

# **One Earth Solar Farm**

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**Consultation Report** 

**Appendix F-1** 

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15 May 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

**One Earth Solar Farm** 

Statutory pre-application consultation: 29 May to 9 July 2024

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#### Why we are consulting you

I am writing regarding One Earth Solar Farm Limited's (the 'Applicant') intention to submit a development consent order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State') under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') for the construction, operation and decommissioning of One Earth Solar Farm (the 'Project'). The expected submission date will be Q1 2025.

I am writing to you because you have been identified as a prescribed consultee under section 42(1)(a) of the Act and/or the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations'). The statutory pre-application consultation period for the 'Project is from 29 May to 9 July 2024. We invite you to submit your feedback on the Project during this period.

This letter explains how to take part in the statutory consultation and how you can share your views on the Project. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the section 48 notice published under the Act.

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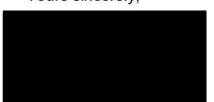
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Should you have any questions, wish to discuss the Project further or to request copies of the consultation documents, please do get in touch by:

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Yours sincerely,



Project Lead, One Earth Solar Farm

## Appendix F-1.5 – Email notice to parish councils (15 May 2024)

Inserted overleaf.



Date 15/05/2024 11:05

- OESF stat con s42 parish councils.pdf(~131 KB)
- OESF s48 notice.pdf(~93 KB)

Hello,

I am writing to inform you that we will soon begin a second round of consultation on One Earth Solar Farm, from 29 May - 9 July 2024.

Formal notifications are attached, and will be sent to you by post as well.

As a host or neighbouring parish council, we would like the opportunity to meet with you to explain the project, how it has changed from the last consultation, and answer any questions you may have.

We have arranged the following in-person public information events in the local area. Please let us know if you would be interested in meeting with us for a preview of the exhibitions before or after the events. Alternatively, please send me a day and time that would work for your parish council during this period.

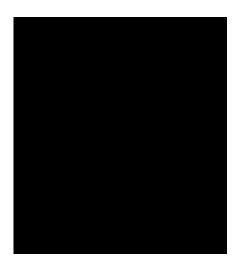
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Kind regards,

## Appendix F-1.6 – Sample letter sent to land interests

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Dear «Salutation»,

#### **One Earth Solar Farm**

Statutory pre-application consultation: 29 May to 9 July 2024

Section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

I am writing regarding One Earth Solar Farm Limited's (the 'Applicant') intention to submit a development consent order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State') under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') for the construction, operation and decommissioning of One Earth Solar Farm (the 'Project'). The expected submission date will be Q1 2025.

#### Why we are writing to you

This letter is sent to you as part of a statutory consultation exercise on the Project carried out pursuant to section 42(1)(d) of the Act. The Applicant is consulting with you as, having carried out diligent inquiry, it considers that you may be a person who is either (1) an owner, lessee, tenant, or occupier of land within the Project's boundary; (2) a person who holds an interest in the land or has the power to sell or convey the land or release the land within the Project's boundary; or (3) might be entitled to make a relevant claim if the Order were to be made and implemented or as a result of use of the land within the Project's boundary once the order has been implemented.

The statutory consultation will run from 29 May and 9 July 2024. Following this statutory consultation period, the intention is for the Applicant to finalise the Project having had regard to the consultation responses received. The Applicant would then submit to the Secretary of State an application for a DCO that would authorise the construction, operation (which includes maintenance) and decommissioning of the Project. The Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') will administer the process on behalf of the Secretary of State.

#### **One Earth Solar Farm**

The Project is a proposed solar farm with associated battery energy storage system at the border of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, which would connect into the National Grid substation located at High Marnham, also in Nottinghamshire. We have secured an agreement to supply up to 740MW to the National Grid – enough clean, renewable electricity to meet the needs of more than 200,000 homes. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the site boundary of the Project.

#### The planning process

As the Project would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical generating 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.

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

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Project Lead, One Earth Solar Farm

Encs. Section 48 Notice, Land Plan

Appendix F-1.7 - Section 42 enclosure (copy of section 48 notice) (15 May 2024) Inserted overleaf.

#### One Earth Solar Farm Limited

Section 48 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Notice is hereby given that One Earth Solar Farm Ltd (13078087) of Unit 2 Crossways Bicester Road, Kingswood, Aylesbury, England, HP18 0RA (the 'Applicant') proposes to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') for a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). The Applicant intends to make the application in Q1 2025.

