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For the attention of the case officer for Kingsway Solar

Tuesday 16 September 2025

Your Reference: **EN010165**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Kingsway Solar Farm – notification under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008
Proposed Kingsway Solar Farm Development Consent Order**

We write to provide the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the “Secretary of State”) with notification for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Act”), that Kingsway Solar Farm Limited (the “Applicant”) proposes to commence statutory consultation pursuant to section 42 of the Act in regard to its proposed application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) to authorise the proposed Kingsway Solar Farm (the “Scheme”).

The consultation will commence at midday on Wednesday 17 September 2025 and run until 11:59pm on Wednesday 29 October 2025. The consultation will be 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 “EIA Regulations”).

Summary of the Scheme

The Scheme is being promoted by Kingsway Solar Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Downing Renewable Developments. The Scheme is proposed to be located on land between Burwell and Balsham in Cambridgeshire, and is located within the administrative boundaries of Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Scheme would comprise the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and approximately 15 km overhead line connection into National Grid’s planned Burwell South substation (due to be located south of the existing Burwell substation, the exact location yet to be confirmed by National Grid). The Scheme also includes associated infrastructure, including co-located battery energy storage systems (BESS) and inter-array connections to link together the land parcels where the solar panels will be located. The BESS is associated development to ensure that energy can be stored when it is generated and not demanded. The BESS will have a direct relationship with

the solar PV panels and it will support the operation of this by storing electricity produced during times of peak capacity until it is needed.

The Scheme comprises a generating station of up to around 500 megawatts and the installation of an above ground electric line greater than two kilometres in length. The Scheme therefore qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a), 14(1)(b), 15(2) and 16 of the Act. A DCO application for the Scheme (the “Application”) will be made by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate, who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the Application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to grant the DCO. The Applicant intends to submit the Application in early 2026.

Consultation materials

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, the Applicant hereby supplies the Secretary of State with the same information that is being supplied to all relevant consultees identified in accordance with section 42 of the Act. The consultation materials will be found on the ‘Documents’ page on our dedicated Project website during the consultation period: www.kingsawaysolarfarm.co.uk. They are all available for the Planning Inspectorate to view and download via this link: <https://we.tl/t-eCCQskClfE>.

- Consultation Newsletter, which is being posted to all addresses within a defined Primary Consultation Zone (as described in the Statement of Community Consultation). This document provides introductory information about the Scheme, the consultation and where more detailed information can be found.
- Consultation Information Booklet, which provides a more detailed overview of the Scheme, including a summary of some of the potential environmental effects, as detailed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”).
- Consultation Feedback Form, which may be used to provide a response to our consultation on the Scheme proposals.
- Interactive Scheme map, which is a digital map hosted on the website for users to engage with elements of the Scheme by zooming, dragging and clicking to reveal more information.
- PEIR and Non-Technical Summary (“NTS”) of the PEIR.
- Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”), which has been publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Act to explain how we will consult on our proposals.

The Applicant has included as enclosures with this letter a template of the letters being sent to statutory consultees under sections 42 and 44 of the Act, the Scheme Development Area Boundary Plan, and a copy of the Applicant’s statutory notice prepared in accordance with section 48 of the Act and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. Letters will be issued to statutory consultees under sections 42 and 44 of the Act by first class post.

All of the consultation documents will be available via the Applicant’s project website at www.kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk from midday on **Wednesday 17 September 2025**. We will also be holding a series of in-person consultation events, as well as uploading an information presentation to the Scheme website during the consultation period. Further details of the consultation events can be found in the section 48 notice enclosed.

Following the receipt and consideration of responses to this statutory consultation, the Applicant anticipates submitting this DCO application to the Secretary of State in early 2026.

If you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk or 0800 012 9881.

We would appreciate if you could confirm receipt of this letter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



David Vernon
Head of NSIP Projects
Downing Renewable Developments

Enclosed:

- Copy of section 42 consultation letter
- Copy of section 44 consultation letter
- Copy of Scheme Development Area Boundary Plan
- Copy of section 48 notice.