken in the use of language to ensure that it is accessible to a wide range of audiences.

Method of Consultation: The SoCC should outline a clear and inclusive consultation method, learning from previous non-statutory consultations to address any concerns effectively.

Our approach to consultation will be inclusive and open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield Solar Farm who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals, or has a view that they would like considered.

Our SoCC has been informed by our early engagement with stakeholders and our first phase of consultation.

Consultation Report and PEIR: The Consultation Report should reflect how feedback from the non-statutory consultation has informed the statutory consultation and the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) should be in the form of a draft Environmental Statement (ES), however it should also be available in a format and language which can be easily understood by non-technical consultees. The assessment in the PEIR should also be sufficiently advanced so that community can understand the potential impacts and whether/how they might be affected.

Our Consultation Report will outline how feedback from the non-statutory consultation has informed the statutory consultation and our proposals.

The PEIR will include the results of our preliminary environmental assessments and will be accompanied by a non-technical summary.

The PEIR will be sufficiently advanced so the community can develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of Rosefield Solar Farm. Please note that some environmental assessment work is still ongoing and will be reported on in our ES.

Regular Project Updates: The SoCC should state that project updates will be published on the project website and distributed to key consultees at regular intervals following the consultation, to update them on progress. This is in the interests of the applicant as well as the community, to help build trust and avoid a break in information between consultation and submission.

See section 3.6.4 amended accordingly.

Following the statutory consultation period, we will continue to provide updates about Rosefield Solar Farm to statutory consultees and on our website as appropriate.

Substantial Changes: Para 3.6.3 should be clear about what will happen should there be substantial changes to the project or its impacts as a whole prior to DCO submission.

See section 3.6.3 amended accordingly.

We will consult Buckinghamshire Council on any targeted consultation required. The level of consultation will be informed by the potential effects of the change and the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of the attached letter and draft SoCC and please get in touch if you have any questions.

Cheers,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

By email only: [REDACTED]

10 July 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Planning Act 2008 Section 47: Duty to consult the local community

I am writing to you regarding Rosefield Solar Farm – a proposed new solar farm and battery storage facility in Buckinghamshire.

Rosefield Solar Farm is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') under the Planning Act 2008 because the amount of electricity it would generate is over 50 megawatts ('MW'). This means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to build and operate it.

As part of the DCO process, we must consult with the host local authority on the contents of our draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which sets out our approach to engagement, how we will carry out our statutory consultation and how interested parties can share their feedback.

This letter gives notice of a request for comments on our draft SoCC from Buckinghamshire Council in accordance with Section 47(2) of the Planning Act 2008.

We would very much welcome your feedback on our draft SoCC, which includes changes made in response to informal consultation with Buckinghamshire Council on 23 May 2024. We are grateful for the comments that we have received to date which have particularly helped us to develop our approach to our statutory consultation.

The feedback we receive will be used to help us develop and finalise our SoCC before it is published. We will set out how we have considered all the comments that we have received in our Consultation Report which will form part of our DCO application.

In accordance with Section 47(3) of the Planning Act 2008, this consultation will last for 28 days commencing from 11 July 2024. Please do respond to this email with your comments on the draft SoCC by 11:59pm on 8 August 2024.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter and the accompanying draft SoCC and do get in touch in the meantime should you have any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Rosefield Solar Farm



Appendix A-3.2 – Draft SoCC for formal consultation



Rosefield Solar Farm

Draft Statement of Community
Consultation
Phase Two Consultation

DATE 2024



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1. Introduction

1.1. Rosefield Solar Farm

- 1.1.1. Climate change is a challenge we must all play our part in addressing – from the small changes we need to make in our everyday lives to the transformational changes we need to make across our whole economy, including how we power our homes, businesses and transport systems.
- 1.1.2. Over the next decade, the fossil fuels that once powered our economy need to be replaced with sources of low-carbon electricity. Solar is an important part of the way we can meet this challenge – it is reliable and can be built quickly. This is particularly important as the UK focuses on boosting its domestic supply of clean energy.¹
- 1.1.3. Rosefield Solar Farm ('Rosefield') is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located in Buckinghamshire. Backed by EDF Renewables and PS Renewables, Rosefield would make an important contribution to our future energy network by producing enough clean, secure electricity to power more than 57,000 homes every year.²
- 1.1.4. Rosefield is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts ('MW'). This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.
- 1.1.5. Unlike planning applications which are determined by local planning authorities, NSIP applications are submitted to and determined by the relevant Secretary of State, in this case, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- 1.1.6. Applying for a DCO is a fixed legal process, which is illustrated in Figure 1. A key part of this process is the requirement for consultation with the local community and other stakeholders, including statutory consultees, before the DCO application is submitted. This is known as a 'statutory consultation'. The statutory consultation will be the second phase of consultation on our proposals for Rosefield.
- 1.1.7. We³ completed our first phase of consultation (called a 'non-statutory consultation') between 28 September and 10 November 2023 on our early

¹ Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, [Powering Up Britain: Energy Security Plan](#), 2023.

² Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

³ Rosefield Energyfarm Ltd (company No. 11618221), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (referred to in this document as Rosefield).

plans for Rosefield. This was to introduce our early proposals and gain feedback on them while they were still being developed.

- 1.1.8. The feedback we received from the community during our first phase of consultation, as well as the environmental surveys and technical work carried out since, has helped us to develop our proposals to the extent that we are now ready to carry out our statutory consultation.
- 1.1.9. The feedback we receive during our second phase of consultation will help us refine our proposals for Rosefield before we submit our DCO application.
- 1.1.10. Before we carry out this consultation, we must publish a statement of how we will consult with the local community – known as a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC'). This SoCC has been prepared and publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).
- 1.1.11. It also reflects the feedback we have received from the host local authority for Rosefield – Buckinghamshire Council – which we have consulted in the preparation of this document.
- 1.1.12. As part of our DCO application, we will submit a Consultation Report detailing how we consulted, the feedback that we received during statutory consultation and how we have had regard to it. When considering our DCO application, the Secretary of State must consider whether the consultation that we have undertaken has been adequate.
- 1.1.13. This SoCC sets out how we will consult with the local community. It includes:
 - A brief summary of the Rosefield proposal
 - When consultation will be carried out
 - Who will be consulted
 - Where people can find out more about Rosefield
 - How we will consult (including on Preliminary Environmental Information)
 - How feedback will be collected and used to inform our proposals.

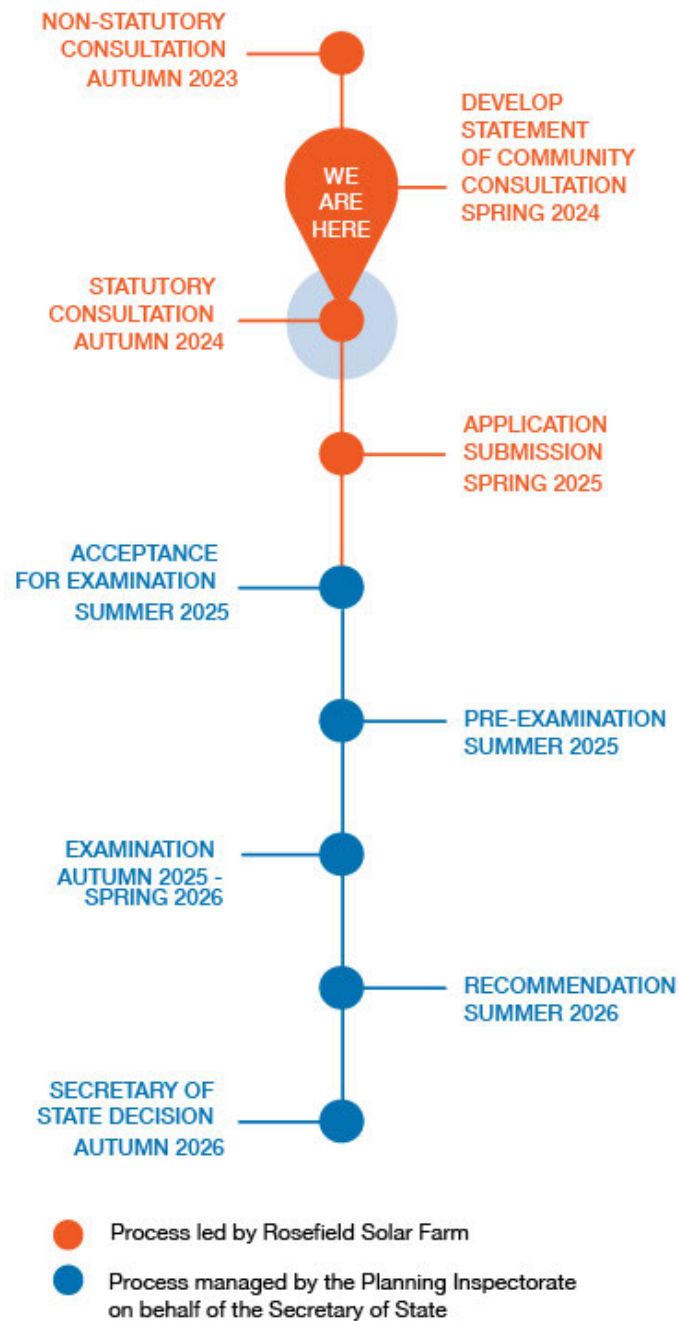
1.2. Environmental Impact Assessment

- 1.2.1. Rosefield is classed as an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development requiring an assessment of its likely significant effects on the environment under The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Where appropriate, we will also describe measures that are proposed to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any significant adverse effects. We will report on this process in a document called an Environmental Statement ('ES') when we submit our DCO application.
- 1.2.2. At the statutory consultation, we will be sharing the preliminary results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as information on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects. We will do so in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') document.

1.3. More information

- 1.3.1. You can find more information about the Planning Act 2008, the Planning Inspectorate and its role, as well as how to participate in the DCO process on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>, or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

Figure 1: Planning process for NSIPs and indicative timescales for Rosefield



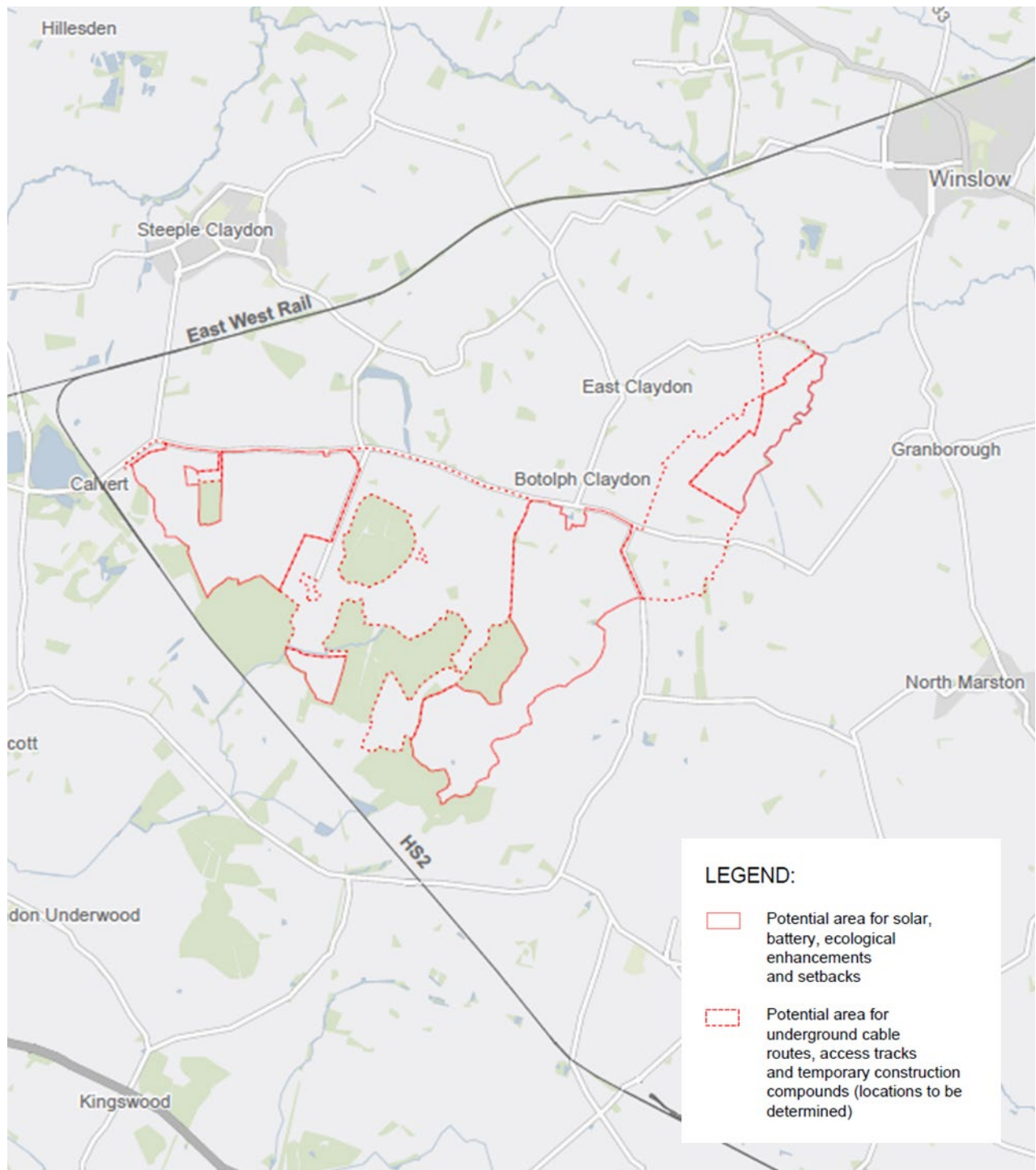
These dates are indicative and subject to change.

2. Rosefield Solar Farm

2.1. About our proposals

- 2.1.1. Rosefield is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Rosefield to the National Grid East Claydon Substation, and any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping.
- 2.1.2. We have secured a grid connection agreement with National Grid that would allow us to export up to 500MW of clean and secure electricity to this network, through the East Claydon Substation owned by National Grid. There would also be capacity to import power from the network.
- 2.1.3. Rosefield is located in the local authority area of Buckinghamshire Council (the host authority). Figure 2 shows the proposed location of Rosefield.
- 2.1.4. Since the first phase of consultation [overview of updated redline boundary to be added once refined cable route/access area is confirmed].

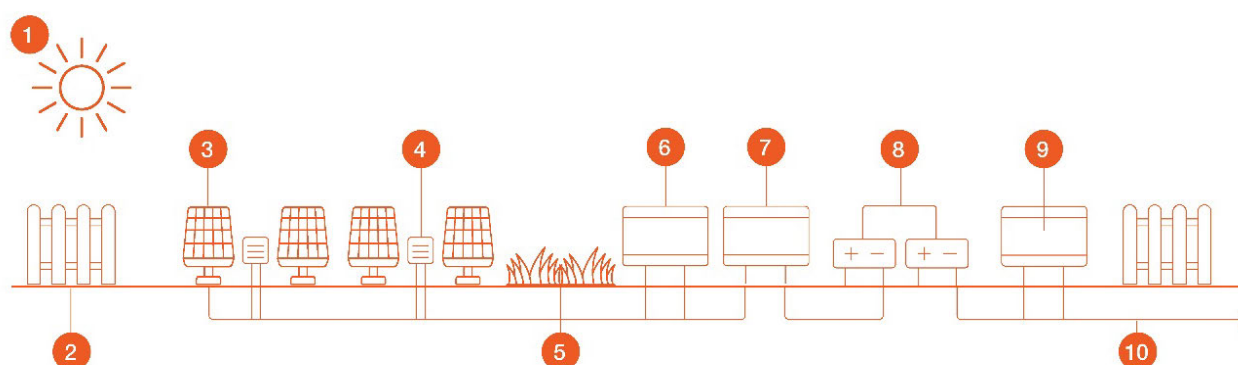
Figure 2: Location of Rosefield [new redline to be inserted once updated underground cabling/access area confirmed]



2.2. How solar farms work

- 2.2.1. The main elements that typically make up a solar farm are outlined below, with each element illustrated in Figure 3.

Figure 3: The components of a solar farm



This diagram shows the main elements that typically make up a solar farm. It is not to scale and for indicative purposes only.

- 2.2.2. Solar farms use energy from the **sun (1)** to generate electricity, with battery storage and a substation feeding it into the National Grid.
- 2.2.3. **Fencing (2)** encloses the operational areas to keep the site secure and the community safe. Deer fencing is usually used where solar panels are located, with more robust fencing near the project substation and battery storage.
- 2.2.4. The **solar panels (3)** are set up in rows, connected to each other by cables to transfer the electricity generated by the panels to inverters.
- 2.2.5. **Inverters (4)** are needed to convert the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels into alternating current (AC) electricity, which is suitable for use in homes and businesses. Inverters can be located underneath the solar panels or in areas sometimes referred to as 'Balance of Solar System'. The 'Balance of Solar System' also includes switchgears (which control the electrical equipment), and transformers (which 'step up' the voltage to the required level for sending to the solar farm substation).
- 2.2.6. **Landscape and biodiversity areas (5)** to mitigate environmental effects and help boost biodiversity across the site.
- 2.2.7. **Collector compounds (6)** can be used to reduce the amount of underground cabling that is needed by collecting electricity from a number of inverters.

- 2.2.8. The **solar farm substation (7)** receives all the electricity generated by the solar farm, then raises the voltage, before sending it on to the **National Grid substation (9)** to enter the network.
- 2.2.9. The main role of **battery storage (8)** is to store electricity at times when demand is lower and release it to the National Grid when it is most needed.
- 2.2.10. **Underground cables (10)** connect the various components of a solar farm and transport the electricity to the National Grid substation.

2.3. [About the developers](#)

- 2.3.1. Rosefield Solar Farm – a joint venture between EDF Renewables UK and PS Renewables.
- 2.3.2. EDF Renewables UK is a subsidiary of EDF Group, one of the world's largest low carbon electricity companies. EDF Renewables UK has 43 renewable energy sites in the UK totalling more than 1.5 GW, with 14 GW of projects in planning and development, including wind, battery and solar.
- 2.3.3. PS Renewables is an established UK-based renewable energy development and construction company, with an existing solar portfolio totalling more than 850MW.
- 2.3.4. We have a strong track record of working jointly on solar projects.
- 2.3.5. You can find out more about both organisations at: www.edf-re.uk and www.psrenewables.com.

3. Consulting the community

3.1. Developing our approach to consultation

- 3.1.1. Our approach to consultation has been informed by our early engagement with key stakeholders, as well as our phase one consultation.
- 3.1.2. The phase one consultation was held between 28 September 2023 and 10 November 2023 to introduce our early proposals and gain initial feedback on them.
- 3.1.3. We publicised this consultation by issuing press releases, publishing adverts on social media, online news platforms and in local newspapers, sending a newsletter to 2,887 local addresses around the proposed site and updating the project website with details of the consultation.
- 3.1.4. We wrote to a range of stakeholders to notify them of our consultation, offering briefings or inviting them to our in-person events, including:
 - Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet
 - Grendon Underwood and Great Brickhill ward members
 - The local Member of Parliament
 - Statutory consultees and local environment, business and heritage organisations
 - The following parish councils:
 - Steeple Claydon Parish Council
 - Botolph and East Claydon Parish Council
 - Middle Claydon Parish Council
 - Calvert Green Parish Council
 - Quainton Parish Council
 - Granborough Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Hogshaw Parish Council
 - Edgcott Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council
 - Twyford Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council.

- 3.1.5. We presented materials in a range of formats to ensure that everyone with an interest in our plans could find out more and share their feedback. This included:
- Holding five in-person events, with a series of information banners and an interactive 3D model of Rosefield. Members of the project team were available at these events to answer questions.
 - Hosting a virtual exhibition on our project website.
 - Publishing a consultation booklet and questionnaire, which were available on our website, at public events, in hard copy at local community buildings and sent to community members by mail on request.
- 3.1.6. People could share their views by completing an online questionnaire, accessed through the project website, emailing the questionnaire to the project email, posting a hard-copy questionnaire to the Freepost address or submitting comments by email or in writing to the Freepost address.
- 3.1.7. The feedback we have received to date has helped us refine our proposals and shape our approach to consultation and engagement, for example, we plan to host consultation events both during and outside of normal business hours to accommodate a range of different schedules.
- 3.1.8. We have continued to engage with the community and stakeholders since the non-statutory consultation as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Ongoing engagement following non-statutory consultation Activity

Activity	Summary
Near neighbour engagement	<p>We have written to 31 residents living near the site to request access to complete surveys to help us understand potential visual and amenity impacts.</p> <p>We are grateful to the 14 residents who provided access to their properties to allow us to complete these assessments.</p>
Community engagement	<p>We have created an on-site surveys page on our project website to ensure that the community is being kept up to date with on-site activity: https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/on-site-surveys/</p> <p>We are continuing to answer enquiries through our communications channels.</p>

Engagement with host authority We have continued to hold meetings with Buckinghamshire Council since the close of our non-statutory consultation. The purpose of these meetings has been to share updates on Rosefield, including discussions on our approach to consultation and engagement, and to seek feedback on certain aspects of our proposal, such as ecology, archaeology and other topics.

Engagement with statutory consultees We have met with statutory and technical consultees to assist with the EIA process and the evolution of our design. This includes relevant statutory bodies such as National Grid, Anglian Water, National Trust, Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Buckinghamshire Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, [add stakeholders as meetings are held].

3.2. Our approach to statutory consultation

- 3.2.1. Our statutory consultation will be inclusive and open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals or has a view that they would like considered.
- 3.2.2. Our multi-phase approach to consultation has ensured that community input has already helped to shape the plans we are presenting. The feedback that we receive from this phase of consultation will help us to further refine our proposals and inform our assessments before we submit our DCO application.
- 3.2.3. We are committed to making sure that everybody has the opportunity to understand and provide their feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Our key objectives for achieving this through our pre-application consultation include:
- Ensuring thorough engagement and consultation on our proposals.
 - Ensuring proposals are clearly presented, and issues easily understood.
 - Providing sufficient opportunities for interested parties to understand and influence our plans.
 - Gathering high quality responses to, and feedback on, our plans to help inform proposals.
 - Delivering a consultation that meets the legal requirements and is in accordance with the relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).

3.3. Timing

- 3.3.1. The statutory consultation will run for 6 weeks from [insert date] September 2024 to [insert date] 2024. All responses must be received by 11:59pm on [insert date] 2024.

3.4. What will we consult on?

- 3.4.1. During the statutory consultation, we will be asking for views on:
- The proposals for Rosefield, including the potential locations of each of its elements and our proposed environmental enhancements and mitigation.
 - The PEIR, which will present an initial account of the likely significant environmental effects of Rosefield during construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as preliminary details on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any potentially significant adverse effects.
 - How Rosefield could contribute to the local community, including local initiatives or organisations that Rosefield could support over its lifetime.