#### **Overview of One Earth Solar Farm**

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

The Project would be located on approximately 1,500 hectares of land within the administrative boundaries of Newark and Sherwood District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, West Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, and Nottinghamshire County Council (the 'Proposed Site').

#### **Development Consent Order (DCO)**

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#### **Statutory Pre-application Consultation**

The Applicant is commencing consultation on the Project from **29 May 2024** to **9 July 2024**. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain views on the Project ahead of submission of the DCO application.

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#### **Next Steps**

The Applicant will consider and have due regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the application for a DCO. 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.

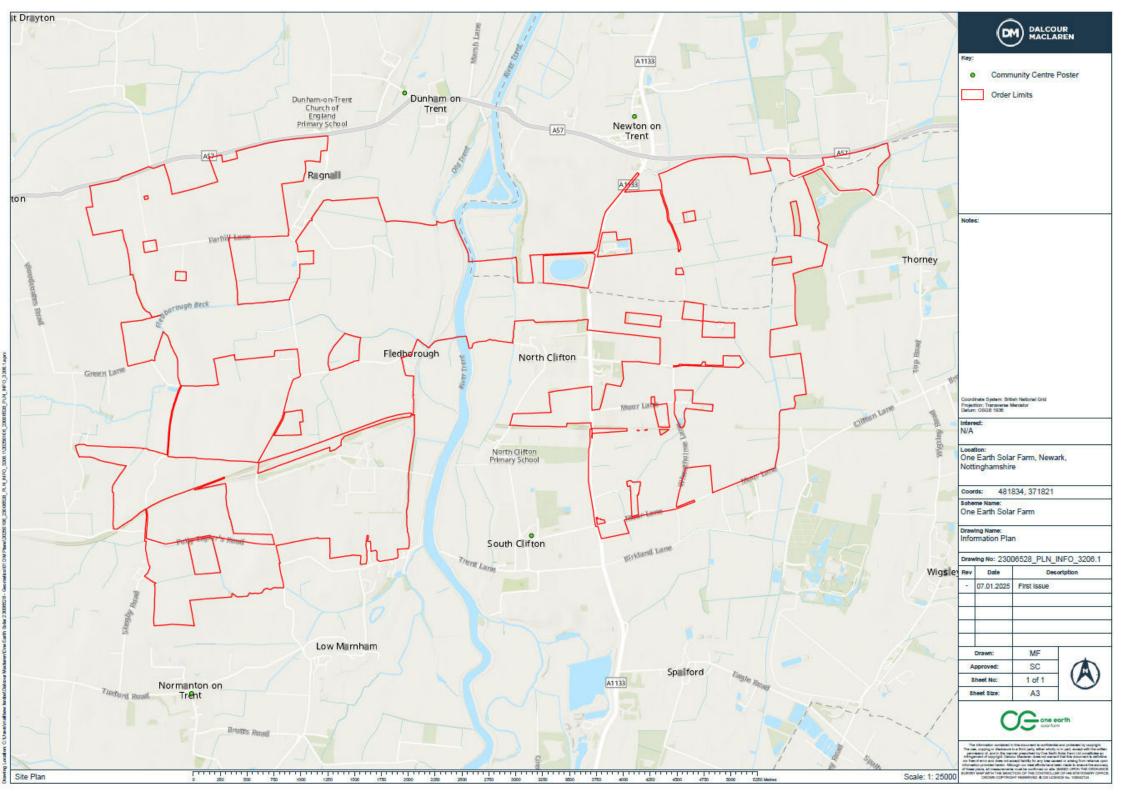
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# Appendix F-1.8 – Site map

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Appendix F-1.9 – Sample letter sent to prescribed consultees (17 June 2024)
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17 June 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

One Earth Solar Farm

Statutory pre-application consultation: 29 May to 23 July 2024

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

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I am writing to you now to inform you that the consultation has been extended by two weeks. The statutory pre-application consultation period for the Project is now from 29 May to 23 July 2024. We invite you to submit your feedback on the Project during this period.

This letter explains how to take part in the statutory consultation and how you can share your views on the Project. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the section 48 notice published under the Act.

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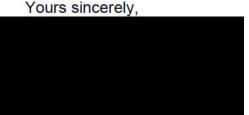
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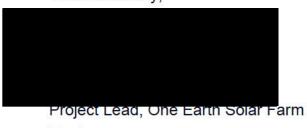
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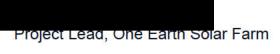
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13b Beaumont St,	
Gainsborough DN21 2NA	

## 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 23 July 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Complete a guestionnaire online at the project website: oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk
- Complete a paper questionnaire and return to the Freepost address:

One Earth Solar Farm,

Freepost SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL (no stamp is required)

 Send written comments by post to the Freepost address above, or by email to info@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk

## Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining the Project before submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in Q1 2025. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted on the Project, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

Any comments received will be analysed by the Applicant and any of 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.