3.5. Who will we consult?

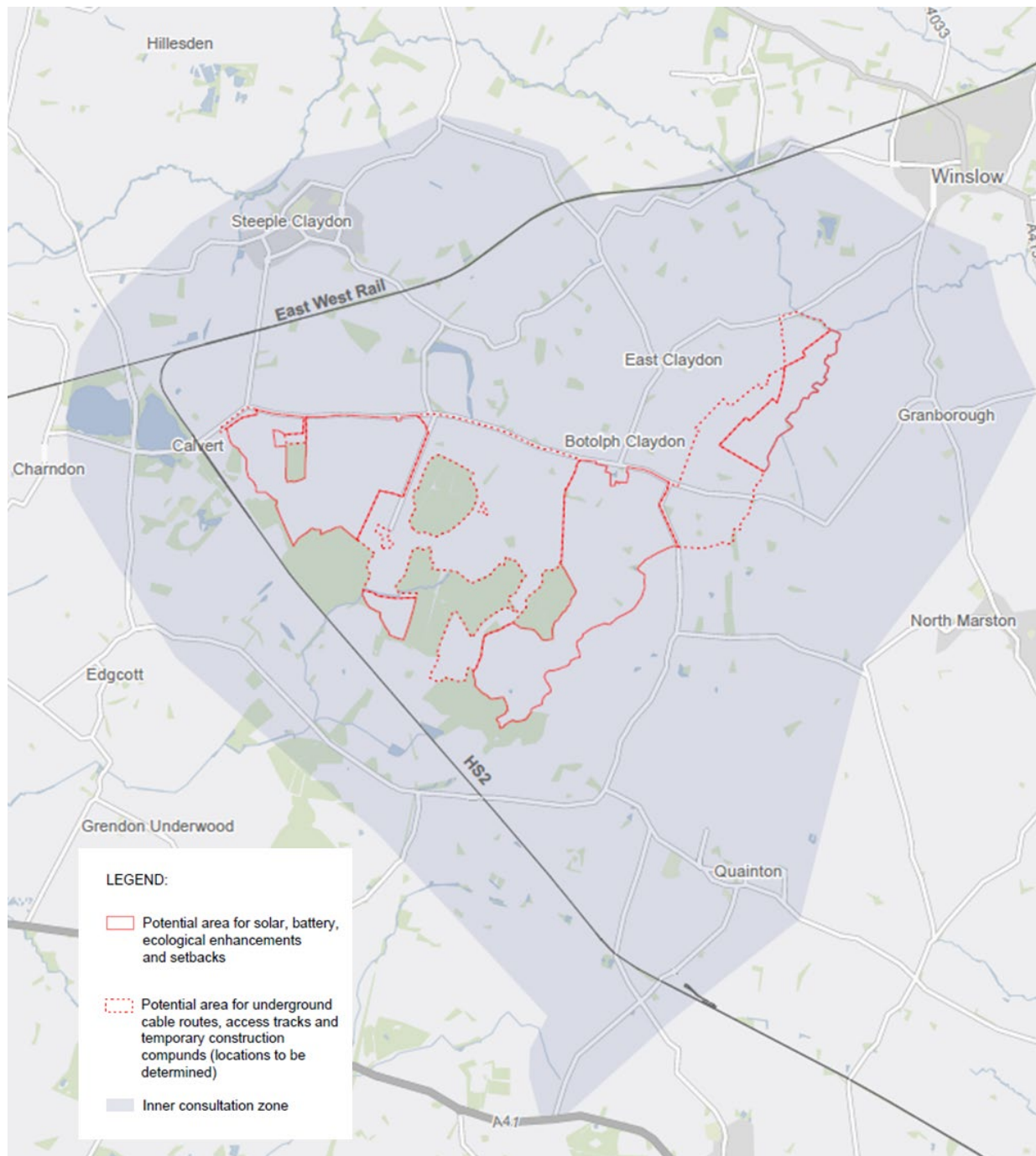
- 3.5.1. The consultation will provide an opportunity for anyone interested in our proposals to find out more and share their feedback.
- 3.5.2. We have defined two geographic zones – an inner zone and an outer zone – for the purpose of consulting with the local community. This recognises the fact that levels of potential impact are likely to vary with distance to the site. These zones have informed how we will publicise the consultation and are set out below, with further detail about the consultation information detailed in sections 3.6.5-3.6.32.
- 3.5.3. We will publicise the consultation in both zones using our project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.4. We will also email those people who have previously registered to receive project updates.

Inner zone

- 3.5.5. The inner zone covers people who live and work closest to the proposed Rosefield and their political representatives. Our consultation activity will be most intensive within this zone. A map of this zone is shown in Figure 4.
- 3.5.6. This zone includes all properties within one and a half kilometres of the areas where we are proposing to place solar and battery, extending in some locations to consider the potential wider effects of the proposal and human geographic boundaries. For example, we have extended the inner zone boundary to include:
- Villages with Public Rights of Way that connect into the areas proposed for solar and battery storage, such as Quainton and Steeple Claydon.
 - Locations that were highlighted as important to the local community in non-statutory consultation feedback, such as Quainton Hill.
 - Properties that are near the proposed main access route.
- 3.5.7. A newsletter will be sent to all properties within the inner zone at the beginning of consultation. Where possible, it is intended that public events and deposit points will be focused in or close to this area.
- 3.5.8. We will write to ward members of Buckinghamshire Council, the local Members of Parliament, parish councils and community groups within this zone to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels. Parish Councils located within this zone include:
- Calvert Green Parish Council
 - Steeple Claydon Parish Council
 - Middle Claydon Parish Council
 - East and Botolph Claydon Parish Council
 - Hogshaw Parish Council
 - Quainton Parish Council
 - Granborough Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council
 - Addington Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Twyford Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council

- Edgcott Parish Council
- North Marston Parish Council
- Hillesden Parish Council
- Westcott Parish Council

Figure 4: Inner zone [new redline to be inserted once updated underground cabling/access area confirmed]



Outer zone

- 3.5.9. The outer zone covers those living and working in the area outside of the inner zone, who may be affected by or have an interest in our proposals due to the proposals being brought forward in their local authority area. This zone follows the local authority boundary of Buckinghamshire Council.
- 3.5.10. We will publicise the consultation to people in this zone through the project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.11. In addition to these methods, we will write to all Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet members and Marsh Gibbons Parish Council to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels.

Statutory consultees and community organisations

- 3.5.12. At the same time as consulting the local community, we will also consult a range of statutory consultees as set out by Section 42 and Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and additional organisations that we recognise to have an interest in the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. These groups include:
- The host and neighbouring local authorities
 - Statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and others)
 - Other community groups and organisations that may have an interest in the proposals (such as Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, Winslow and Villages Community Board, Buckingham and Village Community Board, Aylesbury & District Group Ramblers and others)
 - People with an interest in land (e.g. owners or tenants) that may be affected by the proposals.
- 3.5.13. The proposed application will also be publicised as required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

3.6. How will we consult?

- 3.6.1. This section sets out how we intend to consult during the consultation.
- 3.6.2. We will present information in a variety of formats and enable feedback to be submitted in a number of ways to encourage participation in the

consultation. More detail on the consultation techniques we will use is provided in sections 3.6.5-3.6.32.

- 3.6.3. Should we carry out any further phases of consultation prior to submission of the DCO application, including, if necessary, in response to substantial changes to the project or its effects, our approach to consultation will be informed by the new National Infrastructure Planning Guidance published on 30 April 2024. We will use some, but not necessarily all, of the means of consultation set out in this document and will work with Buckinghamshire Council to assist us in deciding the most appropriate activities for any further phases of consultation.
- 3.6.4. Following the statutory consultation period, we will continue to provide updates about Rosefield on our website and to statutory consultees as appropriate.

Consultation information

- 3.6.5. Information about our proposals will be published for consultation in the following formats:
- **A consultation newsletter:** a newsletter issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and how people can share their feedback. This will additionally be published on the project website to view and download.
 - **A consultation booklet:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
 - **A questionnaire:** the main way we will collect feedback from the community. The questions will be easy to understand and the responses will be considered as we refine our plans. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
 - **A 3D model:** a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield site will be available to view at the public events.
 - **A website:** the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to a virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.

- **A virtual exhibition:** containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and project website. It will host contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
 - **Exhibition banners:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which will be displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners will also be available in the virtual exhibition and as PDFs to download from the project website.
 - **The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR):** containing the initial results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.
- 3.6.6. Printed copies of the SoCC and consultation documents – including the PEIR – will be available in local libraries and community venues ('deposit points') close to the proposed site for Rosefield and maintained throughout the consultation period. USBs containing all of these documents will also be available to take away. All materials will be published on the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk).
- 3.6.7. Deposit points have been selected to ensure they are within the inner zone, are accessible and have opening times to accommodate people with different time commitments.
- 3.6.8. The locations of the deposit points, which are listed in Table 2 below, will be publicised in our consultation material, including the newsletter, consultation booklet and on the project website.
- 3.6.9. We will provide hard copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC free of charge on request – as well as USBs containing all of the consultation materials (including the PEIR). We will review requests for hard copies of the PEIR on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient.
- 3.6.10. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

Table 2: Deposit points **[To be confirmed]**

Location	Opening hours*
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar Cotswolds Way, Calvert	Thursday 10am – 12pm Friday 7pm – 11pm
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon	Monday to Thursday 8am – 11pm Friday and Saturday 8am – 12am
Steeple Claydon Library 48 Queen Catherine Rd, Steeple Claydon	Tuesday 2.30pm – 5.30pm Thursday 9am – 12pm Friday 2.30pm – 5.30pm Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm

*Please check opening times before travelling

Website and virtual exhibition

- 3.6.11. From the start of consultation, the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- 3.6.12. The interactive virtual exhibition will be accessed through the website and will provide an alternative format for people to learn about the proposals. It will include information boards which will be on display at the public events, links to documents and the online questionnaire.

Public events

- 3.6.13. We will hold in-person public events during the consultation period to enable anyone with an interest in the proposals to find out more about them and ask questions to members of the team. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available at these events for members of the public to take away. Completed questionnaires will be able to be returned at the events.
- 3.6.14. The dates and times of these events are listed in Table 3 below. The events are being held in accessible venues around the proposed Rosefield site and have been organised at a range of dates and times to ensure that

people with different schedules are able to attend. This includes events after normal working hours and on the weekend.

- 3.6.15. Details about the dates and times of the public events will be published on the project website, in the consultation newsletter and booklet. The schedule will also be included in supporting publicity such as newspaper and social media adverts. We will consider requests for additional events throughout the consultation period on a case-by-case basis. Any further events would be publicised on the project website, using social media adverts and, if possible, at the venue.
- 3.6.16. In the unlikely event that there are changes to the locations or times of our events, we will publicise this information on our website.

Table 3: Public events

Location	Date and time
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar	TBC
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall	TBC
Steeple Claydon Village Hall	TBC
Quainton Memorial Hall	TBC

Presentations and stakeholder meetings

- 3.6.17. We welcome reasonable requests for presentations and briefings from stakeholder groups, for example: local authorities, parish councils, and local community groups, during the consultation period.
- 3.6.18. A reasonable request is defined as a request:
- received during the consultation period;
 - from an organisation or individual who requires an additional way to find out more about our proposals or to provide feedback, which cannot be accommodated by the consultation activities outlined in this SoCC.
- 3.6.19. Other activities will be carried out, if considered necessary and appropriate, to engage specific interests or seldom heard groups (see section 3.6.31-3.6.32). This could include, for example, further meetings with residents who are closest to the proposed site.
- 3.6.20. Details of all our consultation activity will be included in a Consultation Report which we will submit as part of our DCO application.

Publicity and advertising

- 3.6.21. We will publicise the consultation and associated activities in local media ahead of the start of the consultation period and will update local broadcast and print media channels on our activity during the consultation.
- 3.6.22. Where publication timings allow, we will seek to use local newsletters to further engage with local communities.
- 3.6.23. Statutory notices will be published in line with Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act.

Social media

- 3.6.24. We will use social media advertising to help publicise the consultation and encourage those with an interest in our proposals to get involved. We are unable to accept feedback via social media.

Consultation hotline and email address

- 3.6.25. To find out more information or request copies of the consultation materials, anyone can contact the consultation team by freephone (0800 861 1097) during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm). Outside of these hours, callers will be able to leave a message requesting a callback.
- 3.6.26. Alternatively, people can email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or write to the team via Freepost (no stamp required): Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.

Collection of responses

- 3.6.27. We will produce a questionnaire inviting feedback on different elements of the proposed Rosefield. The questionnaire will be available to complete on the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk, in printed form at public events, at deposit points around the local area and on request using the project contact details.
- 3.6.28. The completed hard-copy questionnaire can be returned using the Freepost address set out in this document during the consultation period, or at the public events.
- 3.6.29. Respondents will also be able to complete the questionnaire online, which will be made available through the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk as well as the virtual exhibition.
- 3.6.30. Alternatively, respondents can write to us via email or Freepost using the details set out in this document. All written feedback will be accepted.

Seldom heard audiences

- 3.6.31. It is important to ensure that everyone with an interest in the proposals has the opportunity to comment on our proposals as part of the consultation. We want our consultation to be inclusive and gather feedback from a wide range of audiences, including those who are seldom heard in public consultations such as people without internet access, seasonal workers, younger people and socially isolated people. We will do this by:
- Writing to the local authority and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups directly.
 - Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.
 - Publicising the consultation in digital and print editions of local newspapers.
 - Publicising the consultation on social media to help reach young people.
 - Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.
 - Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This includes sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on-request and at deposit points.
- 3.6.32. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

4. Consultation arrangements

4.1. How to find out more

4.1.1. Anyone can find out more by:

- Contacting us on 0800 861 1097 or info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or by writing to the Freepost address (Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).
- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the proposed Rosefield site.
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on our website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or visiting a deposit point.

4.2. Responding to the consultation

4.2.1. The consultation provides an opportunity for anyone interested in our proposals to find out more and share their feedback. We welcome feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Anyone can share their views by:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or in writing to the above Freepost address.

4.2.2. Responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on **DATE**.

4.2.3. Responses must be individual. Petitions will be treated as a single response for the purpose of the Consultation Report.

4.3. How we will consider the responses

- 4.3.1. Following this consultation, we will consider all of the feedback we receive as we continue refining our proposals for Rosefield before submitting a DCO application. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.
- 4.3.2. Any comments received will be analysed by Rosefield and its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on the public record and will be held securely by Rosefield and its agents in accordance with data protection laws. Any personal details will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.
- 4.3.3. The Planning Inspectorate has also published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacynotices/customer-privacy-notice>.
- 4.4. Further information
- 4.4.1. For further information, please contact us by:
- Calling 0800 861 1097 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
 - Emailing info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
 - Writing to the team at Rosefield Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local.

Appendix A-4 - Regard had to host authority formal feedback on draft SoCC



Appendix A-4: Regard had to host authority formal feedback on the draft SoCC (08 August 2024)

Summary of comment	Change Y/N	Applicant's response
<p><i>The document provides limited information regarding the proposed access to the site.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst acknowledging the need for flexibility at this stage, any indication of potential access points would be appropriate, especially given the close proximity of other major infrastructure development in the area.</i></p>	N	<p>The role of the SoCC is to outline the Applicant's approach to its statutory, Phase Two Consultation. Further detail on the updated proposals, including proposed access points were included in the materials published as part of Phase Two Consultation.</p> <p>To limit confusion, the Applicant did not include material information within the SoCC. This was to ensure that interested community members would refer to the material published as part of Phase Two Consultation, which would include a full picture of the proposals.</p>
<p><i>It would be appropriate that within the SoCC that it is outlined that due consideration of other surrounding developments will have to be considered, and the overall cumulative impact on the area.</i></p>	N	<p>The role of the SoCC is to outline the Applicant's approach to its statutory, Phase Two Consultation.</p> <p>An overview of all the local proposals and projects considered as part of the assessment of the likely effects of Rosefield was included within the PEIR, published as part of Phase Two Consultation.</p>
<p><i>Can figure 1 be updated to reflect the exact period of consultation, we understand that this is subject to change, and this can form part of the annotation on the diagram.</i></p>	Y	<p>The Applicant specified the exact consultation period (between 18 September to 11:59pm on 14 November 2024) within the SoCC, including within Figure 1.</p>

<p><i>As outlined previously an 8-week period should be accommodated, where possible.</i></p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>In response to feedback from the host authority, the Applicant amended the consultation period to eight-weeks (between 18 September and 14 November 2024).</p> <p>During the Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant extended the consultation period by 21 days to 11:59pm on 05 December 2024 (78 days total). This was to ensure that respondents were given the statutory 28-days to review additional information which was published on 07 November 2024. Respondents therefore had in excess of 11 weeks to provide feedback as part of the consultation.</p>
<p><i>Regarding Social Media publicity please can you clarify which sources of social media will be used? What forms have you used in previous DCO's, if applicable?</i></p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>The Applicant updated the SoCC to specify that it would publish Meta adverts and utilise the LinkedIn account of EDF Renewables UK and Ireland to publicise the consultation.</p>
<p><i>Paragraph 3.6.5 outlines a number of areas of information to be provided. We would again reinforce our previous comment that the earlier the detailed information is provided the more meaningful the consultation rounds will be for members of the public and interested parties.</i></p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The Applicant published all Phase Two Consultation materials on 18 September 2024, 15 days in advance of the first public event on 03 October 2024. This was to ensure that members of the public had enough time to review the materials and attend events to ask questions and discuss our materials with our project team. Events were staggered (three on week three of the consultation period and two on week five of the consultation period) to additionally assist with this.</p> <p>It is also noted that respondents were given 78-days to review the consultation materials and provide feedback</p>

		on the proposals, significantly in excess of the statutory 28-day minimum.
<i>The SoCC needs to make more obvious how individuals/ interested groups can gather further information. The more detail that's added to the SoCC, increases transparency of the project.</i>	N	Section 4 of the SoCC outlined how members of the public could find out more and provide feedback on the proposals.
<i>It should be made clear that environmental assessment work is ongoing for the relevant areas to avoid any ambiguity.</i>	N	This is noted.
<i>Any updates should be provided to interested parties, as some of these will not immediately be statutory consultees in the process.</i>	N	<p>While no formal changes were made to the SoCC, the Applicant has sought to keep people with an interest in the Proposed Development updated with any changes. For example, where amended or additional information was published during Phase Two Consultation, this was signposted on the Rosefield Solar Farm website.</p> <p>The Applicant additionally sent a Community Update newsletter to all addresses within the inner zone of consultation (2,993 addresses) on 21 May 2025 to provide an update on the Proposed Development following Phase Two Consultation.</p>
<i>Buckinghamshire Council welcomes engagement, welcomes discussion with the applicant and will reinforce our requirement for the DCO process and associated consultations to be as transparent</i>	N	This is noted and the Applicant thanks the host authority for its engagement through the pre-application period.

as possible to ensure that the local community are kept informed at every step of the process.

Questionnaire: Paragraphs 3.1.5-3.1.6 we would welcome the opportunity to review and comment on the draft questionnaire, to enable interested parties the ability to provide a full balanced response, and to ensure that all relevant areas are covered.

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The Applicant shared the questions included within the consultation questionnaire with the host authority through its regular Planning Performance Agreement meeting.

We welcome continual engagement on issues such as appropriate locations for documents to be made available, timing and location of drop-in sessions, any guidance/standards the council has on accessibility/engagement.

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The Applicant informed and agreed any changes to the consultation programme (e.g. the length of the consultation period and the updated locations for the deposit points) with the host authority.

In preparing the SoCC, the Applicant had regard to the host authority's Statement of Community Involvement and accessibility statement.



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Consultation Report

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Rosefield Solar Farm

Draft Statement of Community Consultation Phase Two Consultation

4 September 2024



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1. Introduction

1.1. Rosefield Solar Farm

- 1.1.1. Climate change is a challenge we must all play our part in addressing – from the small changes we need to make in our everyday lives to the transformational changes we need to make across our whole economy, including how we power our homes, businesses and transport systems.
- 1.1.2. Over the next decade, the fossil fuels that once powered our economy need to be replaced with sources of low-carbon electricity. Solar is an important part of the way we can meet this challenge – it is reliable and can be built quickly. This is particularly important as the UK focuses on boosting its domestic supply of clean energy.¹
- 1.1.3. Rosefield Solar Farm ('Rosefield') is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located in Buckinghamshire. Backed by EDF Renewables and PS Renewables, Rosefield would make an important contribution to our future energy network by producing enough clean, secure electricity to power more than 57,000 homes every year.²
- 1.1.4. Rosefield is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts ('MW'). This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.
- 1.1.5. Unlike planning applications which are determined by local planning authorities, NSIP applications are submitted to and determined by the relevant Secretary of State, in this case, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- 1.1.6. Applying for a DCO is a fixed legal process, which is illustrated in Figure 1. A key part of this process is the requirement for consultation with the local community and other stakeholders, including statutory consultees, before the DCO application is submitted. This is known as a 'statutory consultation'. The statutory consultation will be the second phase of consultation on our proposals for Rosefield.
- 1.1.7. We³ completed our first phase of consultation (called a 'non-statutory consultation') between 28 September and 10 November 2023 on our early

¹ Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, [Powering Up Britain: Energy Security Plan](#), 2023.

² Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

³ Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (company No. 11618221), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (referred to in this document as Rosefield).

plans for Rosefield. This was to introduce our early proposals and gain feedback on them while they were still being developed.

- 1.1.8. The feedback we received from the community during our first phase of consultation, as well as the environmental surveys and technical work carried out since, has helped us to develop our proposals to the extent that we are now ready to carry out our statutory consultation, also referred to as our phase two consultation.
- 1.1.9. The feedback we receive during our phase two consultation will help us refine our proposals for Rosefield before we submit our DCO application.
- 1.1.10. Before we carry out the phase two consultation, we must publish a statement of how we will consult with the local community – known as a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC'). This SoCC has been prepared and publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).
- 1.1.11. It also reflects the feedback we have received from the host local authority for Rosefield – Buckinghamshire Council – which we have consulted in the preparation of this document.
- 1.1.12. As part of our DCO application, we will submit a Consultation Report detailing how we consulted, the feedback that we received during statutory consultation and how we have had regard to it. When considering our DCO application, the Secretary of State must consider whether the consultation that we have undertaken has been adequate.
- 1.1.13. This SoCC sets out how we will consult with the local community. It includes:
 - A brief summary of the Rosefield proposal
 - When consultation will be carried out
 - Who will be consulted
 - Where people can find out more about Rosefield
 - How we will consult (including on Preliminary Environmental Information)
 - How feedback will be collected and used to inform our proposals.

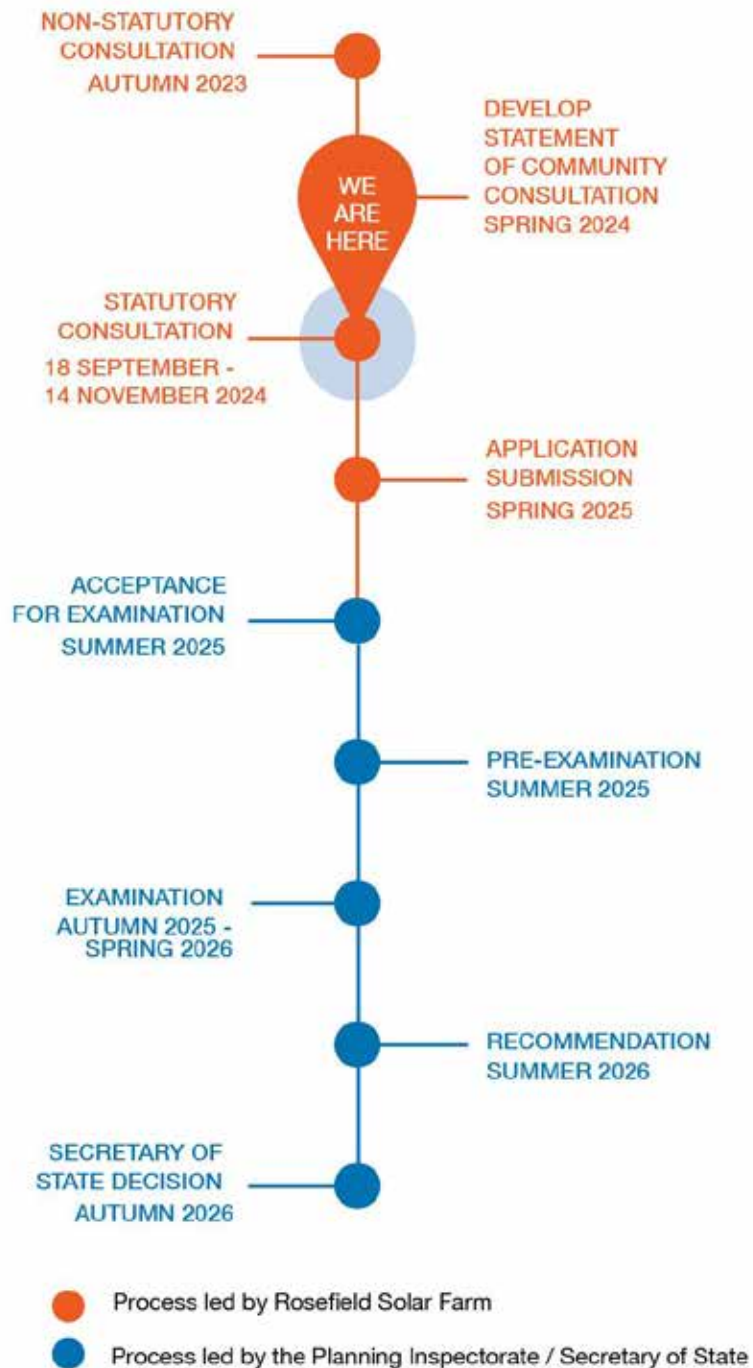
1.2. Environmental Impact Assessment

- 1.2.1. Rosefield is classed as an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development requiring an assessment of its likely significant effects on the environment under The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Where appropriate, we will also describe measures that are proposed to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any significant adverse effects. We will report on this process in a document called an Environmental Statement ('ES') when we submit our DCO application.
- 1.2.2. At the statutory consultation, we will be sharing the preliminary results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as information on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects. We will do so in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') document.

1.3. More information

- 1.3.1. You can find more information about the Planning Act 2008, the Planning Inspectorate and its role, as well as how to participate in the DCO process on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>, or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

Figure 1: Planning process for NSIPs and indicative timescales for Rosefield



These dates are indicative and subject to change.

2. Rosefield Solar Farm

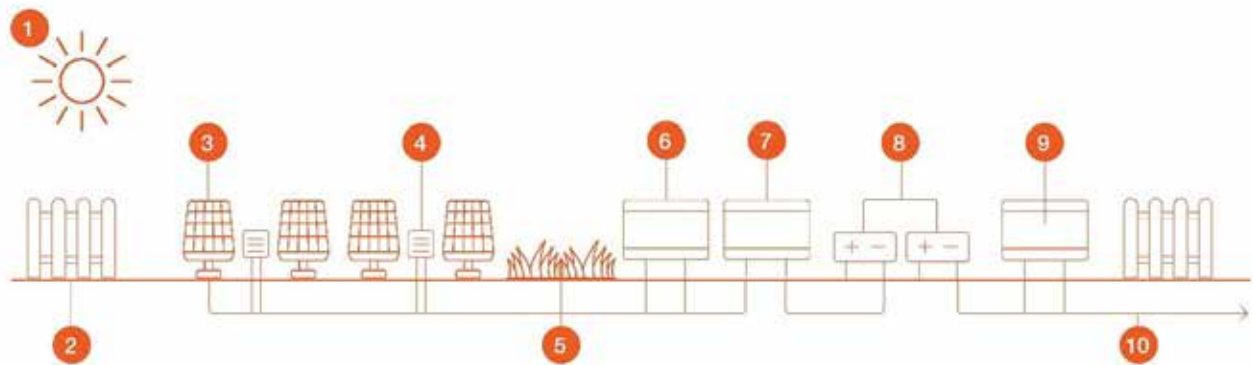
2.1. About our proposals

- 2.1.1. Rosefield is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Rosefield to the National Grid East Claydon Substation, and any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping.
- 2.1.2. We have secured a grid connection agreement with National Grid that would allow us to export up to 500MW of clean and secure electricity to this network, through the East Claydon Substation owned by National Grid. There would also be capacity to import power from the network.
- 2.1.3. Rosefield is located in the local authority area of Buckinghamshire Council (the host authority). Figure 2 shows the proposed location of Rosefield.
- 2.1.4. Since the first phase of consultation, our proposed Site boundary has been refined. We have:
 - Reduced it in areas where we have further refined our proposed underground cable route search areas.
 - Removed the area immediately south of Botolph Claydon to help protect the amenity of the village.
 - Expanded it to accommodate a cable corridor to connect into the National Grid's proposed replacement East Claydon Substation.
 - Added a small section of Snake Lane and Lee Road for potential road widening works.

2.2. How solar farms work

- 2.2.1. The main elements that typically make up a solar farm are outlined below, with each element illustrated in Figure 3.

Figure 3: The components of a solar farm



This diagram shows the main elements that typically make up a solar farm. It is not to scale and for indicative purposes only.

- 2.2.2. Solar farms use energy from the **sun (1)** to generate electricity, with battery storage and a substation feeding it into the National Grid.
- 2.2.3. **Fencing (2)** encloses the operational areas to keep the site secure and the community safe. Deer fencing is usually used where solar panels are located, with more robust fencing near the project substation and battery storage.
- 2.2.4. The **solar panels (3)** are set up in rows, connected to each other by cables to transfer the electricity generated by the panels to inverters.
- 2.2.5. **Inverters (4)** are needed to convert the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels into alternating current (AC) electricity, which is suitable for use in homes and businesses. Inverters can be located underneath the solar panels or in areas sometimes referred to as 'Balance of Solar System'. The 'Balance of Solar System' also includes switchgears (which control the electrical equipment), and transformers (which 'step up' the voltage to the required level for sending to the solar farm substation).
- 2.2.6. **Landscape and biodiversity areas (5)** to mitigate environmental effects and help boost biodiversity across the site.
- 2.2.7. **Collector compounds (6)** can be used to reduce the amount of underground cabling that is needed by collecting electricity from a number of inverters.

- 2.2.8. The **solar farm substation (7)** receives all the electricity generated by the solar farm, then raises the voltage, before sending it on to the **National Grid substation (9)** to enter the network.
- 2.2.9. The main role of **battery storage (8)** is to store electricity at times when demand is lower and release it to the National Grid when it is most needed.
- 2.2.10. **Underground cables (10)** connect the various components of a solar farm and transport the electricity to the National Grid substation.

2.3. About the developers

- 2.3.1. Rosefield⁴ is a joint venture between EDF Renewables UK and PS Renewables.
- 2.3.2. EDF Renewables UK is a subsidiary of EDF Group, one of the world's largest low carbon electricity companies. EDF Renewables UK has 43 renewable energy sites in the UK totalling more than 1.5 GW, with 14 GW of projects in planning and development, including wind, battery and solar.
- 2.3.3. PS Renewables is an established UK-based renewable energy development and construction company, with an existing solar portfolio totalling more than 850MW.
- 2.3.4. We have a strong track record of working jointly on solar projects.
- 2.3.5. You can find out more about both organisations at: www.edf-re.uk and www.psrenewables.com.

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3. Consulting the community

3.1. Developing our approach to consultation

- 3.1.1. Our approach to consultation has been informed by our early engagement with key stakeholders, as well as our phase one consultation.
- 3.1.2. The phase one consultation was held between 28 September 2023 and 10 November 2023 to introduce our early proposals and gain initial feedback on them.
- 3.1.3. We publicised this consultation by issuing press releases, publishing adverts on social media, online news platforms and in local newspapers, sending a newsletter to 2,887 local addresses around the proposed site and updating the project website with details of the consultation.
- 3.1.4. We wrote to a range of stakeholders to notify them of our consultation, offering briefings or inviting them to our in-person events, including:
 - Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet
 - Grendon Underwood and Great Brickhill ward members
 - The local Member of Parliament
 - Statutory consultees and local environment, business and heritage organisations
 - The following parish councils:
 - Steeple Claydon Parish Council
 - Botolph and East Claydon Parish Council
 - Middle Claydon Parish Council
 - Calvert Green Parish Council
 - Quainton Parish Council
 - Granborough Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Hogshaw Parish Council
 - Edgcott Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council
 - Twyford Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council.

- 3.1.5. We presented materials in a range of formats to ensure that everyone with an interest in our plans could find out more and share their feedback. This included:
- Holding five in-person events, with a series of information banners and an interactive 3D model of Rosefield. Members of the project team were available at these events to answer questions.
 - Hosting a virtual exhibition on our project website.
 - Publishing a consultation booklet and questionnaire, which were available on our website, at public events, in hard copy at local community buildings and sent to community members by mail on request.
- 3.1.6. People could share their views by completing an online questionnaire, accessed through the project website, emailing the questionnaire to the project email, posting a hard-copy questionnaire to the Freepost address or submitting comments by email or in writing to the Freepost address.
- 3.1.7. The feedback we have received to date has helped us refine our proposals and shape our approach to consultation and engagement, for example, we plan to host consultation events both during and outside of normal business hours to accommodate a range of different schedules.
- 3.1.8. We have continued to engage with the community and stakeholders since the non-statutory consultation as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Ongoing engagement following non-statutory consultation activity

Activity	Summary
Near neighbour engagement	<p>We have written to 31 residents living near the site to request access to complete surveys to help us understand potential visual and amenity impacts.</p> <p>We are grateful to the 14 residents who provided access to their properties to allow us to complete these assessments.</p>
Community engagement	<p>We have created an on-site surveys page on our project website to ensure that the community is being kept up to date with on-site activity: https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/on-site-surveys/</p> <p>We are continuing to answer enquiries through our communications channels.</p>

Engagement with host authority	We have continued to hold meetings with Buckinghamshire Council since the close of our non-statutory consultation. The purpose of these meetings has been to share updates on Rosefield, including discussions on our approach to consultation and engagement, and to seek feedback on certain aspects of our proposal, such as ecology, archaeology and other topics.
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Engagement with statutory consultees	We have met with statutory and technical consultees to assist with the EIA process and the evolution of our design. This includes relevant statutory bodies such as National Grid, Anglian Water, National Trust, Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and Buckinghamshire Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.
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3.2. Our approach to statutory consultation

- 3.2.1. Our statutory consultation will be inclusive and open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals or has a view that they would like considered.
- 3.2.2. Our multi-phase approach to consultation has ensured that community input has already helped to shape the plans we are presenting. The feedback that we receive from this phase of consultation will help us to further refine our proposals and inform our assessments before we submit our DCO application.
- 3.2.3. We are committed to making sure that everybody has the opportunity to understand and provide their feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Our key objectives for achieving this through our pre-application consultation include:
 - Ensuring thorough engagement and consultation on our proposals.
 - Ensuring proposals are clearly presented, and issues easily understood.
 - Providing sufficient opportunities for interested parties to understand and influence our plans.
 - Gathering high quality responses to, and feedback on, our plans to help inform proposals.
 - Delivering a consultation that meets the legal requirements and is in accordance with the relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).

3.3. Timing

- 3.3.1. The statutory consultation will run for eight weeks from 18 September to 14 November 2024. All responses must be received by 11:59pm on 14 November 2024.

3.4. What will we consult on?

- 3.4.1. During the statutory consultation, we will be asking for views on:
- The proposals for Rosefield, including the potential locations of its elements and our proposed environmental enhancements and mitigation.
 - The PEIR, which will present an initial account of the likely significant environmental effects of Rosefield during construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as preliminary details on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any potentially significant adverse effects.
 - How Rosefield could contribute to the local community, including local initiatives or organisations that Rosefield could support over its lifetime.

3.5. Who will we consult?

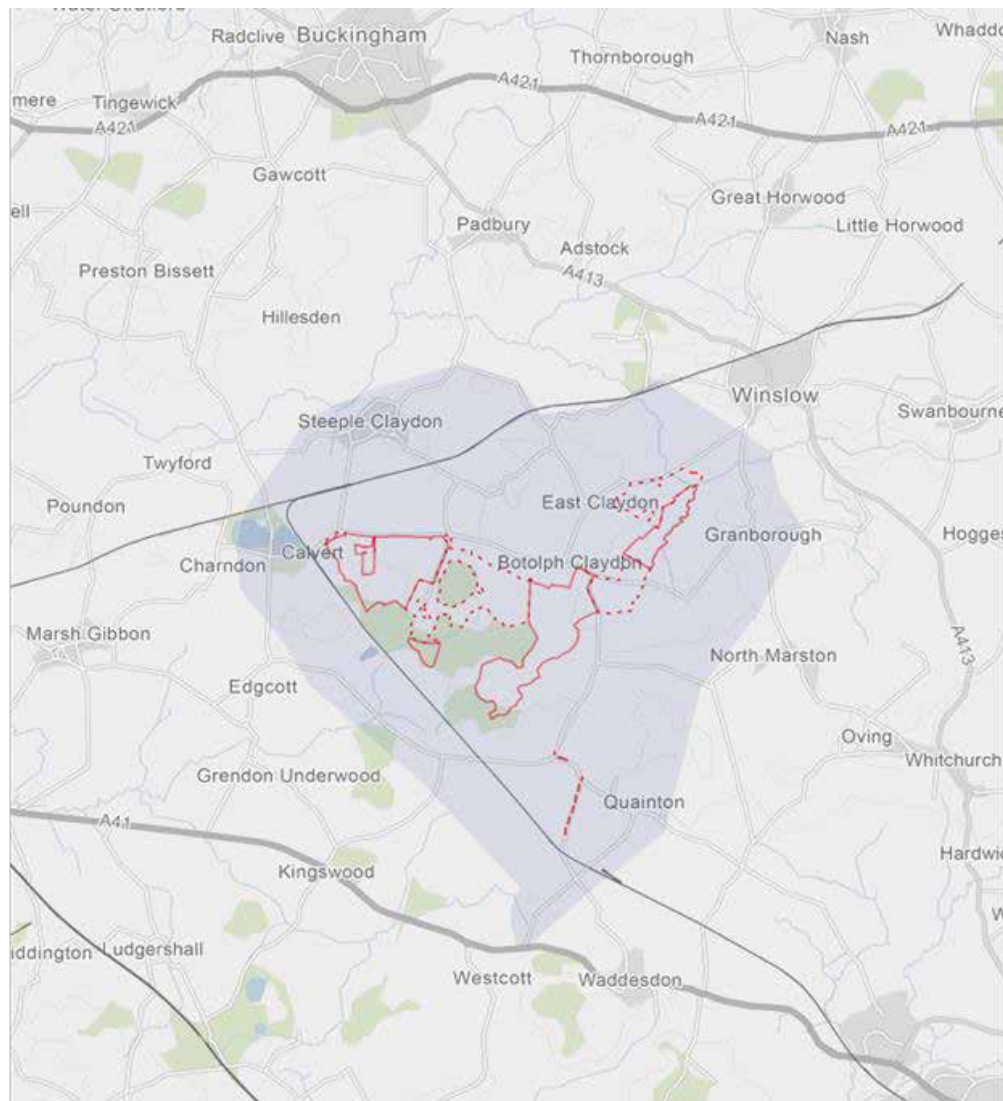
- 3.5.1. The consultation will provide an opportunity for anyone interested in our proposals to find out more and share their feedback.
- 3.5.2. We have defined two geographic zones – an inner zone and an outer zone – for the purpose of consulting with the local community. This recognises the fact that levels of potential impact are likely to vary with distance to the site. These zones have informed how we will publicise the consultation and are set out below, with further detail about the consultation information detailed in sections 3.6.5-3.6.32.
- 3.5.3. We will publicise the consultation in both zones using our project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.4. We will also email those people who have previously registered to receive project updates.

Inner zone

- 3.5.5. The inner zone covers people who live and work closest to the proposed site and their political representatives. Our consultation activity will be most intensive within this zone. A map of this zone is shown in Figure 4.
- 3.5.6. This zone includes all properties within one and a half kilometres of the areas where we are proposing to place solar, battery storage and the Rosefield Substation, extending in some locations to consider the potential wider effects of the proposal and human geographic boundaries. For example, we have extended the inner zone boundary to include:
- Villages with Public Rights of Way that connect into the areas proposed for solar and battery storage, such as Quainton and Steeple Claydon.
 - Locations that were highlighted as important to the local community in non-statutory consultation feedback, such as Quainton Hill.
 - Properties that are near the proposed main access route.
- 3.5.7. A newsletter will be sent to all properties within the inner zone at the beginning of consultation. Where possible, it is intended that public events and deposit points will be focused in or close to this area.
- 3.5.8. We will write to ward members of Buckinghamshire Council, the local Members of Parliament, parish councils and community groups within this zone to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels. Parish Councils located within this zone include:
- Calvert Green Parish Council
 - Steeple Claydon Parish Council
 - Middle Claydon Parish Council
 - East and Botolph Claydon Parish Council
 - Hogshaw Parish Council
 - Quainton Parish Council
 - Granborough Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Twyford Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council
 - Edgcott Parish Council

- North Marston Parish Council
- Hillesden Parish Council
- Westcott Parish Council

Figure 4: Inner zone



LEGEND:



Potential area for solar, battery, ecological enhancements and setbacks



Potential area for underground cable routes, access tracks and temporary construction compounds (locations to be determined)



Inner consultation zone

Outer zone

- 3.5.9. The outer zone covers those living and working in the area outside of the inner zone, who may be affected by or have an interest in our proposals due to the proposals being brought forward in their local authority area. This zone follows the local authority boundary of Buckinghamshire Council.
- 3.5.10. We will publicise the consultation to people in this zone through the project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.11. In addition to these methods, we will write to all Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet members, and the parish councils listed below, to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels.
- Marsh Gibbons Parish Council
 - Waddesdon Parish Council
 - Little Horwood Parish Council
 - Great Horwood Parish Council
 - Preston Bissett Parish Council
 - Woodham Parish Council
 - Swanbourne Parish Council
 - Padbury Parish Council.

Statutory consultees and community organisations

- 3.5.12. At the same time as consulting the local community, we will also consult a range of statutory consultees as set out by Section 42 and Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and additional organisations that we recognise to have an interest in the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. These groups include:
- The host and neighbouring local authorities
 - Statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and others)
 - Other community groups and organisations that may have an interest in the proposals (such as Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, Winslow and Villages Community Board, Buckingham and Village Community Board, Aylesbury & District Group Ramblers and others)

- People with an interest in land (e.g. owners or tenants) that may be affected by the proposals.

3.5.13. The proposed DCO application will also be publicised as required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

3.6. How will we consult?

3.6.1. This section sets out how we intend to consult during the phase two consultation.

3.6.2. We will present information in a variety of formats and enable feedback to be submitted in a number of ways to encourage participation in the consultation. More detail on the consultation techniques we will use is provided in sections 3.6.5-3.6.32.

3.6.3. Should we carry out any further phases of consultation prior to submission of the DCO application, including, if necessary, in response to substantial changes to the project or its effects, our approach to consultation will be informed by the new National Infrastructure Planning Guidance published on 30 April 2024. We will use some, but not necessarily all, of the means of consultation set out in this document and will work with Buckinghamshire Council to assist us in deciding the most appropriate activities for any further phases of consultation.

3.6.4. Following the statutory consultation period, we will continue to provide updates about Rosefield on our website and to statutory consultees as appropriate.

Consultation information

3.6.5. Information about our proposals will be published for consultation in the following formats:

- **A consultation newsletter:** a newsletter issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and how people can share their feedback. This will additionally be published on the project website to view and download.
- **A consultation booklet:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, mailed on request and published on the project website to view and download.

- **A questionnaire:** the main way we will collect feedback from the community. The questions will be easy to understand and the responses will be considered as we refine our plans. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
 - **A 3D model:** a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield site will be available to view at the public events.
 - **A website:** the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to a virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
 - **A virtual exhibition:** containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and project website. It will host contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
 - **Exhibition banners:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which will be displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners will also be available in the virtual exhibition and as PDFs to download from the project website.
 - **The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR):** containing the initial results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.
- 3.6.6. Printed copies of the SoCC and consultation documents – including the PEIR – will be available in local libraries and community venues ('deposit points') close to the proposed site for Rosefield and maintained throughout the consultation period (see Table 2 below). USBs containing all of these documents will also be available to take away. All materials will be published on the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk).
- 3.6.7. Deposit points have been selected to ensure they are within or near the inner zone, are accessible and have opening times to accommodate people with different time commitments.
- 3.6.8. The locations of the deposit points, which are listed in Table 2 below, will be publicised in our consultation material, including the newsletter, consultation booklet and on the project website.
- 3.6.9. We will provide hard copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC free of charge on request – as well as USBs containing all of the consultation materials (including the PEIR). We will review requests for hard copies of the PEIR on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing

costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient.

- 3.6.10. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

Table 2: Deposit points

Location	Opening hours*
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Sunday to Thursday 8am – 11pm Friday and Saturday 8am – 12am
Winslow Community Library Park Rd, Winslow MK18 3DN	Monday 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm Friday 1 – 5pm Saturday 9.30am – 1pm

*Please check opening times before travelling

Website and virtual exhibition

- 3.6.11. From the start of consultation, the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- 3.6.12. The interactive virtual exhibition will be accessed through the website and will provide an alternative format for people to learn about the proposals. It will include information boards which will be on display at the public events, links to documents and the online questionnaire.

Public events

- 3.6.13. We will hold in-person public events during the consultation period to enable anyone with an interest in the proposals to find out more about them and ask questions to members of the team. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available at these events for members of the public to take away. Completed questionnaires will be able to be returned at the events.

- 3.6.14. The dates and times of these events are listed in Table 3 below. The events are being held in accessible venues around the proposed Rosefield site and have been organised at a range of dates and times to ensure that people with different schedules are able to attend. This includes events after normal working hours and on the weekend.
- 3.6.15. Details about the dates and times of the public events will be published on the project website, in the consultation newsletter and booklet. The schedule will also be included in supporting publicity such as newspaper and social media adverts. We will consider requests for additional events throughout the consultation period on a case-by-case basis. Any further events would be publicised on the project website, using social media adverts and, if possible, at the venue.
- 3.6.16. In the unlikely event that there are changes to the locations or times of our events, we will publicise this information on our website.

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Presentations and stakeholder meetings

- 3.6.17. We welcome reasonable requests for presentations and briefings from stakeholder groups, for example: local authorities, parish councils, and local community groups, during the consultation period.
- 3.6.18. A reasonable request is defined as a request:
- received during the consultation period;

- from an organisation or individual who requires an additional way to find out more about our proposals or to provide feedback, which cannot be accommodated by the consultation activities outlined in this SoCC.

- 3.6.19. Other activities will be carried out, if considered necessary and appropriate, to engage specific interests or seldom heard groups (see section 3.6.31-3.6.32). This could include, for example, further meetings with residents who are closest to the proposed site.
- 3.6.20. Details of all our consultation activity will be included in a Consultation Report which we will submit as part of our DCO application.

Publicity and advertising

- 3.6.21. We will publicise the consultation and associated activities in local media ahead of the start of the consultation period and will update local broadcast and print media channels on our activity during the consultation.
- 3.6.22. Where publication timings allow, we will seek to use local newsletters to further engage with local communities.
- 3.6.23. Statutory notices will be published in line with Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act.

Social media

- 3.6.24. We will use Meta social media advertising to help publicise the consultation and encourage those with an interest in our proposals to get involved. We would also publicise the consultation by publishing content on EDF Renewable's company LinkedIn page. We are unable to accept feedback via social media.

Consultation hotline and email address

- 3.6.25. To find out more information or request copies of the consultation materials, anyone can contact the consultation team by freephone (0800 861 1097) during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm). Outside of these hours, callers will be able to leave a message requesting a callback.
- 3.6.26. Alternatively, people can email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or write to the team via Freepost (no stamp required): Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.