For certain parties, those who own an interest in land or are affected by the Project, the Applicant is under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of its DCO application. In respect of other people, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.

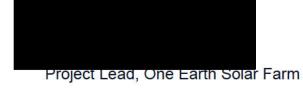
The Planning Inspectorate has published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website:

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

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

- Calling 0800 169 6507 (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Emailing info@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk
- Writing to One Earth Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local

Yours sincerely,



# Appendix F-1.13 – Email notice to parish councils (17 June 2024)

Inserted overleaf.



- OESF stat con s42 letter consultation extension.pdf(~131 KB)
- OESF stat con s48 notice.pdf(~94 KB)
- One Earth A4 poster June 2024.pdf(~116 KB)

Hello,

I am writing to you as the clerk of one of the host or neighbouring parish councils near the proposed One Earth Solar Farm to inform you that we have extended the consultation by 2 weeks, until 23 July. This is due to the national election, to ensure everyone has sufficient time to engage with our consultation.

I am attaching the formal letter and notice, which you should also be receiving by post.

I am also attaching a poster to help notify the community that the consultation has been extended and that there are a few in-person events remaining. If your village hall has an information board, can I please ask you to post this poster to help inform the community about how they can take part?

Kind regards,

# Appendix F-1.14 – Sample letter sent to land interests

Inserted overleaf.





Dear «Salutation».

#### **One Earth Solar Farm**

Statutory pre-application consultation: 29 May to 23 July 2024

#### Section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

I am writing regarding One Earth Solar Farm Limited's (the 'Applicant') intention to submit a development consent order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State') under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') for the construction, operation and decommissioning of One Earth Solar Farm (the 'Project'). The expected submission date will be Q1 2025.

#### Why we are writing to you

This letter is sent to you as part of a statutory consultation exercise on the Project carried out pursuant to section 42(1)(d) of the Act. The Applicant is consulting with you as, having carried out diligent inquiry, it considers that you may be a person who is either (1) an owner, lessee, tenant, or occupier of land within the Project's boundary; (2) a person who holds an interest in the land or has the power to sell or convey the land or release the land within the Project's boundary; or (3) might be entitled to make a relevant claim if the Order were to be made and implemented or as a result of use of the land within the Project's boundary once the order has been implemented.

We are writing to you now to inform you that we have extended the consultation by two weeks. The statutory consultation will now run from 29 May to 23 July 2024. Following this statutory consultation period, the intention is for the Applicant to finalise the Project having had regard to the consultation responses received. The Applicant would then submit to the Secretary of State an application for a DCO that would authorise the construction, operation (which includes maintenance) and decommissioning of the Project. The Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') will administer the process on behalf of the Secretary of State.

#### **One Earth Solar Farm**

The Project is a proposed solar farm with associated battery energy storage system at the border of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, which would connect into the National Grid substation located at High Marnham, also in Nottinghamshire. We have secured an agreement to supply up to 740MW to the National Grid – enough clean, renewable electricity to meet the needs of more than 200,000 homes. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the site boundary of the Project.

#### The planning process

As the Project would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical generating 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.

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar photovoltaic arrays, inverters, transformers, substations, a battery energy storage system, along with underground cables to connect to the High Marnham substation.
- 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 Project. There would also be parts of the proposed 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.
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Project.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
- powers to undertake highway improvement works in order to facilitate the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project.

More guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <a href="http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/">http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/</a>.

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

The Project is an 'EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) development' for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant has therefore produced a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') which contains preliminary information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project, together with a non-technical summary of this information. Further environmental studies and assessments are being undertaken, and a full Environmental Statement will be produced and submitted with the proposed application.

#### How you can find out more

The statutory consultation will run from Wednesday 29 May to Tuesday 23 July 2024, and we would welcome your feedback at this stage. There are a variety of ways that you can find out more about the Project and take part in the consultation.