Collection of responses

- 3.6.27. We will produce a questionnaire inviting feedback on different elements of the proposed Rosefield. The questionnaire will be available to complete on the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk, in printed form at public events, at deposit points around the local area and on request using the project contact details.
- 3.6.28. The completed hard-copy questionnaire can be returned using the Freepost address set out in this document during the consultation period, or at the public events.
- 3.6.29. Respondents will also be able to complete the questionnaire online, which will be made available through the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk as well as the virtual exhibition.
- 3.6.30. Alternatively, respondents can write to us via email or Freepost using the details set out in this document. All written feedback will be accepted.

Seldom heard audiences

- 3.6.31. It is important to ensure that everyone with an interest in the proposals has the opportunity to comment on our proposals as part of the consultation. We want our consultation to be inclusive and gather feedback from a wide range of audiences, including those who are seldom heard in public consultations such as people without internet access, seasonal workers, younger people and socially isolated people. We will do this by:
- Writing to the local authority and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups directly.
 - Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.
 - Publicising the consultation in digital and print editions of local newspapers.
 - Publicising the consultation using Meta social media advertising to help reach young people.
 - Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.
 - Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This includes sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on-request and at deposit points.

- 3.6.32. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

4. Consultation arrangements

4.1. How to find out more

4.1.1. Anyone can find out more by:

- Contacting us on 0800 861 1097 or info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or by writing to the Freepost address (Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).
- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the proposed Rosefield site.
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on our website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or visiting a deposit point.

4.2. Responding to the consultation

4.2.1. The consultation provides an opportunity for anyone interested in our proposals to find out more and share their feedback. We welcome feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Anyone can share their views by:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or in writing to the above Freepost address.

4.2.2. Responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on 14 November 2024.

4.2.3. Responses must be individual. Petitions will be treated as a single response for the purpose of the Consultation Report.

4.3. How we will consider the responses

- 4.3.1. Following this consultation, we will consider all of the feedback we receive as we continue refining our proposals for Rosefield before submitting a DCO application. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.
- 4.3.2. Any comments received will be analysed by Rosefield and its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on the public record and will be held securely by Rosefield and its agents in accordance with data protection laws. Any personal details will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.
- 4.3.3. The Planning Inspectorate has also published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacynotices/customer-privacy-notice>.

4.4. Further information

- 4.4.1. For further information, please contact us by:
- Calling 0800 861 1097 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
 - Emailing info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
 - Writing to the team at Rosefield Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local.



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**Appendix B-1.2 -
Amended title page
published on 04
October 2024 and
screenshot showing
update to Rosefield
Solar Farm website**



Title page clarification: The word 'draft' was included on the title page of this document in error, however the content of the document is not draft. This is the Rosefield Solar Farm Statement of Community Consultation as advertised in public notices on 04 September 2024 in the Winslow Advertiser and The Bucks Herald.

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Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Phase Two Consultation

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Rosefield Solar Farm would comprise the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (“PV”) array electricity generating facility and battery storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (“MW”) and import/export connection to the National Electricity Transmission System (“the Proposed Development”).

The Proposed Development would be located on approximately 771 hectares of land within the administrative boundary of Buckinghamshire Council close to the settlements of Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Middle Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Calvert (“the Site”).

The DCO would authorise:

- construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables..
- other association and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Rosefield Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect to the Rosefield Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- offsite highway works (if required).
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- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
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- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and and/or convenient.

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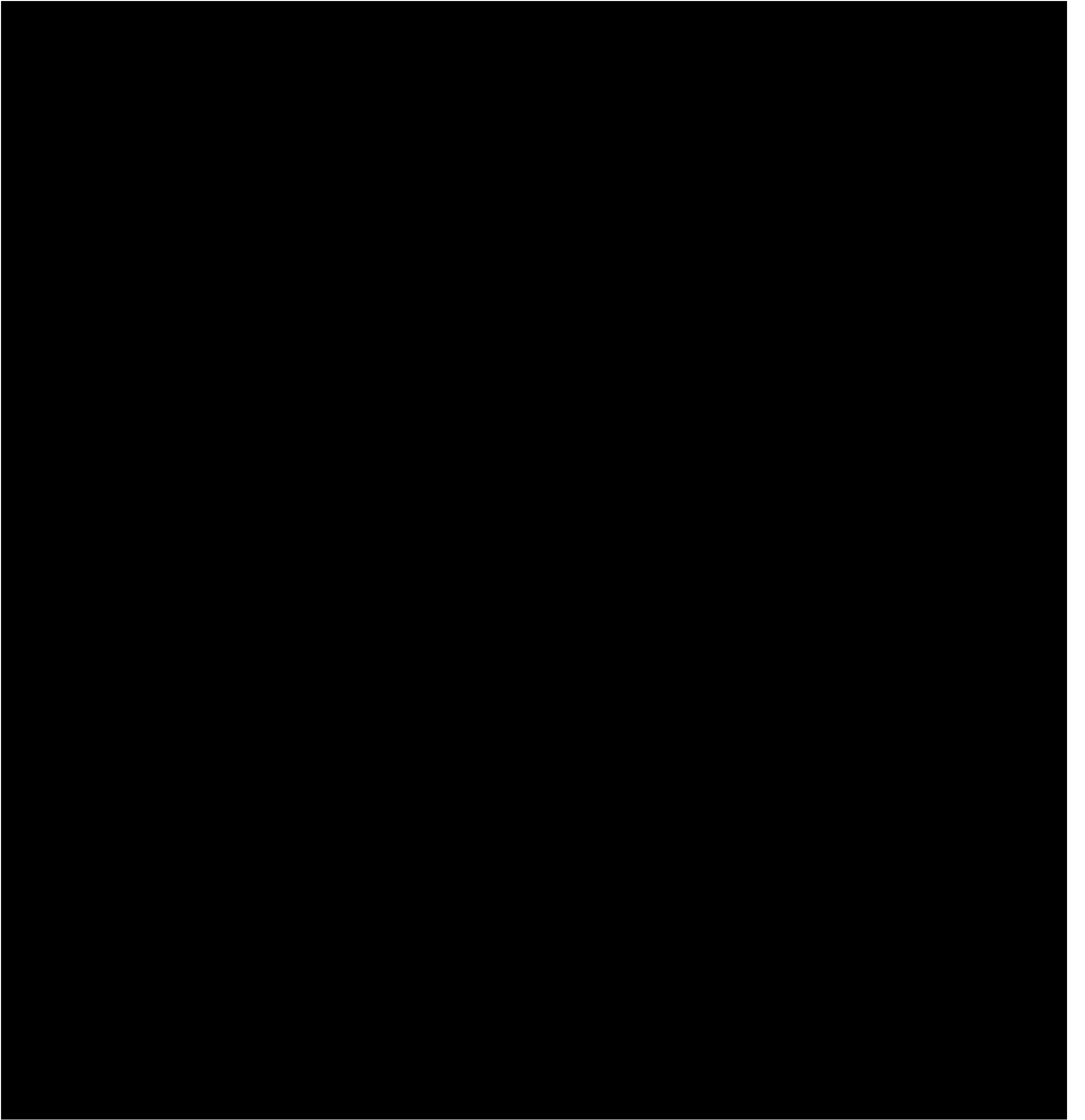
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Appendix B-3 - Screenshot of Rosefield Solar Farm website with availability of the SoCC



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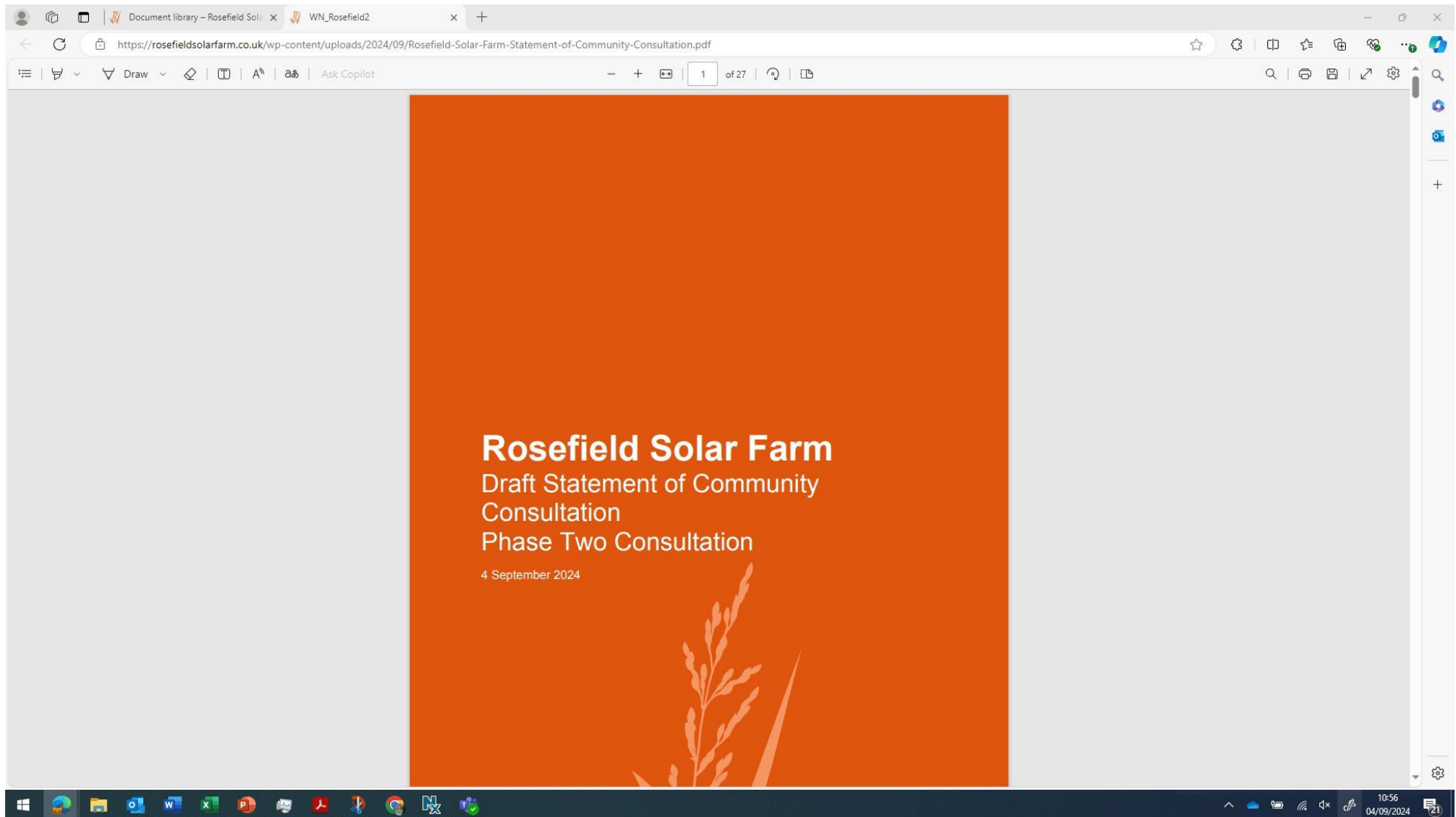
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Appendix B-4 - Compliance with the SoCC



Appendix B-4: Compliance with the SoCC

Page	Section	SoCC Commitment	Detail
3	1.1.10	Before we carry out the phase two consultation, we must publish a statement of how we will consult with the local community – known as a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC').	The Applicant published the SoCC on 04 September 2024, two weeks ahead of the commencement of its Phase Two Consultation on 18 September 2024. The methods used to publicise the availability of the SoCC are detailed in Chapter 2 of the Report.
3	1.1.10	This SoCC has been prepared and publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024)	Details of how the Applicant has complied with all statutory requirements and guidance is set out in Appendix D-1 .
3	1.1.11	It also reflects the feedback we have received from the host local authority for Rosefield – Buckinghamshire Council – which we have consulted in the preparation of this document.	The Applicant consulted with the host authority informally and formally on the contents of the draft SoCC and had regard to their comments in preparing the final SoCC. This is summarised in Chapter 2 . For more information on how the Applicant has had regard to informal and formal feedback received from the host authority on the draft SoCC, see Appendix A-2 and Appendix A-4 .
3	1.1.12	As part of our DCO application, we will submit a Consultation Report detailing how we consulted, the feedback that we received	A Consultation Report and its related Appendices will form part of the DCO Application.

		during statutory consultation and how we have had regard to it.	
4	1.2.2	At the statutory consultation, we will be sharing the preliminary results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as information on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects. We will do so in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') document	<p>The Applicant published the PEIR as part of its Phase Two Consultation which was available for the local community and stakeholders to examine during the consultation period in the manner set out in Chapter 3 of the Report.</p> <p>The Applicant published an addendum to the PEIR as part of its targeted consultation on its proposed layout changes which confirmed no new potential environmental effects were expected as a result of the changes. This is described in Chapter 4 of the Report.</p>
10	3.1.1	Our approach to consultation has been informed by our early engagement with key stakeholders, as well as our phase one consultation.	Prior to its Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant carried out a period of non-statutory consultation ("Phase One Consultation") on its early plans and proposals and began a programme of engagement with stakeholders, which informed the Applicant's approach to consultation.
11	3.1.7	The feedback we have received to date has helped us refine our proposals and shape our approach to consultation and engagement, for example, we plan to host consultation events both during and outside of normal business hours to accommodate a range of different schedules.	The Applicant sought to incorporate any feedback on its Phase One Consultation into its plans for Phase Two Consultation. This included adjusting the times of public events to accommodate different people's schedules. The Applicant also had regard to feedback received when setting the proposed inner zone of consultation, e.g. incorporating Quainton Hill which was raised as important in feedback and scope of the consultation e.g. publishing

an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan for consultation.

12	3.2.1	Our statutory consultation will be inclusive and open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals or has a view that they would like considered.	The Applicant used a variety of methods and techniques to ensure that anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development could access information and provide their feedback. Information on how this was achieved is provided in Chapter 3 of the Report.
12	3.2.2	The feedback that we receive from this phase of consultation will help us to further refine our proposals and inform our assessments before we submit our DCO application.	<p>The Applicant has carefully considered all feedback received to Phase Two Consultation, as explained in Chapter 3 of the Report.</p> <p>The Applicant will also carefully consider all feedback received to its additional targeted consultations.</p>
		<p>We are committed to making sure that everybody has the opportunity to understand and provide their feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Our key objectives for achieving this through our pre-application consultation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring thorough engagement and consultation on our proposals. • Ensuring proposals are clearly presented, and issues easily understood. • Providing sufficient opportunities for interested parties to understand and influence our plans. 	The Applicant has achieved its objectives through its Phase Two Consultation by employing a range of different techniques to ensure that anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development could find out more about the proposals and provide their feedback. Chapter 3 of the Report sets out the activities and techniques undertaken by the Applicant to promote the consultation.

- Gathering high quality responses to, and feedback on, our plans to help inform proposals.
- Delivering a consultation that meets the legal requirements and is in accordance with the relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).

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3.3.1

The statutory consultation will run for eight weeks from 18 September to 14 November 2024. All responses must be received by 11:59pm on 14 November 2024.

The consultation period stated out in the SoCC was eight-weeks (between 18 September and 14 November 2024).

During the Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant extended the consultation period stated in the SoCC by 21 days to 11:59pm on 05 December 2024 (78 days total). This was to allow respondents to consider additional information published on 07 November 2024. Respondents therefore had in excess of 11 weeks to provide feedback as part of the consultation.

During the statutory consultation, we will be asking for views on:

- The proposals for Rosefield, including the potential locations of its elements and our proposed environmental enhancements and mitigation.

The Applicant invited feedback on all elements of the Proposed Development. Details about the Proposed Development were set out in a range of consultation materials enabling anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development to find out more about the proposals and provide their feedback. Copies of the consultation materials are hosted on the Rosefield Solar Farm website and will be appended to the Consultation

- The PEIR, which will present an initial account of the likely significant environmental effects of Rosefield during construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as preliminary details on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any potentially significant adverse effects.
- How Rosefield could contribute to the local community, including local initiatives or organisations that Rosefield could support over its lifetime.

Report. More detail about the different techniques used to publicise the consultation is available in **Chapter 3** of the Report.

As part of the additional targeted consultations, the Applicant primarily sought feedback on proposed layout changes in Parcel 3 and the inclusion of additional land within the proposed Site boundary. More information is available in **Chapter 4** of the Report.

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We have defined two geographic zones – an inner zone and an outer zone – for the purpose of consulting with the local community. This recognises the fact that levels of potential impact are likely to vary with distance to the site. These zones have informed how we will publicise the consultation.

The Applicant defined two geographic zones of the consultation for the purposes of consulting the community. The two zones, and the techniques used to promote the consultation within each zone, are described in **Chapter 3** of the Report.

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We will publicise the consultation in both zones using our project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.

As required by section 48 of the PA 2008, the Applicant publicised the Phase Two Consultation in the following newspapers:

- The Bucks Herald
- The Guardian

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Gazette
3.5.4	13	We will also email those people who have previously registered to receive project updates.	At the launch of Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant emailed a range of people, groups and organisations including people who had indicated they wished to be kept updated on the project, statutory consultees, as well as community groups and organisations likely to have an interest in the Proposed Development.
3.5.5	14	The inner zone covers people who live and work closest to the proposed site and their political representatives. Our consultation activity will be most intensive within this zone.	The Applicant focused activity within the inner zone of consultation. This included sending a newsletter publicising the SoCC and consultation to all addresses within the inner zone on 04 September 2024. Where possible, public events and deposit points were focused in this area. The Applicant also wrote to political representatives and community groups within this zone with information about the consultation, encouraging them to promote the consultation using their existing communication channels. More information is available in Chapter 3 of the Report.
3.5.6	14	This zone includes all properties within one and a half kilometres of the areas where we are proposing to place solar, battery storage and the Rosefield Substation, extending in some locations to consider the potential wider effects of the proposal and human geographic boundaries.	A map showing the inner zone of consultation is included in Figure 3-3 of the Report.

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A newsletter will be sent to all properties within the inner zone at the beginning of consultation. Where possible, it is intended that public events and deposit points will be focused in or close to this area.

A newsletter was distributed to all addresses on 04 September 2024 within the inner consultation zone – totalling 2,993 addresses (available on the Rosefield Solar Farm website).

The five public events that were held as part of Phase Two Consultation were held within the inner consultation zone. Winslow Community Library and Botolph Claydon & East Claydon Village Hall were used as deposit points. Botolph Claydon & East Claydon Village Hal is located within the inner zone of consultation. Winslow Community Library is located within the outer zone of consultation. The venues were selected in agreement with host authorities.

The targeted consultations were limited to land interests and statutory and non-statutory consultees likely to have an interest in the proposed changes. The targeted consultations did not require public events or deposit points.

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We will write to ward members of Buckinghamshire Council, the local Members of Parliament, parish councils and community groups within this zone to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels.

The Applicant wrote to political representatives and community organisations within the inner zone to offer a briefing on the proposals and share details of the consultation.

As part of the additional targeted consultations, the Applicant wrote to members representing the ward in which the Proposed Development to offer them a briefing on the proposed changes.

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The outer zone covers those living and working in the area outside of the inner zone, who may be affected by or have an interest in our proposals due to the proposals being brought forward in their local authority area. This zone follows the local authority boundary of Buckinghamshire Council.

We will publicise the consultation to people in this zone through the project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.

In addition to these methods, we will write to all Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet members, and the parish councils listed below, to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels.

- Marsh Gibbons Parish Council
- Waddesdon Parish Council
- Little Horwood Parish Council
- Great Horwood Parish Council
- Preston Bissett Parish Council
- Woodham Parish Council

All Phase Two Consultation advertising activity – both the statutory notices and wider advertisement – covered both the inner and outer zone of consultation.

The Applicant wrote to cabinet members of the host authority and the parish councils listed in the SoCC to offer a briefing and share details of the consultation.

The targeted consultations were limited to land interests and statutory and non-statutory consultees likely to have an interest in the proposed changes. Due to the limited nature of the proposed changes, it was not considered necessary to include consultees within the outer zone of consultation.

- Swanbourne Parish Council
- Padbury Parish Council

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- 16-17 At the same time as consulting the local community, we will also consult a range of statutory consultees as set out by Section 42 and Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and additional organisations that we recognise to have an interest in the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. These groups include:
- The host and neighbouring local authorities
 - Statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and others)
 - Other community groups and organisations that may have an interest in the proposals (such as Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, Winslow and Villages Community Board, Buckingham and Village Community Board, Aylesbury & District Group Ramblers and others)
 - People with an interest in land (e.g. owners or tenants) that may be affected by the proposals.

The Applicant consulted with all statutory consultees prescribed by the PA 2008 and EIA Regulations. Information about how the Applicant has consulted with statutory consultees under sections 42(1)(a), (b), and (d) of the PA 2008, and other organisations recognised to have an interest in the Proposed Development is included in **Chapter 3** of this Report. A list of section 42(1)(a) and (b) consultees is included in **Appendix C-1**. A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included within the Book of Reference submitted with the Application. A list of non-prescribed consultees and community organisations will be included within the Consultation Report.

As part of the additional targeted consultations, the Applicant wrote to prescribed and non-prescribed consultees likely to have an interest in the proposed changes. The organisations consulted are listed in **Appendix C-5**.

3.5.13	17	The proposed DCO application will also be publicised as required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.	As required by section 48 of the PA 2008, the Applicant publicised the Phase Two Consultation in the following newspapers:
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bucks Herald • The Guardian • London Gazette
			Copies of the notices as published are available in Appendix C-3 . The section 48 notice was also published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (see Appendix C-3) and included in letters sent to prescribed consultees (see Appendix C-2).
			Given the nature of the targeted consultations, it was not considered necessary for there to be a further round of section 48 notices.
3.6.2	17	We will present information in a variety of formats and enable feedback to be submitted in a number of ways to encourage participation in the consultation.	Information about the Proposed Development was available in a variety of formats, including:
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultation newsletter: issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and how people can share their feedback. This was additionally published on the project website to view and download.

- A consultation booklet: an accessible summary of the proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This was available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request, and published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website to view and download.
- A 3D model: a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm site was available at the public events.
- A website: the Rosefield Solar Farm project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) hosted all the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It also included details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting the project's contact information.
- A virtual exhibition: containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and Rosefield Solar Farm project website.
- Exhibition banners: an accessible summary of the proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which were displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners were available in the virtual exhibition hosted on the Rosefield Solar Farm project website.

- The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR): containing the initial results of ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.

All of these materials are available to view on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library). These materials will be appended to the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.

Feedback could be provided in a number of ways, including:

- Completing an online questionnaire accessed through the Rosefield Solar Farm project website and virtual exhibition.
- Submitting comments or completed questionnaire by email to: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Posting this questionnaire or submitting comments (no stamp required) to: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL

More information can be found in **Chapter 3** of this Report.

Given the nature of the targeted consultations which included limited changes on the Proposed Development the following information was published:

- A map showing the proposed Order Limits with the extent of the proposed additional land shown in blue.
- A plan comparing the layout of Parcel 3 presented at Phase Two Consultation and the updated layout subject to the targeted consultation.
- A PEIR Addendum to confirm that the proposed layout changes would not result in any new or different potentially significant effects.

For more information, please see **Chapter 4** of the Report.

<p>3.6.3</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Should we carry out any further phases of consultation prior to submission of the DCO application, including, if necessary, in response to substantial changes to the project or its effects, our approach to consultation will be informed by the new National Infrastructure Planning Guidance published on 30 April 2024. We will use some, but not necessarily all, of the means of consultation set out in this document and will work with Buckinghamshire Council to assist us in deciding the most appropriate activities for any further phases of consultation.</p>	<p>The Applicant presented its approach to carrying out its additional targeted consultations with the host authorities and agreed its approach (e.g. extending the consultation period to eight weeks). For further details, see Chapter 4 of the Report.</p>
<p>3.6.4</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Following the statutory consultation period, we will continue to provide updates about</p>	<p>The Applicant has continued to update its website where project updates are available. For example, a copy of the community update newsletter was published on the</p>

Rosefield on our website and to statutory consultees as appropriate.

Rosefield Solar Farm website on 21 May 2025 to provide an update on the design of the Proposed Development and timeline to submission of the Application.

The Applicant has additionally continued to hold meetings with stakeholders, including statutory consultees such as Natural England, the host authority and the Environment Agency to provide updates on the Proposed Development.

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Information about our proposals will be published for consultation in the following formats:

- A consultation newsletter: a newsletter issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and how people can share their feedback. This will additionally be published on the project website to view and download.
- A consultation booklet: an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and

The documents listed were published as part of Phase Two Consultation (see **Chapter 3** of this Report for further details).

The Applicant published information as part of its additional targeted consultations, which are described in **Chapter 4** of this Report.

the public events, mailed on request and published on the project website to view and download.

- A questionnaire: the main way we will collect feedback from the community. The questions will be easy to understand and the responses will be considered as we refine our plans. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
- A 3D model: a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield site will be available to view at the public events.
- A website: the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to a virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- A virtual exhibition: containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and project website. It will

host contact information for people to get in touch with the team.

- Exhibition banners: an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which will be displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners will also be available in the virtual exhibition.
- The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR): containing the initial results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.

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Printed copies of the SoCC and consultation documents – including the PEIR – will be available in local libraries and community venues ('deposit points') close to the proposed site for Rosefield and maintained throughout the consultation period (see Table 2 below). USBs containing all of these documents will also be available to take away.

Printed copies of the SoCC were available at deposit points from 04 September 2024. The SoCC was published on the Rosefield Solar Farm project website from 04 September 2024. The SoCC was updated with a clarification note on its front page at the deposit points on 10 October 2024 due to the inclusion of the word 'draft' on the title page of the final SoCC in error.

All consultation materials – including the PEIR – were available from deposit points from 18 September 2024, as well as USBs containing all of the documents for

people to take away. Regular checks of the deposits were undertaken to ensure there was always stock available. Additional information published on 07 November 2024 was available at the deposit points from this date.

More information about the deposit points can be found in **Chapter 3** of the Report, including an example image clearly showing the materials available at Winslow Community Library.

Given the nature of the targeted consultations, it was not considered necessary for documents to be deposited at the deposit points.

3.6.6	18	All materials will be published on the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk).	<p>Consultation documents were available on the Rosefield Solar Farm project website at www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk at the start of Phase Two Consultation on 18 September 2024. Additional information published on 07 November 2024 was available on the website from this date.</p> <p>A PEIR Addendum published as part of the targeted consultation on the proposed layout changes was published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website on 21 May 2025, along with a copy of the Community Update newsletter which shows the proposed layout changes.</p>
3.6.7	18	Deposit points have been selected to ensure they are within or near the inner zone, are accessible and have opening times to	<p>The Applicant stocked the identified deposit points with copies of the SoCC from 04 September 2024, and all consultation materials – including the PEIR – from 18 September 2024. There were also USBs containing all of</p>

accommodate people with different time commitments.

Location	Opening hours
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Sunday to Thursday 8am – 11pm Friday and Saturday 8am – 12am
Winslow Community Library Park Rd, Winslow MK18 3DN	Monday 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm Friday 1 – 5pm Saturday 9.30am – 1pm

the documents for people to take away. Regular checks of the deposits were undertaken to ensure there was always stock available.

More information about the deposit points can be found in **Chapter 3** of the Consultation Report, including an example image of the deposit point at Winslow Community Library which clearly shows the materials available.

3.6.8	18	The locations of the deposit points will be publicised in our consultation material, including the newsletter, consultation booklet and on the project website.	The locations of the deposit points were publicised in the consultation newsletter, consultation booklet and on the Rosefield Solar Farm website. Please see Chapter 3 of the Report for more details.
3.6.9	18	We will provide hard copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC free of charge on request – as well as USBs containing all of the consultation materials (including the PEIR). We will review requests for hard copies of the PEIR on a case-by-case basis.	For Phase Two Consultation, printed copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC were available free of charge and could be requested via the Freephone number or email, or via the deposit points. Two copies of the SoCC were sent to members of the public. The Applicant received one request for a hard copy of the chapters and appendices relevant to

biodiversity of the PEIR from members of the Butterfly Conservation Trust, which was fulfilled free of charge. In addition, one copy of the Non-Technical Summary was issued to a member of the public and a copy of Figure 18.1 from the PEIR was issued to an elected representative following the public event – both of which were fulfilled free of charge.

USBs containing all of the consultation documents – including the PEIR – were available free of charge. Four copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and USBs were sent to consultees on request during the consultation period.

During the targeted consultations, printed copies of the plans were provided to all land interests and relevant prescribed consultees. Hard copies of the PEIR Addendum – as well as the materials from Phase Two Consultation - were also available on request.

3.6.10	19	Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.	The Applicant did not receive any requests for the information to be presented in alternative formats during Phase Two Consultation.
3.6.11	19	From the start of consultation, the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the	The consultation documents and links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire were available on the Rosefield Solar Farm website www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk from the start of the

virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team

consultation period on 18 September 2024. It included details of the public events and deposit points, and hosted contact information to enable people to get in touch with the team to find out more about the Proposed Development or request hard copy documents or USBs.

The PEIR Addendum published as part of the additional targeted consultation on proposed layout changes was available on the Rosefield Solar Farm website at the start of consultation.

3.6.12	19	The interactive virtual exhibition will be accessed through the website and will provide an alternative format for people to learn about the proposals. It will include information boards which will be on display at the public events, links to documents and the online questionnaire.	<p>A virtual exhibition was available online during Phase Two Consultation, which displayed the exhibition boards available at the in-person public events and included links to documents and the online questionnaire. It also included a portal showing 3D visualisations of the Proposed Development from key locations around the proposed Site boundary. The virtual exhibition was accessed by 56 unique users through the consultation period.</p> <p>Given the nature of the targeted consultations, which involved limited changes to the Proposed Development as presented at Phase Two Consultation, a virtual exhibition was not employed as a consultation method. The approach to targeted consultation was agreed with the host authorities.</p>
3.6.13	19	We will hold in-person public events during the consultation period to enable anyone with an interest in the proposals to find out more	A total of five public events were held during the consultation period. Public events were staffed by members of the project team, with printed copies of the

about them and ask questions to members of the team. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available at these events for members of the public to take away. Completed questionnaires will be able to be returned at the events.

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Information about the Proposed Development was presented on exhibition boards, as well as a 3D model which enabled attendees to view indicative 3D visualisations of the Proposed Development from different locations around the proposed Site boundary. See **Chapter 3** of this Report for more information about the public events.

Given the nature of the targeted consultation, which involved limited changes to the Proposed Development as presented at Phase Two Consultation, public events were not employed as a consultation method. The approach to targeted consultation was agreed with the host authorities.

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The events are being held in accessible venues around the proposed Rosefield site and have been organised at a range of dates and times to ensure that people with different schedules are able to attend. This includes events after normal working hours and on the weekend.

The public events took place at the below times, dates and locations. All venues were chosen due to their proximity to the proposed Site boundary and in line with accessibility requirements to ensure that anyone with an interest in the proposals could attend. The Applicant welcomed 237 people over the five events.

Locations	Date
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar Cotswolds Way, Calvert MK18 2FJ	Thursday 3 October 2024 2pm-6pm

			East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Friday 4 October 2024 4pm-8pm
			Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 5 October 2024 10am-2pm
			Steeple Claydon Village Hall 48 Queen Catherine Rd, Steeple Claydon MK18 2PY	Friday 18 October 2024 3.30pm-8pm
			Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 19 October 2024 10am-2pm
3.6.15	20	Details about the dates and times of the public events will be published on the project website, in the consultation newsletter and booklet. The schedule will also be included in supporting publicity such as newspaper and social media adverts.	Details about the dates and times of the public events were published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website, consultation booklet and within the consultation newsletter which was sent to all addresses within the inner zone (2,993 addresses) on 04 September 2024. They were also included in supporting press releases, newspaper and social media adverts.	
3.6.15	20	We will consider requests for additional events throughout the consultation period on a case-by-case basis. Any further events would be publicised on the project website, using social media adverts and, if possible, at the venue.	A total of five public events were held during the consultation period. The Applicant did not receive any requests for additional events as part of its Phase Two Consultation.	

3.6.16 20 In the unlikely event that there are changes to the locations or times of our events, we will publicise this information on our website.

Public events were carried out at the time, date and locations set out in Table 3 of the SoCC.

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		Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 19 October 10am-2pm	
3.6.17	20	We welcome reasonable requests for presentations and briefings from stakeholder groups, for example: local authorities, parish councils, and local community groups, during the consultation period.		The Applicant accommodated all requests for presentations, briefings, meetings and site visits during Phase Two Consultation. More information about activity carried out during the consultation can be found in Chapter 3 of the Report.
3.6.19	21	Other activities will be carried out, if considered necessary and appropriate, to engage specific interests or seldom heard groups (see section 3.6.31-3.6.32). This could include, for example, further meetings with residents who are closest to the proposed site.		The Applicant accommodated all requests for presentations, briefings, meetings and site visits during Phase Two Consultation. More information about activity carried out during the consultation can be found in Chapter 3 of the Report.
3.6.20	21	Details of all our consultation activity will be included in a Consultation Report which we will submit as part of our DCO application.		A Consultation Report and its related appendices will form part of the DCO Application and will detail how pre-application consultation (both statutory and non-statutory) was undertaken in the development of the Proposed Development.
3.6.21	21	We will publicise the consultation and associated activities in local media ahead of the start of the consultation period and will update local broadcast and print media		As required by section 48 of the PA 2008, the Applicant publicised the Phase Two Consultation in the following newspapers:

channels on our activity during the consultation.

- Bucks Herald
- The Guardian
- London Gazette

Copies of the notices as published are available in **Appendix C-3**.

The section 48 notice was also published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (see **Appendix C-3**) and included in letters sent to prescribed consultees (see **Appendix C-2**).

The Applicant additionally sought to raise awareness of the consultation amongst the local communities using the following techniques:

- Issuing press releases to attract media coverage and raise awareness of the consultation at publication of SoCC on 04 September 2024 and at the start of consultation on 18 September 2024.
- Promotion of the consultation on the Rosefield Solar Farm website to the end of the consultation period.
- Advertising in print and digital versions of the Bucks Free Press and Bucks Herald from 11 September 2024.
- Advertising on Facebook and LinkedIn social media channels.

The targeted consultations were limited to land interests and statutory consultees likely to have an interest in the

			changes to Proposed Development and therefore advertising (both statutory and non-statutory) was not considered necessary.
3.6.22	21	Where publication timings allow, we will seek to use local newsletters to further engage with local communities.	While the Applicant did not insert advertisements within any local newsletters, The Claydons Magazine included information about the consultation in its September 2024, October 2024 and November 2024 issues.
3.6.23	21	Statutory notices will be published in line with Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act.	<p>As required by section 47 of the PA 2008, the Applicant publicised the availability of the SoCC in the Winslow Advertiser and Bucks Herald on 04 September 2024 (see Appendix B-2).</p> <p>As required by section 48 of the PA 2008, the Applicant publicised the Phase Two Consultation in the following newspapers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucks Herald • The Guardian • London Gazette <p>Copies of the notices as published are available in Appendix C-3. The section 48 notice was also published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (see Appendix C-3) and included in letters sent to prescribed consultees (see Appendix C-2).</p> <p>Given the nature of the targeted consultation, which included limited changes to the Proposed Development, it</p>

			was not considered necessary for there to be a further round of section 48 notices.
3.6.24	21	We will use Meta social media advertising to help publicise the consultation and encourage those with an interest in our proposals to get involved.	<p>The Applicant used Facebook to promote its consultation activity. The Applicant targeted users living within 20 kilometres of the proposed Site boundary between 11 September 2024 and 05 December 2024, reaching 84,627 users, with 52 users interacting with the adverts and clicking through to the Rosefield Solar Farm website.</p> <p>Given the nature of the targeted consultations, it was not considered necessary for there to be advertisements publicising the consultation on social media.</p>
3.6.24	21	We would also publicise the consultation by publishing content on EDF Renewable's company LinkedIn page.	On 04 September 2024 and 18 September 2024, details of the consultation were published on EDF Renewables UK & Ireland's LinkedIn page (c. 93,000 followers) which received 13,433 impressions.
3.6.25	21	To find out more information or request copies of the consultation materials, anyone can contact the consultation team by freephone (0800 861 1097) during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm). Outside of these hours, callers will be able to leave a message requesting a callback.	<p>The Applicant maintained a freephone line (0800 861 1097) throughout both Phase Two Consultation and its targeted consultation. It was available during normal business hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5:30pm). Outside of these hours, callers could leave a message requesting a callback.</p>
3.6.26	21	Alternatively, people can email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or write to the team via Freepost (no stamp required):	The email account was maintained and monitored throughout both consultation periods.

Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.			
3.6.27	22	We will produce a questionnaire inviting feedback on different elements of the proposed Rosefield. The questionnaire will be available to complete on the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk , in printed form at public events, at deposit points around the local area and on request using the project contact details.	A consultation questionnaire was published as part of the consultation materials produced for Phase Two Consultation and was available to view and download online, in hard copy at the public events, at the deposit points and on request using the project contact details.
3.6.28	22	The completed hard-copy questionnaire can be returned using the Freepost address set out in this document during the consultation period, or at the public events.	Hard-copy questionnaires were accepted using the Freepost address at the public events. One hard copy questionnaire was returned at the public events, and one was returned through the Freepost address.
3.6.29	22	Respondents will also be able to complete the questionnaire online, which will be made available through the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk as well as the virtual exhibition.	An online version of the consultation questionnaire could be filled on online, with the link available on the Rosefield Solar Farm website and virtual exhibition and publicised on the consultation materials. The Applicant received 18 submissions using the online questionnaire by the end of the consultation period.
3.6.30	22	Alternatively, respondents can write to us via email or Freepost using the details set out in this document. All written feedback will be accepted.	The Applicant received 166 emails containing a consultation response by the end of the consultation period. The Applicant did not receive any written feedback through the Freepost address by the end of the consultation period

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It is important to ensure that everyone with an interest in the proposals has the opportunity to comment on our proposals as part of the consultation. We want our consultation to be inclusive and gather feedback from a wide range of audiences, including those who are seldom heard in public consultations such as people without internet access, seasonal workers, younger people and socially isolated people.

The key outcomes of Phase Two Consultation highlight its success in ensuring that everyone with an interest in the Proposed Development had the opportunity to comment on them:

- 186 responses received
- 2,993 newsletters sent to local homes and businesses
- 237 people visited a public event
- 1,598 unique visitors to the Rosefield Solar Farm website and 56 people visiting the virtual exhibition during the consultation period.
- 84,627 users reached through Facebook advertising, with LinkedIn posts gaining 13,433 impressions.
- Digital and print advertising campaign in local publications with a combined print circulation of over 6,000.
- Coverage advertising the consultation in Bucks Herald, BBC Beds, Herts & Bucks, Bucks Free Press and Bucks Radio.

The Applicant designed its consultation programme to ensure it was inclusive and accessible to people seldom heard in consultation activity, including:

- Writing to local authorities and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups to ensure our consultation activity and materials are appropriate and remove barriers to engagement.

- Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.
- Publicising the consultation in digital editions of local newspapers and on social media.
- Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.
- Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This included sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on request and at deposit points.
- Providing materials in alternative formats on request (e.g. different languages, large-print or easy read). Contact details to request materials in alternative formats were published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website, in the consultation booklet and newsletter.
- Writing to 59 organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups in both the inner and outer zone at the start of consultation to support them in promoting the consultation through their own existing communication channels, such as social media feeds.

- Contacting community and voluntary organisations including parish councils and schools within the inner zone to offer direct engagement.
- Providing a variety of communication channels including a freephone number, email address and Freepost for those seeking further information.

More information about how the Applicant conducted its Phase Two Consultation is provided in **Chapter 3** of the Report.

3.6.31	22	Writing to the local authority and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups directly.	<p>The Applicant consulted the host authorities on the contents of the SoCC, including how it would engage seldom heard individuals and groups.</p> <p>No further suggestions for engagement of seldom heard individuals and groups were raised during Phase One or Phase Two Consultation periods.</p> <p>The Applicant wrote to 59 community and voluntary organisations and 11 education providers within the inner and outer zone on 18 September 2024 inviting them to comment on the proposals, attend a public event and offered a briefing on the proposals. It also included a graphic which could be used to promote the consultation on their existing communication channels.</p> <p>Given the nature of the targeted consultations, which included minor changes to the Proposed Development, it was not considered necessary to notify community and voluntary groups about the targeted consultations.</p>
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3.6.31	22	Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.	All venues chosen by the Applicant were screened to ensure they were accessible. The Applicant did not receive any feedback indicating that anyone was unable to access the public events because of accessibility requirements.
3.6.31	22	Publicising the consultation in digital and print editions of local newspapers.	<p>The Applicant ran a digital advertising campaign to promote the consultation. Along with digital advertising in editions of the Bucks Herald and Bucks Free Press, the Applicant additionally used Facebook and LinkedIn to promote its consultation activity. On 04 September 2024 and 18 September 2024, details of the consultation were published on EDF Renewables UK & Ireland's LinkedIn page (c. 93,000 followers) which received 13,433 impressions.</p> <p>Facebook adverts ran from 11 September 2024 and were targeted geographically to raise local awareness. The Applicant targeted users living within 20 kilometres of the proposed Site boundary between 11 September 2024 and 05 December 2024, reaching 84,627 users.</p> <p>Given the nature of the targeted consultations, which included minor changes to the Proposed Development, it was not considered necessary for there to be advertisements publicising the consultations on social media or in local newspapers.</p>
		Publicising the consultation using Meta social media advertising to help reach young people.	Facebook adverts ran from 11 September 2024 and were targeted geographically to raise local awareness. The Applicant targeted users living within 20 kilometres of the

proposed Site boundary between 11 September 2024 and 05 December 2024, reaching 84,627 users.

3.6.31	22	Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.	<p>The Applicant held public events at a variety of times, including evenings, and dates, including weekends, to accommodate people with different time commitments. The Applicant welcomed 237 people to the five events it held over the consultation period. Details of the public events are included in Chapter 3 of the Report.</p> <p>Given the nature of the targeted consultations, which included minor changes to the Proposed Development, it was not considered necessary to hold public events.</p>
3.6.31	22	Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This includes sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on-request and at deposit points.	<p>The Applicant sent a letter publicising the availability of the SoCC and details of Phase Two Consultation, including the timings of the public events, to all addresses (c. 2,993) within the inner zone on 04 September 2024.</p> <p>As required by section 48 of the PA 2008, the Applicant publicised the Phase Two Consultation in the following newspapers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucks Herald • The Guardian • London Gazette <p>Copies of the notices as published are available in Appendix C-3. The section 48 notice was also published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (see Appendix C-3)</p>

and included in letters sent to prescribed consultees (see **Appendix C-2**).

This was supplemented by issuing press releases to attract media coverage at the launch of consultation and start of consultation on 04 September 2024 and 18 September 2024, as well as advertising in print versions of the Bucks Herald and Bucks Free Press.

Given the nature of the targeted consultations, which included minor changes to the Proposed Development, it was not considered necessary to publicise the consultation above the methods used to notify consultees.

3.6.32	23	Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.	The Applicant did not receive any requests for materials to be provided in alternative formats.
4.1.1	24	Anyone can find out more by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contacting us on 0800 861 1097 or info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or by writing to the Freepost address (Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).	<p>The Applicant maintained project contact details through both stages of consultation, including a freephone (0800 861 1097), email address and Freepost (Rosefield Solar Farm, SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).</p> <p>The Applicant also held five public events throughout the consultation period and welcomed 237 attendees over the public events.</p>

- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the proposed Rosefield site.
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on our website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or visiting a deposit point.

The Applicant maintained a Rosefield Solar Farm website which included all of the consultation materials which could be viewed and downloaded, and a link to the virtual exhibition. There were 1,598 unique click throughs to the Rosefield Solar Farm website within the consultation period. The virtual exhibition was accessed by 56 unique users through the consultation period.

Copies of the consultation documents were also available to view and take away at the deposit points which were maintained throughout the consultation period, as well as at the public events.

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We welcome feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Anyone can share their views by:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or in writing to the above Freepost address.

Responses to the consultation could be submitted using any of these options during Phase Two Consultation. All consultation materials listed the methods which people could use to respond to the consultation.

The Applicant invited comments on the targeted consultation in writing by email and Freepost, and did not produce a consultation questionnaire due to the limited nature of the proposed changes.