#### Information Events

We will be hosting a number of public events to allow individuals to find out more about the Project and speak with the project team at the following times and locations:

Date	Location
Friday, 7 June 2024	Dunham on Trent Village Hall,
2 - 6 pm	Dunham NG22 0FJ
Saturday, 8 June 2024	St Peters Church
12 - 4 pm	Newton on Trent, Lincoln LN1 2JS
Wednesday, 12 June 2024	South Clifton Coronation Hall
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Thursday, 13 June 2024	Normanton Village Hall
12 - 4 pm	Normanton on Trent
Tuesday, 18 June 2024	Webinar – Please visit our website to register:
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#### **Consultation Materials**

We have developed a variety of materials to provide more information about the Project, including:

- a consultation booklet showing the nature and location of the Project.
- a consultation questionnaire to gather feedback on the Project.
- the PEIR.
- a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which was developed in accordance with section 47
  of the Act and explains how we will consult with the community.

The consultation materials will be available in several formats and locations from 29 May 2024 to 23 July 2024. All consultation materials will be available to download online free of charge at <a href="https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/">https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/</a> or free of charge on a USB on request using the details in this letter. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire are available free of charge upon request using the details in this letter. Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and 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.

Printed copies of consultation materials, including the SoCC, will be available to view at the following community access locations during the consultation period (please check opening times before travelling):

#### **Community Access Locations**

Locations	Opening Hours
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The Courtyard Tea Room, Collingham Rd,	9am - 3pm Tuesdays - Fridays
Newton on Trent, Lincoln LN1 2LL	
Saxilby Library, St Andrews Centre,	10:30am - 4pm Tuesdays,
William St, Saxilby LN1 2LP	10:30am - 1pm Wednesdays-Fridays
St Helen's Church, Main Street,	11am – 4pm Sundays
Thorney, Newark, NG23 7EU	
Bassetlaw District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
17B The Square, Retford, Notts, DN22 6DB	
Bassetlaw District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
Queens Buildings, Potter St, Worksop S80 2AH	
Newark and Sherwood District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
Castle House, Great North Rd,	
Newark NG24 1BY	
West Lindsey District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
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#### 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 23 July 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

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Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining the Project before submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in Q1 2025. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted on the Project, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Project Load, One Earth Solar Form

Project Lead, One Earth Solar Farm

Encs. Section 48 Notice, Land Plan

Appendix F-1.15 - Section 42 enclosure (copy of section 48 notice) (17 June 2024) Inserted overleaf.

# One Earth Solar Farm Limited

Section 48 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Notice is hereby given that One Earth Solar Farm Ltd (13078087) of Unit 2 Crossways Bicester Road, Kingswood, Aylesbury, England, HP18 0RA (the 'Applicant') proposes to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') for a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). The Applicant intends to make the application in Q1 2025.

#### **Overview of One Earth Solar Farm**

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

The Project would be located on approximately 1,600 hectares of land within the administrative boundaries of Newark and Sherwood District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, West Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, and Nottinghamshire County Council (the 'Proposed Site').

# **Development Consent Order (DCO)**

As the Project would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical capacity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Act. Accordingly, the Applicant must apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Act.

The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, inverters, transformers, substations, a Battery Energy Storage System, along with underground cables to connect to the High Marnham substation
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as
  offices and welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as
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- powers to undertake highway improvement works in order to facilitate the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project.

## **Environmental Impact Assessment**

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') has been produced and is included as part of the consultation materials. The PEIR sets out the preliminary environmental information on the Project. The Applicant is carrying out an EIA and will submit an Environmental Statement as part of its DCO application.

# **Statutory Pre-application Consultation**

The Applicant is commencing consultation on the Project from **29 May 2024** to **23 July 2024**. **Please note that this consultation has been extended by two weeks.** The purpose of this consultation is to obtain views on the Project ahead of submission of the DCO application.

The Applicant has produced a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in accordance with section 47 of the Act which explains how the Applicant will consult with the local community about the Project. The SoCC can be viewed free of charge at <a href="https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/">https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/</a>, or at the community access locations set out below from 15 May 2024. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the SoCC.

#### **Consultation Materials**

We have developed a variety of materials to provide more information about the Project, including:

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#### Information Events

In addition, the Applicant is hosting a number of public events at the following dates and locations to enable individuals to learn more about the Project and share their feedback.

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# **Providing Feedback**

Any person may comment on the Project or otherwise respond to this publicity by 11:59pm on 23 July 2024 through any of the following methods:

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- Complete a paper questionnaire and return it to the Freepost address:

One Earth Solar Farm

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 Send written comments by post to the Freepost address above, or by email to info@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk

#### **Next Steps**

The Applicant will consider and have due regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the application for a DCO. 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.

# **Communications Lines**

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

- Call Freephone: 0800 169 6507
- Email: info@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk
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