4.2.2	24	Responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on 14 November 2024.	<p>During the Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant extended the consultation period to 11:59pm on 05 December 2024. The Applicant accepted all feedback that was received by the Phase Two Consultation deadline of 23:59 on 05 December 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant also continued to accept any responses that were delivered after this date.</p>
4.2.3	24	Responses must be individual. Petitions will be treated as a single response for the purpose of the Consultation Report.	The Applicant did not receive any petitions in response to either consultation period.
4.3.1	25	Following this consultation, we will consider all of the feedback we receive as we continue refining our proposals for Rosefield before submitting a DCO application. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them	<p>The Applicant has carefully considered all feedback received to Phase Two Consultation.</p> <p>The Applicant has included a summary of the key changes made to the design of the Proposed Development following feedback received to Phase Two Consultation in Chapter 3 of the Report. A Community Update newsletter sent to all addresses within the inner zone detailing key changes made to the Proposed Development following Phase Two Consultation is included in Appendix C-4.</p> <p>The Applicant will respond to feedback received to Phase Two Consultation and its targeted consultations in separate summary schedules included as part of the Consultation Report.</p>



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Rosefield Solar Farm

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List of prescribed consultees consulted under section 42(1)(a) and (b) during Phase Two Consultation

Table E-1: List of prescribed consultees under section 42 (1)(a) and (b) of the PA 2008

Organisation	Main consultees
Government	
The Secretary of State for Defence	Secretary of State for Defence
The relevant parish council	
Middle Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
East Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
Steeple Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
Quainton Parish Council	The Clerk
Hogshaw Parish Council	The Clerk
Winslow Town Council	The Clerk
Hillesden Parish Council	The Clerk
Waddesdon Parish Council	The Clerk
Pitchcott Parish Council	The Clerk
Little Horwood Parish Council	The Clerk
Addington Parish Council	The Clerk
Great Horwood Parish Council	The Clerk
Preston Bissett Parish Council	The Clerk
Twyford Parish Council	The Clerk
Charndon Parish Council	The Clerk
Woodham Parish Council	The Clerk
Westcott Parish Council	The Clerk

North Martson Parish Council	The Clerk
Swanbourne Parish Council	The Clerk
Padbury Parish Council	The Clerk
Grendon Underwood Parish Council	The Clerk
Calvert Green Parish Council	The Clerk
Marsh Gibbon Parish Council	The Clerk
Granborough Parish Council	The Clerk
Environment	
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive • Case officers
Natural England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive • Case officer
Forestry Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive • Case officer
Historic England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Regions • Case officer
Wildlife Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Executive
The relevant Internal Drainage Board	
Buckingham & River Ouzel IDB	Board Chair
Bedfordshire & River Idel IDB	Board Chair
The Canal and River Trust	
Relevant AONB	
Chiltern AONB	Chair
North Wessex Downs AONB	Chair

Surrey Hills National Landscape AONB	Chief Executive
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Cotswolds Conservation Board	Chair
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Transport

The relevant highways authority

Buckinghamshire Council Parking, Roads and Transport Department	Corporate Director Planning, Growth and Sustainability
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Hertfordshire County Highways	Chairman of Highways and Transport
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Central Bedfordshire Highways	Head of Highways
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Milton Keynes Council Highways	Director of Highways
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West Northamptonshire Council Highways	Associate Director, Highways and Transport
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Oxfordshire County Council Highways	Director of Environment and Highways
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Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Highways	Executive Director of Place
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Slough Council Highways	Director of Environment and Highways
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Wokingham Council Highways	Director of Place and Growth
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National Highways	Chief Executive
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The Secretary of State for Transport	Secretary of State for Transport
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The Civil Aviation Authority	Chief Executive
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NATS En-Route Safeguarding	The Secretary
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Network Rail	The Secretary
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National Highways Historical Railways Estate	The Secretary
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Health

Health and Safety Executive	Chief Executive
United Kingdom Health Security Agency	Chief Executive
NHS England	Chief Executive
NHS Buckinghamshire CCG	Chair
NHS Business Services Authority	The Secretary
NHS Trust Development Authority	Chief Executive
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	Chief Executive
NHS Blood and Transplant	The Secretary
NHS Litigation Authority (known operationally as NHS Resolution)	The Secretary
NHS Counter Fraud Authority	The Secretary
NHS South Central Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
Other	
Relevant statutory undertakers	
Anglian Water	The Secretary
Cambridge Water	The Secretary
Northumbrian Water (including Essex & Suffolk)	The Secretary
South Staffordshire Water	The Secretary
Yorkshire Water	The Secretary
Thames Water	The Secretary
Cholderton & District Water	The Secretary

Bristol Water	The Secretary
Severn Trent	The Secretary
Affinity Water	The Secretary
South East Water	The Secretary
Cadent Gas Limited	The Secretary
Northern Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Southern Gas Networks Plc	The Secretary
Energy Assets Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
ES Pipelines Ltd	The Secretary
Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
GTC Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Independent Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Indigo Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Last Mile Gas Ltd	The Secretary
Leep Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Mua Gas Limited	The Secretary
Quadrant Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Squire Energy Limited	The Secretary
National Gas	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity Distribution Limited	The Secretary
Eclipse Power Network Limited	The Secretary

Energy Assets Networks Limited	The Secretary
ESP Electricity Limited	The Secretary
Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited	The Secretary
Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited	The Secretary
Independent Power Networks Limited	The Secretary
Indigo Power Limited	The Secretary
Last Mile Electricity Ltd	The Secretary
Leep Electricity Networks Limited	The Secretary
Mua Electricity Limited	The Secretary
Optimal Power Networks Limited	The Secretary
Squire Energy Metering Ltd	The Secretary
The Electricity Network Company Limited	The Secretary
UK Power Distribution Limited	The Secretary
Utility Assets Limited	The Secretary
Vattenfall Networks Limited	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	The Secretary
National Grid	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity System Operation Limited	The Secretary
Ofgem	Chief Executive
E.ON UK PLC	The Secretary

Vodafone	The Secretary
Lumen Technologies UK Limited	The Secretary
Openreach Limited	The Secretary
Exolum Pipeline System Ltd	The Secretary
EUNetworks Fiber UK Limited	The Secretary
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) PLC	The Secretary
Clean Electricity Limited	The Secretary
On Tower UK Limited	The Secretary
The Coal Authority	Chief Executive
The Crown Estate Commissioners	Chief Executive
Thames Valley Resilience Forum	Secretary
Homes England	Chief Executive
Royal Mail	The Secretary
The relevant police authority	
Thames Valley Police	Chief Constable
Metropolitan Police	Chief Constable
Hertfordshire Constabulary	Chief Constable
Surrey Police	Chief Constable
Hampshire Constabulary	Chief Constable
Wiltshire Police	Chief Constable
Gloucestershire Constabulary	Chief Constable
Warwickshire Police	Chief Constable
Northamptonshire Police	Chief Constable

Bedfordshire Police	Chief Constable
Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
London Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief of Corporate Services
Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive
The relevant ambulance service	
NHS South Central Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
NHS South East Coast Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
NHS London Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
NHS East of England Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
East Midlands Ambulance Service Trust	Chief Executive

NHS West Midlands Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
NHS South Western Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
The relevant fire and rescue authority	
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service	Fire Engineering Design Technician & Primary Authority Manager
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service	Chief Fire Officer
Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	Chief Fire Officer
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service	Chief Fire Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	Chief Fire Officer
Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	Chief Fire Officer
London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority	Chief Fire Officer
The relevant Integrated Care Board	
NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board	Chief Executive
North West London Integrated Care System	Chief Executive
Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care System	Chief Executive
Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board	Chief Executive

Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board	The Secretary
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Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board	The Secretary
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One Gloucestershire	Chief Executive
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Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Together	Chief Executive
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Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board	Chief Executive
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Frimley Health and Care	The Secretary
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Local authorities

Host authority (B and C authorities within s43 of the PA 2008)

Buckinghamshire Council	Leader Chief Executive Corporate Director, Planning, Growth & Sustainability Major Development Manager (Acting)
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Neighbouring local authorities (A and D authorities within s43 of the PA 2008)

Cherwell District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Chief Executive
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Dacorum Borough Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Chief Executive
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London Borough of Hillingdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Chief Executive
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Three Rivers District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Chief Executive
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South Oxfordshire District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Chief Executive
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Central Bedfordshire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Chief Executive
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| Greater London Authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Council• Chief Executive |
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| Milton Keynes Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Council• Chief Executive |
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| Oxfordshire County Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Council• Chief Executive |
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| Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Council• Chief Executive |
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| Wokingham Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader of the Council• Chief Executive |
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Appendix C-2 - Section 46 notification



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16th September 2024

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Rosefield Solar Farm – section 46 notification under Planning Act 2008

The Secretary of State is hereby notified in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Act”), of our¹ intention to submit a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm (the “Proposed Development”). We intend to make this application in Q2 2025.

We have previously provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that the Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as defined by those regulations and as such, an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

The submission of the application will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the “APFP Regulations”), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The consultation will commence on Wednesday 18 September 2024 and all feedback must be provided by the close of consultation at 11.59pm on Thursday 14 November 2024.

Summary of the Proposed Development

The application is for the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm at land south of Buckingham close to the settlements of Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Middle Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Calvert (“the Site”) and within the administrative boundary of Buckinghamshire Council. The Proposed Development would cover an area of approximately 771 hectares.

The DCO would authorise:

- construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.

¹ Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (company No. 11618221), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (referred to in this document as Rosefield).

- other associated and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Rosefield Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect the Rosefield Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as offices and welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the Site used for landscaping which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures, amenity improvements and fencing.
- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- offsite highway works (if required).
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

Consultation documents

Please find enclosed the information that is being sent to the section 42 consultees:

- A covering letter sent to consultees identified pursuant to section 42(1)(a) and section 42(1)(b), a cover letter sent to categories 1 and 2 consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d), and a cover letter sent to category 3 consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d), which includes a copy of the plan showing the site boundary of the Proposed Development.
- Notice of the proposed application which has been publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

Information about the Proposed Development comprising a consultation booklet and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), including a non-technical summary will be available free of charge online at : <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/> and to view at deposit points in the local area from the start of the consultation period on 18 September 2024.

A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request. If, however, the Secretary of State requires the material in an alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition to these documents, there will be information on the project website, <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/> and through a virtual public exhibition accessible by the same link. There will also be a series of public events held in the area around the Site to enable anyone to find out more about the Proposed Development and share their views. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or 0800 8611097 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5:30pm).

Yours sincerely,



EDF Renewables UK

18 September 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Rosefield Solar Farm

Statutory pre-application consultation: 18 September 2024 to 14 November 2024

Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

Overview

I am writing regarding our¹ intention to submit a Development Consent Order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') for the construction, operation and decommissioning of Rosefield Solar Farm.

We have now commenced statutory pre-application consultation in relation to Rosefield Solar Farm, and I am writing to you because you have been identified as a prescribed consultee under section 42(1)(b) of the Act.

This letter explains how to take part in the public consultation and how you can share your views on our proposals. The statutory consultation will run from Thursday 18 September to Thursday 14 November 2024 and we welcome your feedback at this stage.

Rosefield Solar Farm

Rosefield Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located in Buckinghamshire. It would provide enough clean energy to power more than 57,000 homes².

The planning process

As Rosefield Solar Farm would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical capacity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Act. This means that we must apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Act.

More information and guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-infrastructure-planning-guidance-portal>.

How you can find out more

There are a range of ways that you can find out more about our proposals, including:

- **Visiting our website to view our consultation materials.** Copies of our consultation documents – including our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – are now available to view and download free of charge on the project website at the following link: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- **Attending our public exhibition events** (see our website or the attached section 48 notice for details).
- **Requesting a USB of our consultation materials** – Including the SoCC and PEIR – free of charge.
- **Requesting printed copies** of our consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC free of charge. Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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² Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables).

How you can share your views

If you wish to submit a consultation response, you must do so in writing by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 14 November 2024. You can provide feedback in the following ways:

- Submitting comments by email or in writing to our Freepost address.
- Completing a questionnaire online (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) or returning it via the email or Freepost.

Should you have any questions, wish to discuss the proposals further or to request copies of the consultation documents, please do get in touch by:

- Calling 0800 8611097 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).
- Emailing info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Writing to the team at Rosefield Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the section 48 notice published under the Act.

Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate, which we intend to do in Q2 2025. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted on Rosefield Solar Farm, summarise the responses received and explain how we have given regard to them.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,



EDF Renewables UK

Enc. Section 48 Notice

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

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If you are unable to attend this preview session, please do get in touch so we can arrange a time to brief you on our updated proposals.

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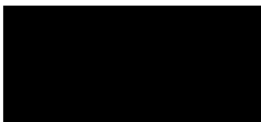
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When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Proposed Development.

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The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the Application for a DCO once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for Examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

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Customer Services: [REDACTED]

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The Applicant

By email only

Our Ref: EN010158

Date: 18 September 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by Rosefield Energy Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rosefield Solar Farm Project

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2024 and the following documentation:

- Covering letters for parties under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008
- A copy of the Section 48 Notice

We acknowledge further consultation documents have been supplied via the website [Document library – Rosefield Solar Farm](#). These include:

- The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
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We acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an Order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

EN010158

We also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the Proposed Development.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Name]

Case Manager

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

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**Appendix C-3 -
Copies of section
48 advertising and
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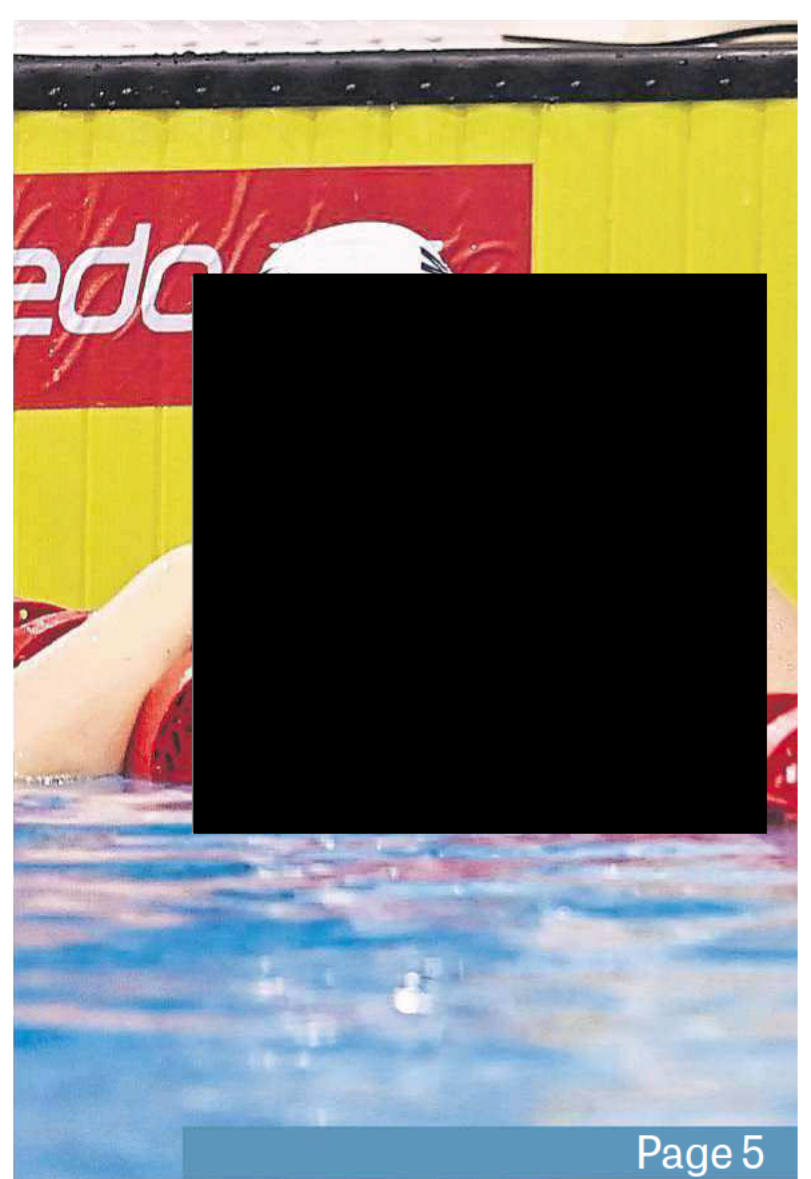
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TRUSTEES NOTICES

Lindberg Lemuel Halsall (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 19 Wharf View Buckingham, MK18 1XF, who died on 23/02/2023, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 12/11/2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

Rachel Stafford Legal Services, 22 Whittle Road, Thame, Oxfordshire, GB, OX9 3PF

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Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence

Master Muck Ltd of R/O Chiltern View Nursery Wendover Road Stoke Mandeville Aylesbury HP22 5GX is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To keep an extra 2 goods vehicles and 0 trailers at the operating centre at R/O Chiltern View Nursery Wendover Road Stoke Mandeville Aylesbury HP22 5GX.

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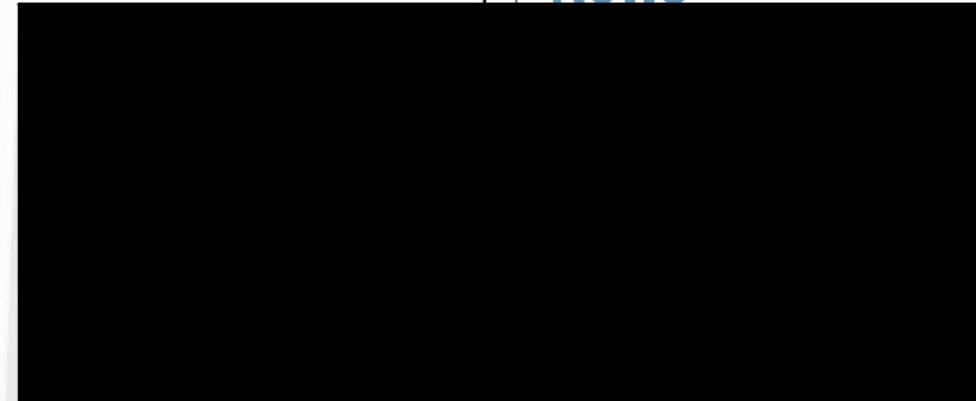
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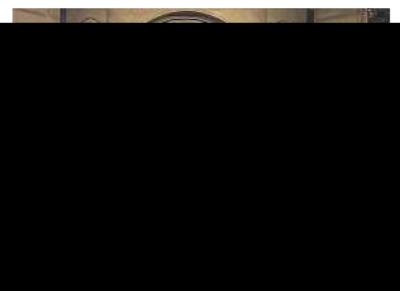
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CHANDLER RAY SOLICITORS, 22 WEST STREET, BUCKINGHAM, GB, MK18 1HG

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School academy chain is first to ban mobile phones

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A national academy chain will be the first in England to ban mobile phones, removing access to the devices from its 35,000 pupils during the school day because of the “catastrophic” impact on children’s mental health and learning.

The Ormiston academies trust, which runs 44 state schools including 32 secondaries, has begun phasing out access to phones at all its schools, with eight secondary schools adopting new policies this term and the rest to follow after liaising with parents.

The move comes as school leaders and policymakers across the world consider tougher restrictions on how children use and interact with smart-phones, including a recent French government report recommending a bar on internet-enabled phones for children under 13, and allowing access to social media only after the age of 16.

Tom Rees, Ormiston’s chief executive, said the status quo in most schools – allowing pupils to keep phones during the school day – was an inadequate response to the disruption phones cause to students’ learning and wellbeing.

“We are seeing huge and real concerns around mental health, post-pandemic,” Rees said. These are not just self-reported, we also have real concerns about self-harm, attempted suicide, A&E admissions – these are facts from across the world involving young people and adolescents.

“We’re seeing a clear correlation between that and mobile phone and social media use, in particular. Not all mobile phone use is equal and the relationship between that and adolescent mental health, we think, is overwhelming.

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The Order came into force on the day after it was confirmed.

The Order amends the Greater London Low Emission Zone Charging Scheme Order 2006 which establishes the ULEZ and LEZ scheme and provides for a daily road user charge to apply to vehicles which are used within the respective zones and which do not meet the scheme's vehicle standards (unless exempt or registered for a discount). The effect of the amendment is that the ULEZ grace period which applies to non-compliant minibuses operated by not-for-profit organisations for community transport purposes until 26 October 2025 is extended for two years to 24 October 2027.

The Order may be downloaded from: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/ultra-low-emission-zone> and <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/low-emission-zone>.

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Planning

TOWN PLANNING

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER (PARKING PLACES) (C ZONE) (AMENDMENT NO. 135) ORDER 2024

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Westminster City Council on 16th September 2024 made the above Order under section 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to remove 5 metres of residents' parking from the north-west side of Allitsen Road, outside the entrance to De Walden House, to be replaced with double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions.

3. The Order, which will come into force on 23rd September 2024, and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection until 28th October 2024 at <https://westminstertransportationservices.co.uk/notices> and, in person by appointment only, at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays (except bank / public holidays). Please telephone (020) 3116 9388 or email tmo.westminster@wsp.com to arrange an appointment.

4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder have not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Dated 18th September 2024

JONATHAN ROWING, Head of Parking (The officer appointed for this purpose) (4706017)



City of Westminster

YARMOUTH PLACE

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER (E ZONE) (AMENDMENT NO. 7) ORDER 2024

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Westminster City Council on 16th September 2024 made the above Order under sections 6, 45, 46, 49, 63 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Order will be to:

(a) formally replace the single yellow line "8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday" waiting restrictions in Yarmouth Place, at the rear of No. 105 Piccadilly, with double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions; and



Discover more

Phase two consultation (18 September – 5 December 2024)

[Consultation booklet](#)

[Consultation newsletter](#)

[Our updated operational layout](#)

[Questionnaire](#)

[Map with grid references for feedback](#)

[Virtual exhibition](#)

[Photomontages](#)

[Section 48 notice](#)

[Preliminary Environmental Information Report \(PEIR\)](#)





Section 48 – Planning Act 2008 – Rosefield Solar Farm

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice under Section 48 of the Planning Act is hereby given that Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (11618221) of Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (the "Applicant") proposes to make an application ("the Application") to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). The Applicant intends to make the Application in Q2 2025.

The Application is for the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm ("the Proposed Development") at land south of Buckingham, close to the settlements of Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Middle Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Calvert ("the Site") within the administrative boundary of Buckinghamshire Council. The Rosefield Solar Farm would cover an area of approximately 771 hectares.

The DCO would authorise:

- construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.
- other association and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Rosefield Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect to the Rosefield Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as offices and welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the Site used for landscaping which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures, amenity improvements and fencing.
- The compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- Offsite highway works (if required).
- The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and and/or convenient.

**Appendix C-4 –
Community Update
newsletter
(published 20 May
2025)**



Community Update

May 2025

Thank you for taking the time to read our community newsletter for Rosefield Solar Farm. In this update we set out how we have refined the proposed layout of Rosefield based on feedback we received during the latest consultation. We also highlight the key next steps for the project as we prepare to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application in Summer/Autumn 2025.

Project update:

Between 18 September - 5 December 2024, we held a second consultation on our proposals for Rosefield. This invited comments on our operational layout which had been refined since our first consultation. We also shared the results of our early environmental assessments in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR').

Following the consultation, we read and reviewed all of the feedback that we received. We also continued to engage with key stakeholders and carry out additional environmental surveys. This included further ecology surveys, residential visual amenity assessments and archaeological trial trenching.

186

emails, letters
and questionnaires



239

attendees at our
in-person events



We are very grateful for all the feedback we have received to date from all stakeholders and the local community across the two phases of consultation, which has fed into our refined proposals detailed overleaf.

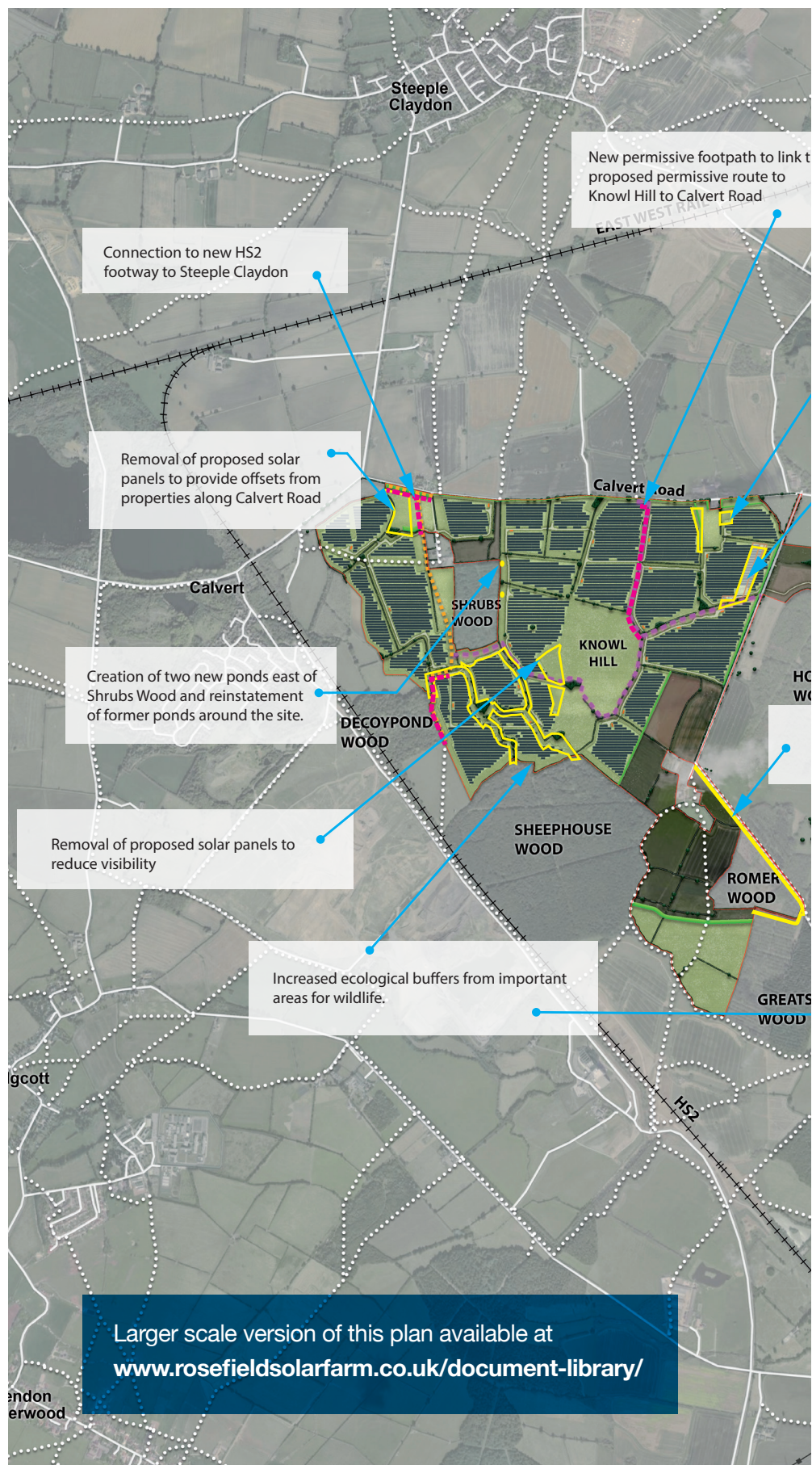
Our operational layout

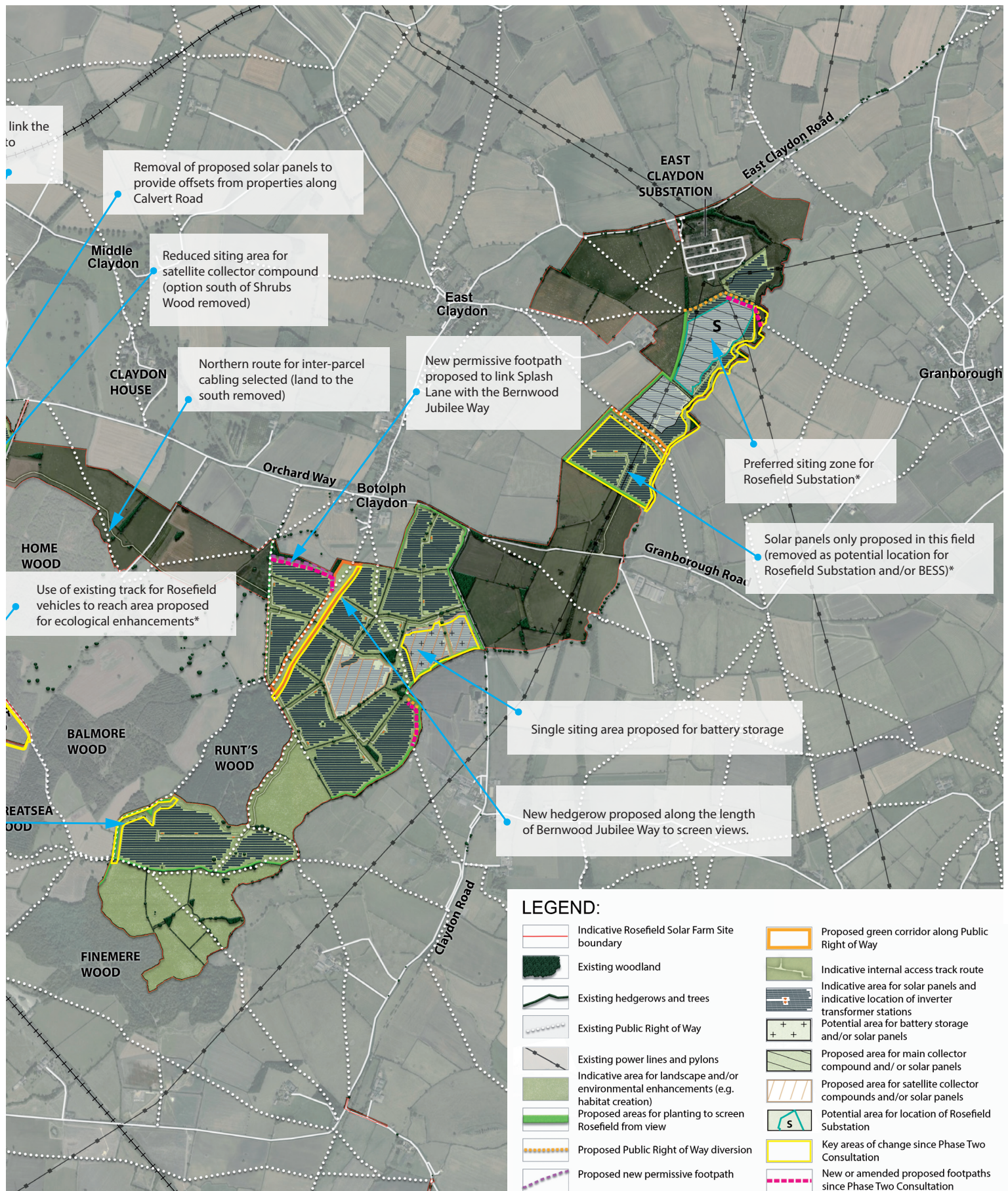
Our early design presented in September 2023 showed most of the site as potentially suitable for development, aside from areas with known planning constraints.

After feedback from the first consultation, we reduced our site boundary by 14% (2,209 to 1,906 acres), and the proposed area for solar panels by 40% (1,108 to 689 acres). This included providing larger offsets from Botolph Claydon village and areas important to ecology. We also proposed a new 1.9km walking route to open access to Knowl Hill. This was presented as part of our second consultation at the end of last year.

Feedback received during the second consultation has allowed us to further reduce our site boundary by 11% (1,906 to 1,689 acres). As well as creating bespoke offsets from properties and woodlands, we have also refined the potential locations of elements like the battery storage and Rosefield Substation. This is the layout (right) will form the basis of our DCO application.

We are continuing to engage with relevant stakeholders as we finalise our plans, including consulting with relevant statutory consultees such as your parish and local councils on some of these changes (marked *). No further significant environmental effects are anticipated as a result of the changes made.





Next steps



Submission and
acceptance window
for examination
Summer/Autumn 2025

Once we submit the Application, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to determine whether the application meets the required standard for examination. If accepted, all the application documents will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website.



Pre-examination
Autumn 2025

Within this three-month period, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an 'Examining Authority' to examine the application. Individuals and groups can register to be an 'Interested Party' during this period, which means you will be given further opportunities to put forward your views.



Examination
Winter 2025 -
Summer 2026

During this six month stage, interested parties can submit their views in writing and may also be invited to speak at public hearings, which take place in local venues.



Recommendation
Autumn 2026

The Examining Authority has up to three months to make a recommendation for approval or refusal to the Secretary of State.



Decision
Winter 2026

The Secretary of State will usually take three months to review the recommendation and make a final decision.

Contact us

Should the application be accepted, we will be back in touch to share information about how you can read the application and register as an Interested Party. In the meantime, you can get in touch using our details below:



info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk



rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk



080 0861 1097



Rosefield Solar Farm FREEPOST
SEC Newgate UK Local (no stamp required)

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**Appendix C-5.1 -
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consulted under
section 42(1)(a) and
(b) during targeted
consultation on the
proposed additional
land**



Appendix C-5.1 List of prescribed consultees consulted under section 42(1)(a) and (b) during targeted consultation on the proposed additional land

Table C-1: List of prescribed consultees consulted under section 42 (1)(a) and (b) of the PA 2008

Organisation	Main consultees
Government	
The relevant parish council	
Middle Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
East Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
Steeple Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
Quainton Parish Council	The Clerk
Hogshaw Parish Council	The Clerk
Winslow Town Council	The Clerk
Calvert Green Parish Council	The Clerk
Granborough Parish Council	The Clerk
Environment	
Natural England	Chief Executive Officer and Senior Officer – NSIPs
Local authorities	
Host authorities	
Buckinghamshire Council	Chief Executive Officer Major Development Manager Principal Planner

**Appendix C-5.2 -
List of prescribed
consultees
consulted under
section 42(1)(a) and
(b) during targeted
consultation on the
proposed layout
changes**



Appendix C-5.2 List of prescribed consultees consulted under section 42(1)(a) and (b) during targeted consultation on the proposed layout changes

Table C-2: List of prescribed consultees under section 42 (1)(a) and (b) of the PA 2008

Main consultees	
Government	
The relevant parish council	
Middle Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
East Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
Steeple Claydon Parish Council	The Clerk
Quinton Parish Council	The Clerk
Hogshaw Parish Council	The Clerk
Winslow Town Council	The Clerk
Calvert Green Parish Council	The Clerk
Granborough Parish Council	The Clerk
Environment	
Environment Agency	Chief Executive Officer
Natural England	Chief Executive Officer and Senior Officer – NSIPs
The relevant Internal Drainage Board	
Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board	Board Chair
Transport	
Network Rail	Chief Executive Officer
Health	
Health and Safety Executive	Chief Executive Officer

United Kingdom Health Security Agency	Chief Executive Officer (via NSIP Admin team)
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Other

The relevant fire and rescue authority

Bucks Fire and Rescue Services	Chief Fire Officer
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Relevant statutory undertakers

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Chief Executive Officer and Development Liaison Officer
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National Grid Electricity Distribution Limited	The Secretary
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Local authorities

Host authorities

Buckinghamshire Council	Chief Executive Officer Major Development Manager Principal Planner
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April 2024**



Appendix D-1: Compliance with PA 2008: Guidance on the pre-application stage for NSIPs, April 2024

Table D-1: Compliance with PA 2008: Guidance on the pre-application stage for NSIPs, April 2024

Section	Topic	Applicant's response
019	<p>“Applicants are responsible for consulting on proposed applications for DCOs. Applicants are specifically required to undertake statutory pre-application consultation activities as stipulated in the following legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 42 of the Planning Act, together with the provisions of sections 43 and 44 of the Planning Act, requires applicants to consult certain persons, including statutory consultees, local authorities, and others with a relevant interest in the land to which the proposed application relates, prior to 	<p>The Applicant identified and consulted with parties prescribed by sections 42, 43 and 44 of the PA 2008, as well as the local community as prescribed by section 47.</p> <p>Details of how the Applicant identified and consulted with individuals and bodies within each of these categories in accordance with the PA 2008 and the EIA Regulations 2017, along with additional non-prescribed consultees, is included in Chapter 3 of the Report.</p> <p>The Applicant publicised the proposed application in accordance with section 48 of the PA 2008 and APFP Regulations, as set out in Chapter 3 of the Consultation Report. Copies of s48 notices as published are available in Appendix C-3.</p>

the submission of an application. The prescribed list of statutory consultees for the purposes of section 42 of the Planning Act is set out in Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations 2009, as amended by the Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024;

- Section 47 of the Planning Act requires applicants to consult relevant local authorities on what is to be in their SoCC setting out how applicants intend to consult the local community on the proposed DCO application, and then carry out consultation in accordance with the SoCC;
- Section 48 of the Planning Act requires applicants to publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner as set out in Regulation 4 of the

APFP Regulations 2009;
and

- the EIA Regulations 2017 set out requirements for preparing Environmental Statements prior to the submission of a DCO application, including engaging with statutory consultees and local authorities prior to formal pre-application activities under section 42 of the Planning Act.”

019 “Effective pre-application consultation is key to developing well-prepared applications that are understood by the public. Consultation on development proposals allows consultees and local communities to influence how infrastructure that meets a national need can be accommodated in their area and enables applicants

The Applicant designed a consultation strategy to ensure that the proposals could be understood by anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development. **Chapter 3** of the Report sets out the Applicant’s approach to Phase Two Consultation. More information about additional phases of consultation conducted by the Applicant can be found in **Chapters 2** and **4** of the Report.

Feedback from consultees and local communities has helped to influence the Proposed Development. The Report sets out how the Applicant has and is continuing to utilise feedback to develop its proposals and highlights the key changes made in response to feedback received through formal consultation thus far.

The Consultation Report will include separate summary schedules of consultation responses for each phase of consultation to summarise the feedback received and the Applicant’s response.

to more effectively shape proposals.”

019 “Early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees during the pre-application stage, both through consultation and other forms of engagement, can bring about significant benefits for all parties...”

The Applicant has conducted a multi-phase consultation complemented by a continuous programme of stakeholder and community engagement to involve the local community, host authorities and statutory consultees at the earliest possible opportunity.

Prior to Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant conducted an initial, ‘non-statutory’ phase of consultation on its early plans and proposals (Phase One Consultation), to ensure that feedback could shape the plans presented at Phase Two Consultation. In addition, the Applicant engaged with a range of stakeholders and the local community outside of formal consultation prior to Phase Two Consultation.

Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the Report outline the phases of pre-application consultation conducted on the Proposed Development. Information about non-statutory engagement undertaken by the Applicant outside of formal consultation, including with local communities, host authorities and a range of statutory consultees will be available as part of the Consultation Report.

019 “Without adequate pre-application consultation in line with the legislation, the subsequent application when it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate will not be accepted to proceed to examination. The Planning Inspectorate takes into account the responses received from local authorities during the acceptance period

The Consultation Report will demonstrate how pre-application consultation on the Proposed Development has met and exceeded the requirements set out in sections 42, 47, 48 and 49 of the PA 2008, the EIA Regulations and the APFP Regulations, and complied with guidance on the pre-application process in accordance with section 50 of the PA 2008.

The contents of the Report submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the submission of the Application, and consulted on with the host authority, additionally demonstrates how the consultation programme has complied with relevant pre-application legislation and guidance.

to determine on behalf of the Secretary of State whether the consultation is adequate.”

- 020** “The pre-application consultation undertaken should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the project and its effects. A ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach is not appropriate. For a straightforward and uncontroversial application, an applicant may choose to discharge the obligations of sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act concurrently in a single round of consultation, or in separate stages. For more complex proposals, an applicant may choose to conduct a non-statutory round of consultation (for example considering options) before undertaking a statutory round of consultation, or they may choose to run a multi-stage statutory consultation process.”
- The Applicant conducted a multi-stage consultation on the Proposed Development. This included an initial ‘non-statutory’ phase of consultation (Phase One Consultation) to collect early feedback on the Proposed Development and a second ‘statutory’ phase of consultation which discharged the obligations of sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 concurrently (Phase Two Consultation).
- The Applicant additionally conducted two targeted consultations concurrently on proposed changes to the Proposed Development. A summary of pre-application consultation and engagement milestones is presented in **Table 1-1** of the Report.

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| 020 | <p>“What consultation is planned and when will form a key part of the applicant’s overall programme for completing the pre-application stage. It will need to be included in the Programme Document supplied by the applicant to the Planning Inspectorate for the Inception Meeting.”</p> | <p>The Applicant launched its proposals for the Proposed Development in September 2023 before this guidance (including the requirement for a Programme Document to be prepared) was published in April 2024. The Applicant held an Inception Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate on 09 August 2023 and held regular meetings to provide updates on the progress of the Proposed Development through the pre-application stage, including timings for consultation. The Applicant will set out how it has had regard to s51 advice received as part of these meetings in s the Consultation Report.</p> |
| 020 | <p>“Some applicants may have their own distinct approaches to consultation, perhaps drawing on their own or relevant sector experience, for example if there are industry protocols that can be adapted. Larger, more complex applications are likely to warrant going beyond the statutory 28-day minimum timescales for consultation laid down in the Planning Act to ensure enough time for consultees to understand project proposals and formulate a response.”</p> | <p>The Applicant conducted thorough, effective and proportionate consultation on the Proposed Development. Phase One, Phase Two and targeted consultation periods substantially exceeded the 28 calendar days required for consultation under the PA 2008 and APFP Regulations. The Applicant provided a range of ways for people to find out more about the Proposed Development so that they could understand the proposals and provide their feedback on them.</p> |

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| 020 | <p>“Once applicants have completed the consultation process set out in their SoCC, where a proposed application is amended in the light of responses to consultation then, unless those amendments materially and substantially change the proposed application or materially changes its effects as a whole, the amendments themselves should not trigger a need for further consultation. The amendments can be reported as part of the consultation report submitted with the application.”</p> | <p>Throughout the pre-application stage, the Applicant continued to refine its proposals in response to the outputs of its environmental assessments, technical work and feedback from consultation. Key changes made to the Proposed Development following Phase One and Phase Two consultations are set out in Chapters 2 and 3 of the Report.</p> <p>Where changes to the Proposed Development have required minor additions to the proposed Order Limits, or it is considered useful to gain feedback on them ahead of the submission of the Application, the Applicant has commenced targeted statutory consultation with relevant prescribed and non-prescribed consultees and affected land interests.</p> |
| 020 | <p>“Only where the project taken as a whole changes very significantly, and to such a large degree that what is being taken forward is fundamentally different from what was previously consulted on, should re-consultation on the proposed application as a whole be considered. In</p> | <p>Where changes to the Proposed Development have required minor additions to the proposed Order Limits, or it is considered useful to gain feedback on them ahead of the submission of the Application, the Applicant has commenced targeted statutory consultation with relevant prescribed and non-prescribed consultees and affected land interests. The Applicant designed a consultation that was proportionate to the likely effects of the proposed changes. This considered the limited nature of the proposed changes, and that there were no new or different likely significant environmental effects expected as a result of the proposed changes than those presented within the PEIR at Phase Two Consultation. More information about the targeted consultation is detailed in Chapter 4 of the Report.</p> |

understanding whether there has been a material and substantial change, applicants should take into account the following guiding factors:

- the degree of change as compared to the proposals previously consulted upon as a whole;
- the number of materially worse environmental effects as compared to what has been the subject of previous consultations; and
- the level of public interest, and the likelihood that such interest would merit further consideration in the context of that change.

For any material change to a part of the proposed application where the project as a whole is not fundamentally changed, for

example in the case of linear aspects where new information leads to a new alignment for a particular section of the proposal, a bespoke and targeted approach to further consultation can be adopted, which can address the specific consultation obligations arising proportionately.

Targeted consultation can be statutory or non-statutory or a combination of the two depending on whether new persons needing to be consulted under section 42 of the Planning Act have been identified, but such targeted consultation will not require the production of PEI provided proportionate and appropriate information on environmental implications of any changes, where necessary, is provided.”

021	<p>“Sections 42 to 44 of the Planning Act, Regulation 3 and Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations 2009 set out details of who must be consulted, including statutory bodies, the Marine Management Organisation where appropriate, local authorities, and persons having an interest in the land to be developed.”</p>	<p>The Applicant identified and consulted with parties prescribed by sections 42, 43 and 44 of the PA 2008 and the APFP Regulations 2009 (as amended). Details of how the Applicant identified and consulted with prescribed consultees where their statutory function was relevant to the Proposed Development during Phase Two Consultation is included in Chapter 3 of the Report. Details of how the Applicant identified and consulted with relevant prescribed consultees during targeted consultation is included in Chapter 4 of the Report.</p>
021	<p>“Section 47 of the Planning Act sets out the applicant’s statutory duty to consult local communities. In addition, applicants will want to consider the issues that may need to be addressed ahead of submission and may also wish to seek the views of other people who are not statutory consultees, but who may be significantly affected by the project.”</p>	<p>The Applicant consulted with the local community as prescribed in s47 of the PA 2008. In addition, the Applicant sought the views of a range of groups who were not statutory consultees but could have a potential interest in the Proposed Development (see Chapter 3 of the Report).</p>
021	<p>“The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 amended</p>	<p>The Applicant reviewed the updated list of statutory bodies in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations and confirmed that all relevant statutory bodies or their successors were consulted by the Applicant where their statutory function was relevant to the Proposed</p>

the APFP Regulations 2009 by substituting a new table of persons prescribed for the purpose of section 42(1)(a) of the Planning Act (duty to consult) and also section 56(2) of the Planning Act (notifying persons of an accepted applications) which is covered in the acceptance guidance. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all relevant prescribed consultees are consulted about a proposed application.

While the list of prescribed bodies who must be consulted was updated in April 2024, from time to time a body may cease to exist but may still be listed as a statutory consultee in the Regulations pending their updating. In such situations applicants should identify any successor body and consult with them in the same manner as they would have with the original body.

Development. A full list of section 42(1)(a) and (b) consultees consulted on the Proposed Development is available in **Appendix C-1**.

The Applicant conducted targeted consultation on minor changes to the Proposed Development between 21 May 2025 and 16 July 2025. In compiling a list of relevant prescribed consultees to be consulted, the Applicant had regard to the list of prescribed consultees listed in the amended APFP Regulations. Information about how the Applicant identified and consulted with prescribed consultees is included in **Chapter 4** of the Report. A full list of section 42(1)(a) and (b) consultees consulted as part of the targeted consultation is available in **Appendix C-5**.

Where there is no obvious successor, applicants should seek the advice of the Planning Inspectorate, who may be able to identify an appropriate alternative consultee. Whether or not an alternative is identified, the consultation report should briefly note any cases where compliance with statutory requirements was impossible and the reasons why.”

- 022** “It is good practice for applicants to work with local stakeholders in the formative stages of the project, through early engagement. This can help inform the Programme Document that they later take to the Inception Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate. Early engagement with local authorities, parish and town councils can help applicants to ensure they find the best approach to engage the relevant communities in the
- The Applicant engaged with the host authorities prior to launch of the Proposed Development which helped inform the Applicant’s approach. This included sharing details of its Phase One Consultation.

most effective and proportionate way.”

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| 022 | <p>“Under section 47 of the Planning Act, applicants are required to produce a SoCC, setting out how they intend to consult the local community on the proposed application. Applicants should consider how they can engage communities in a way that supports them to understand the necessary issues at an appropriate stage to support preparation of their application, and how they will show how they have responded to their issues of concern.”</p> | <p>The Applicant published a SoCC setting out how it intended to consult the local community on the Proposed Development as part of its Phase Two Consultation. In preparing the SoCC, the Applicant sought to ensure that the consultation could be accessible to anyone likely to have an interest in the Proposed Development. The SoCC included commitments to develop materials in a range of different formats and use a variety of techniques to ensure that everyone with an interest in the Proposed Development could find out more and share their feedback. More detail about how the Applicant developed its approach to consultation and SoCC is available in Chapter 2 of the Report.</p> |
| 022 | <p>“Local communities may need support to help them to input to the NSIP consenting process. Independent community liaison chairs or forums can be used to provide support to local communities and non-statutory consultees to enable them to provide an</p> | <p>Chapter 3 of the Report sets out how the Applicant designed a consultation strategy to ensure that anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development could find out more and input into the consultation process. This involved providing materials in a range of different formats and at different levels of information, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultation newsletter: issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and |

effective input to the pre-application process.

Applicants will want to consider whether these should be used, not least to assist an applicant's own assessment of potential examination issues in preparing their Programme Document and SoCC."

how people can share their feedback. This was additionally published on the project website to view and download.

- A consultation booklet: an accessible summary of the proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This was available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request, and published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website to view and download.
- A 3D model: a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm site was available at the public events.
- A website: the Rosefield Solar Farm project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) hosted all the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It also included details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting the project's contact information.
- A virtual exhibition: containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and Rosefield Solar Farm project website.
- Exhibition banners: an accessible summary of the proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which were displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners were available in the virtual exhibition hosted on the Rosefield Solar Farm project website.
- The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR): containing the initial results of ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.

All of these materials are available to view on the Rosefield Solar Farm website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library). These materials will be appended to the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.

Formal phases of consultation were supplemented by a programme of continuous stakeholder and community engagement throughout the pre - application stage. Information about engagement outside of formal consultation will be detailed in the Consultation Report.

<p>023 “Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consult the prescribed bodies as appropriate under Regulation 3 and Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations 2009, as well as the Marine Management Organisation in certain circumstances, under section 42 of the Planning Act, giving the consultees at least 28 days to respond; • publicise their proposed application under section 48 of the Planning Act, and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations 2009 sets out the detail of what this publicity must entail; and • by section 49 of the Planning Act have regard to any relevant consultation 	<p>During Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant identified and consulted with parties prescribed by sections 42, 43 and 44 of the PA 2008 where their statutory function was relevant to the Proposed Development. Details of how the Applicant identified and consulted with individuals and bodies within each of these categories in accordance with the PA 2008 and the EIA Regulations, along with additional non-prescribed consultees, is included in Chapter 3 of the Report.</p> <p>A full list of section 42(1)(a) and (b) consultees consulted on the Proposed Development is available in Appendix C-1. A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included within the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.</p> <p>The Applicant publicised the proposed application in accordance with section 48 of the PA 2008 and APFP Regulations, as set out in Chapter 3 of the Report. Copies of s48 notices as published are available in Appendix C-3.</p> <p>The Applicant conducted parallel targeted statutory consultations on minor changes to the Proposed Development between 21 May 2025 and 16 July 2025. The Applicant designed these consultations to be proportionate to the likely effects of the proposed changes. This considered the limited nature of the proposed changes, and that there were no new or different likely significant environmental effects expected as a result of the proposed changes than those presented within the PEIR at Phase Two Consultation.</p> <p>In compiling a list of relevant prescribed consultees to be consulted, the Applicant had regard to the list of prescribed consultees in the updated Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations. Information about how the Applicant identified and consulted with prescribed consultees is included in Chapter 4 of the Consultation Report. A full list of s42(1)(a) and</p>
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responses from either statutory consultees under section 42 of the Planning Act, local communities under section 47 of the Planning Act, or wider publicity under section 48 of the Planning Act.”

(b) consultees consulted as part of the targeted consultation is available in **Appendix C-5**. A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included within the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

The Applicant did not publicise the targeted consultations in accordance with s48 of the PA 2008 due to the targeted nature of the consultation.

The Applicant will set out how it has had regard to consultation responses to each phase of consultation from consultees under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 (where applicable) in the Consultation Report. The Applicant has provided information about the key changes made to in response to feedback received to Phase One and Phase Two consultations in **Chapters 2 and 3** of the Report.

023 “Applicants will often need detailed technical input from statutory consultees as expert bodies to assist with identifying and mitigating the impacts of projects, and other important matters. In many cases applicants will need to engage statutory consultees and others before the Inception Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate.”

Detail about the consultation and engagement carried out with technical bodies to inform EIA undertaken in support of the Proposed Development will be included in the relevant topic chapters of the Environmental Statement.

As part of its Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant invited comments on a Preliminary Environmental Information Report. A summary of feedback received to Phase Two Consultation and the Applicant’s consideration by topic will be provided as part of the Consultation Report.

024 “Some statutory consultees have cost recovery arrangements in place for the advice they provide. The ability for statutory consultees

The Applicant engaged with host authorities and key stakeholders early in the pre-application process. This included entering into a Planning Performance Agreement with the host authority through the pre-application stage, and cost recovery arrangements with Natural England and the Environment Agency to ensure engagement with technical specialists throughout the Proposed Development. Detail about the consultation and

to respond effectively to pre-application requests for advice means they have the information they need from applicants to do so. It is essential therefore that applicants arrange early engagement with statutory consultees to avoid unnecessary delays and the costs of having to make changes at later stages of the consenting process.”

engagement carried out with technical bodies to inform EIA undertaken in support of the Proposed Development will be included in the relevant topic chapters of the Environmental Statement.

024 “Where an applicant proposes to compulsorily acquire an interest or take temporary possession of land it does not own in order to implement a proposed NSIP, under section 42 of the Planning Act they must identify and consult people, including those who own, occupy or have another interest in the land in question.”

Phase Two Consultation: The Applicant consulted with each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44 of the PA 2008. **Chapter 3** of the Report sets out how the Applicant identified section 44 consultees.

Targeted consultation: A targeted approach was considered to be proportionate given the changes did not affect the outcome of the environmental impact assessment, as set out in the PEIR published during Phase Two Consultation. The Applicant used the same process to identify consultees outlined in **Chapter 3** of the Report.

A full list of the persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included in the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

024 “It is the applicant’s responsibility to demonstrate at submission of the

Details of how the Applicant has exercised due diligence in identifying all persons under sections 42(1)(d) is provided in **Chapter 3** of the Report. The Applicant confirms it will publish a Book of Reference as part of the Application which is sufficiently up to date and

application to the Planning Inspectorate that due diligence has been undertaken in identifying all land interests. Applicants must ensure that the Book of Reference (which records and categorises those land interests) is sufficiently up to date at the time of submission (acknowledging the timescales for preparing and updating it) and fully meets the requirements of Regulations 5 and 7 of the APFP Regulations 2009.”

fully meets the requirements of the APFP Regulations. All data relating to the Book of Reference will be stored in a live electronic database and will be kept up to date as the Application progresses.

- 024** “Where appropriate, the Book of Reference should be supplemented by a Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker, submitted by the applicant and updated during the examination, setting out the status of negotiations with landowners, Crown bodies and statutory undertakers affected by proposals for
- The Applicant will submit a Schedule of Negotiations as part of the Application which will be updated during the examination stage as required. The Schedule of Negotiations covers all of the information contained within the Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker.

compulsory acquisition of land or rights and temporary possession.”

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| 024 | <p>“It should be noted that for an accepted application, the situation concerning compilation of land interests can continue to evolve during the examination as new information becomes available, and it is not uncommon for the Book of Reference to be revised and resubmitted more than once. This is usually a substantial undertaking and applicants should dedicate sufficient time and resource, particularly as in many cases there may be parcels of land where there is little information available. With this in mind, applicants are advised to make maximum use of electronic data bases when compiling the Book of Reference to enable such changes to be made easily.”</p> | <p>The Applicant will continue to carry out diligent inquiry through the examination stage to ensure that the Book of Reference remains up to date. All data relating to the Book of Reference will be stored in a live electronic database and will be kept up to date as the Application progresses.</p> |
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024 “In addition, land interests can change over time and new or additional interests may emerge after an applicant has concluded statutory consultation but just before an application is submitted. In such a situation, the applicant should provide a proportionate opportunity to any new person identified with a land interest to make their views known on the application. Where new interests in land are identified very shortly before the intended submission of an application, despite diligent efforts earlier in the process, it may be difficult at that stage for applicants to consult and take account of any responses from those new interests before submitting their application as intended. If this situation arises applicants should be proactive and helpful in ensuring that the person understands how they can, if they so wish, engage

A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included in the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.

Following Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant carried out concurrent targeted consultations between 21 May 2025 – 16 July 2025. One new land interest (the Forestry Commission) was identified on a precautionary basis as a result of a minor addition to the proposed Site boundary. The Forestry Commission was previously consulted on the Proposed Development as a prescribed consultee under section 42(1)(a) as part of Phase Two Consultation.

The Applicant will continue to carry out diligent inquiry to ensure that the Book of Reference submitted as part of the Application is up to date. All data relating to the Book of Reference will be stored in a live electronic database and will be kept up to date as the Application progresses.

with the process if the application is accepted for examination.”

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| 024 | <p>“Applicants should explain in the consultation report how they have dealt with any new interests in land emerging after conclusion of their statutory consultation having regard to their duties to consult and take account of any responses.”</p> | <p>A full list of persons falling within section 44 of the PA 2008 will be included in the Book of Reference submitted with the Application.</p> <p>Following Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant carried out concurrent targeted consultations between 21 May 2025 – 16 July 2025. One new land interest (the Forestry Commission) was identified on a precautionary basis as a result of a minor addition to the proposed Site boundary. The Forestry Commission was previously consulted on the Proposed Development as a prescribed consultee under section 42(1)(a) as part of Phase Two Consultation.</p> <p>The Applicant will continue to carry out diligent inquiry to ensure that the Book of Reference submitted as part of the Application is up to date. All data relating to the Book of Reference will be stored in a live electronic database and will be kept up to date as the Application progresses.</p> |
| 025 | <p>“The Programme Document will enable the Planning Inspectorate to determine at the Inception Meeting that the proposed consultation arrangements are adequate for the level of complexity of the proposed project. The Programme Document should also identify an appropriate milestone during the pre-application stage to enable the</p> | <p>The Applicant held an Inception Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate on 09 August 2023, holding regular meetings to provide updates on the progress of the Proposed Development through the pre-application stage, including timings for consultation. The Applicant will set out how it has had regard to s51 advice received as part of the Consultation Report.</p> |

Planning Inspectorate to test the progress of the consultation.”

- 025** “This adequacy of consultation milestone should be early enough to enable applicants to consider how to undertake any additional engagement that may be needed, but sufficiently towards the end of the pre-application stage to assess the adequacy of the consultation that has been done. It is likely therefore to be no later than around 3 months before the intended date of submission of the application.
- The adequacy of consultation milestone should be recorded by the applicant and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as a short statement of the elements of consultation which have been carried out compared with the components set out in the Programme Document and
- The Applicant has produced this Report to fulfil the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone. This confirms the consultation undertaken to date and that the commitments set out in the SoCC have been met and provides a summary of consultation responses received and how these responses are shaping the application.
- The Applicant shared its proposed approach to completing the AoCM with the host authority for agreement on 04 April 2025, before submitting the Report to the host authority for review on 21 May 2025. The Applicant intends to submit the Report, and any response from the host authority to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the submission of the Application. This will also be appended to the Consultation Report submitted as part of the Application.

the SoCC. The statement should include the views and any relevant supporting material from local authorities if available.

The adequacy of consultation milestone is an informal but nonetheless important opportunity to check that the pre-application programme is on track, and if it is seriously adrift the Planning Inspectorate will advise the applicant about the steps necessary to enable the application to be submitted having fulfilled the statutory requirements. Inevitably this could mean a renegotiation of the expected date of submission, with the objective of avoiding the prospect of an application not being accepted for examination.”

- 026** “Applicants are required under section 37 of the Planning Act to produce a consultation report alongside their
- The Consultation Report will form part of the Application for the Proposed Development and will be submitted in accordance with section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008. It will describe the pre-application consultation and engagement undertaken by the Applicant,

application, which details how they have complied with the consultation requirements set out in the Planning Act and how the proposed application has been shaped as a result. The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State will consider this report when deciding whether or not the applicant has complied with the pre-application consultation requirements, and ultimately, whether or not an application can be accepted to proceed to examination.

This report should not include an excessively detailed description of every element of the consultation programme. The main objective should be to provide clarity not just on what consultation has been done but, crucially, how the applicant has taken it into account. It should therefore:

summarises the responses received and explains how the Applicant has had regard to them to develop its proposals.

The Consultation Report will include information required by this guidance. Where this information is included within the Report submitted to fulfil the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone, this is signposted in brackets:

- An overview of the consultation process and timeline (found in **Chapter 1** of the Report).
- Detail of how the Applicant has complied with the statutory requirements of the PA 2008, relevant secondary legislation and this guidance in this document (**Appendix D-1** and **Chapter 3** of the Report).
- How the Applicant has had regard to advice issued under s51 of the PA 2008.
- Detail as to how the Applicant has complied with requirements to consult local communities in accordance with the SoCC (provided in **Appendix B-4**).
- Separate summary schedules of consultation responses for each phase of consultation.
- How the Applicant has had regard to feedback in developing its proposals and highlights key changes made in response to feedback received through formal consultation (**Chapters 2 and 3** of the Report).

- provide a general description of the consultation process undertaken including the timeline;
- set out specifically what the applicant has done to comply with the statutory requirements of the Planning Act, including advice issued under section 51 of the Planning Act, relevant secondary legislation and this guidance;
- set out how the applicant has complied with the requirements to consult local communities described in the SoCC;
- set out any relevant responses to consultation (but not a complete list of responses);
- provide a description of how the proposed application for submission

has been informed and influenced by taking account of those responses, showing any significant changes made as a result;

- provide an explanation as to why any responses advising on changes to a proposed project, including advice from statutory consultees and local authorities on effects, were not followed; and
- be expressed in terms sufficient to enable the Planning Inspectorate to understand fully how consultation has been undertaken, and how the issues raised through consultation have been addressed or responded to.”

026 “It is good practice that those who have contributed to the consultation are informed of	The consultation booklet published as part of Phase Two Consultation provided updates and changes made following Phase One Consultation. The documents were written in clear, accessible and non-technical language. Outside of formal phases of consultation,
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the results. The consultation report may not be the most appropriate format in which to respond to the points raised by various consultee groups and bodies. Applicants should therefore consider producing a summary note in plain English for the local community setting out headline findings and how they have been addressed, together with a link to the full consultation report for those interested.”

the Applicant undertook a number of meetings with stakeholders to discuss consultation feedback. In addition, on 21 May 2025 the Applicant issued a Community Update newsletter (**Appendix C-4**) to all properties within the inner zone of consultation to share how feedback from Phase Two Consultation was shaping the design of the Proposed Development. This was also published on the Rosefield Solar Farm website. Following acceptance of the Application, the Applicant will publicise the Consultation Report and how people can participate in the next steps of the DCO process.

026 “A response to points raised by consultees with technical information is likely to need to focus on the specific impacts for which the body has expertise. The applicant should make a judgement as to whether the consultation report provides sufficient detail on the relevant effects, or whether a targeted response would be more appropriate.”

The Applicant has undertaken meetings with stakeholders and the local community to discuss feedback from formal consultation. Detail of how the Applicant has engaged with technical consultees on feedback received to consultation, including the development of Statements of Common Ground and agreement of protective provisions will be outlined in the Consultation Report.

Appendix D-2: Guide to the AoCM Report



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1.1. Overview

1.1.1. The AoCM Report has been prepared in order to demonstrate how the Applicant has complied with the statutory pre-application requirements for consultation as part of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone.

1.1.2. To assist with the formal adequacy of consultation milestone at the acceptance stage of the DCO process, the AoCM Report has been structured to follow the Consultation Report which will form part of the Application. However, the AoCM Report is not intended to be a full Consultation Report, and particularly does not include the following:

- Detailed information about non-statutory consultation and engagement, given the focus of the milestone is on how the Applicant has fulfilled statutory requirements.
- Sample consultation materials in an effort to reduce the size of the Report (noting these are available on the Rosefield Solar Farm website and the Applicant can share samples with the host authority on request).
- Detailed information about how consultation responses have been taken into account during the preparation of the application, given feedback analysis for Phase Two Consultation and targeted consultations are still ongoing. The Applicant has included a summary of key changes made to the design of the Proposed Development since Phase Two Consultation in Chapter 4 of the Report and the Community Update newsletter (**Appendix C-4**).

1.1.3. This table explains the relationship between the AoCM Report and the Consultation Report, in order to assist the host authority in preparing its response to the AoCM Report and subsequently the adequacy of consultation response at the acceptance stage.

- Green: Information included in the AoCM Report will be substantively the same as the information presented in the relevant section of the Consultation Report.
- Amber: Some information provided in the AoCM Report, however further information will be included within the Consultation Report.
- Blue: Not included as part of the AoCM Report, will form part of the Consultation Report.

Table D-2: Relationship between the Consultation Report and AoCM Report

Consultation Report	Adequacy of Consultation Report
<p>Chapter 1: Introduction</p> <p>explains the purpose of this Report, describes the Proposed Development and summarises the key pre-application consultation milestones.</p>	<p>The AoCM Report describes the Proposed Development and summarises the key-pre-application consultation milestones.</p>
<p>Chapter 2: Phase One Consultation 2023</p> <p>To summarise non-statutory consultation undertaken on the Proposed Development from 28 September 2023 - 10 November 2023 ('Phase One Consultation'), including how the Applicant has had regard to feedback received and changes made as a result of consultation.</p>	<p>Detailed information about the non-statutory Phase One Consultation will be available within the Consultation Report. Key information is included within Chapter 2 of the AoCM Report including a summary of changes made to the Proposed Development as a result of feedback received.</p>
<p>Appendix A-1: Launch materials and advertising</p>	
<p>Appendix A-2: Phase One Consultation materials and advertising</p>	
<p>Appendix A-3: Screenshots of Phase One Consultation website and virtual exhibition</p>	
<p>Appendix A-4: Summary of responses to Phase One Consultation and consideration by topic</p>	
<p>Chapter 3 Stakeholder and community engagement</p> <p>To summarise non-statutory engagement undertaken with the local community, stakeholders and local authorities about the Proposed Development outside of formal consultation periods.</p>	
<p>Appendix B-1: Summary of community engagement undertaken outside of formal consultation</p>	

Appendix B-2: Summary of stakeholder engagement undertaken outside of formal consultation	
Appendix B-3: Early engagement on Adequacy of Consultation Milestone	The AoCM Report and the host authority response will be included as part of this Appendix.
Chapter 4 Approach to statutory consultation and development of the SoCC: explains the purpose, objectives and legal requirements for statutory consultation and details the preparation and publication of the Statement of Community Consultation.	Chapter 2 of the AoCM Report explains the purpose, objectives and legal requirements for statutory consultation and details the preparation and publication of the Statement of Community Consultation.
Appendix C-1: Informal consultation on the draft SoCC	Appendix A-1
Appendix C-2: Regard had to host authority informal feedback on draft SoCC	Appendix A-2
Appendix C-3: Formal consultation on the draft SoCC	Appendix A-3
Appendix C-4: Regard had to host authority formal feedback on draft SoCC	Appendix A-4
Appendix D-1: Final SoCC	Appendix B-1
Appendix D-2: Section 47 notice	Appendix B-2
Appendix D-3: Screenshot of Springwell Solar Farm website with availability of the SoCC	Appendix B-3
Appendix D-4: Compliance with the SoCC	Appendix B-4
Chapter 5 Phase Two Consultation 2024: details the statutory consultation undertaken on the Proposed Development from 18 September 2024 – 5 December 2024 ('Phase Two Consultation').	Chapter 3 of the AoCM Report details the statutory consultation undertaken on the Proposed Development from 18 September - 5 December 2024 ('Phase Two Consultation').

Appendix E-1: List of prescribed consultees consulted under section 42(1)(a) and (b) during Phase Two Consultation	Appendix C-1
Appendix F-1: Sample letters sent to consultees under s42(1)(a), (b) and (d) and non-prescribed consultees	
Appendix G-1: Section 46 notification	Appendix C-2
Appendix G-2: Phase Two Consultation materials and advertising (ex. S48 notices which will be included in Part 1)	Links provided to Phase Two Consultation materials. S48 notices provided in Appendix C-3.
Appendix G-3: Screenshots of Phase Two Consultation website and virtual exhibition	
Appendix H-1: List of non-prescribed consultees and community organisations consulted during Phase Two Consultation	
Appendix I-1: Preliminary Environmental Information Report	Links provided to Phase Two Consultation materials.
Chapter 6 Responses to Phase Two Consultation: summarises the responses received to Phase Two Consultation, including how the Applicant has had regard to feedback received and changes made as a result of consultation.	Detailed information about the feedback received to Phase Two Consultation will be available within the Consultation Report. Key information is included within Chapter 3 of the AoCM including a summary of changes made to the Proposed Development as a result of feedback received and Appendix C-4.
Appendix J-1: Summary of s42(1)(a), (b) and (d) responses to Phase Two Consultation and consideration by topic	
Appendix J-2: Summary of s47 responses to Phase Two Consultation and consideration by topic	
Chapter 7 Additional targeted consultation: details the targeted consultation undertaken on changes to the Order Limits from 17 July 2024 – 16	Detailed information about the feedback received to the targeted consultation will be available within the Consultation Report. Key information about how the

August 2024 to enable highways improvements, including how the Applicant has had regard to feedback received and changes made as a result of consultation	Applicant is conducting the targeted consultation is available as part of Chapter 4 of the AoCM Report.
Appendix K-1: List of prescribed consultees consulted during targeted consultation	Appendix C-5
Appendix K-2: Targeted consultation materials	
Appendix K-3: Summary of responses to targeted consultation and consideration by topic	
Chapter 8 Conclusion: draws conclusions on the key themes of the consultation responses and the changes that the Applicant has made to the proposals as a result of feedback received.	
Appendix M-1: Compliance with PA 2008: Guidance on the pre-application stage for NSIPs, April 2024	The AoCM Report includes a table of compliance in Appendix D-1.
Appendix M-2: Compliance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Fourteen: Compiling the Consultation Report, August 2024	The Applicant has had regard to this guidance in formulating the AoCM Report and structure of the Consultation Report as outlined in this document.



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Appendix M-2 – Formal response from host authority on AoCR





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23/07/2025
Ref: 25/01897/DCO

Dear [REDACTED],

Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) consultation to Buckinghamshire Council requested under s55 of the Planning Act 2008

This letter is in response to your email dated 20 May 2025, inviting the host authority: Buckinghamshire Council (BC), to submit representations on the adequacy of consultation taken so far to date during the pre-application period for the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm Scheme Development Consent Order project.

The Council notes that the Applicant has undertaken consultation activities in accordance with the procedural requirements of Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

Duty to consult under s42

The Council is only able to comment on the adequacy of consultation in relation to our role as host local authority under s42(1)(a), as a local authority as set out under s42(1)(b).

The Applicant has been in consultation with the Council during the development of the Scheme's design, including the optioneering process. Meetings have been held, and email correspondence has discussed some of the information that should be included in the Environmental Statement and how the consultation should be conducted.

Several rounds of public consultation have been undertaken including Phase 1 Consultation between 28th September and 10th November 2023, and Phase 2 Consultation between 18th September and 5th December 2024. Feedback received from Phase Two Consultation resulted in a number of changes to the proposals. A further Targeted Consultation on two proposed changes has taken place concurrently between 21st May and 16th July 2025 (56 days). The consultation period was determined following discussions with the applicant.

The Council acknowledges that statutory consultation under s42 has been undertaken.

Duty to consult the local community under s47

The Council have met with the Applicant in a series of initial meetings from April 2024, including a SoCC workshop on 23rd May 2024 to discuss the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

The Applicant formally consulted the Council between 12th July 2024 and 9th August 2024. Following the consultation responses, the Applicant made the following changes to the SoCC:

- Amending the consultation period from six to eight weeks
- Providing high-level information about the components of a solar farm within the SoCC
- Including younger audiences as a discrete seldom heard group
- Adding information on engaging members of Buckinghamshire Council
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The SoCC was published on 4th September 2024 and ran in parallel with the launch of the Applicant's Phase Two Consultation. It is noted that following the publication of the SoCC and start of Phase Two consultation, the Applicant became aware that the final SoCC contained the word 'draft' on the title page in error. Several actions were taken to address this, which included clarification notes on the website and informing the Council of the error and what actions had been taken to address this.

The Council notes that the Applicant consulted on the draft Statement of Community Consultation and subsequently published the final version. Statutory consultation under s47 has been carried out.

Duty to publicise under s48

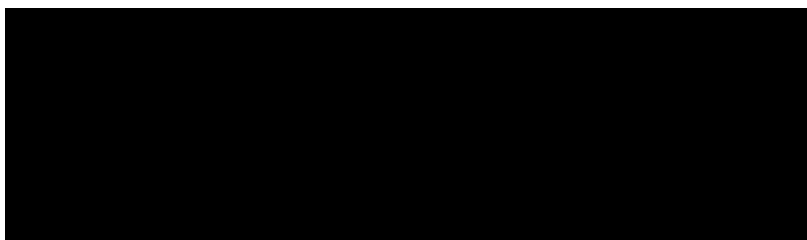
The Council notes that the Applicant has undertaken publicity in accordance with s48 of the Planning Act 2008, including publication in local and national newspapers and digital platforms.

Conclusion

As host authority, Buckinghamshire Council confirms that, for the purposes of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM), the Applicant has undertaken consultation in accordance with the requirements of sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

This response is limited to the statutory adequacy of consultation and does not reflect the Council's position on the proposed development. The Council reiterates that the objections raised in its response to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) remain valid. These concerns relate to the environmental, landscape, and community impacts of the proposed development, and will be addressed in full as part of the Council's Local Impact Report and Written Representations at the appropriate stage of the DCO examination process.

Yours sincerely,





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