

# Green Hill Solar Farm

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25 October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Green Hill Solar Farm**

### **Statutory Consultation**

#### **Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and Regulations 11 and 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”)**

Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) intends to build a solar generating station and energy storage project (“the Green Hill Solar Farm”), located within the administrative boundaries of West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council and Milton Keynes City Council.

1. The Green Hill Solar Farm will consist of:
  - a. Green Hill A, A.2, B, C, D, E, F, G and Green Hill BESS, with photovoltaic (PV) solar panels across eight sites and a dedicated battery energy storage system site, located across between Northampton, Wellingborough and Milton Keynes.
  - b. Electrical infrastructure including solar panels, conversion units, inverters and substations of between 33kV and 400kV. Two larger 400kV substations will be located at the Green Hill C and Green Hill Bess Sites. The proposed locations of the 132kV substations are within Green Hill A, B, E, F and G and shown on the Indicative Masterplan. The locations of the remaining smaller substations of 33kV will be determined as part of the design process following the statutory consultation.
  - c. A battery energy storage system located within Green Hill BESS. A second location for energy storage is also being considered at Green Hill C.
  - d. Underground electricity cables, located within a cable route search area, connecting the Green Hill sites, substations and the energy storage system to the National Grid substation at Grendon; and
  - e. Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works, for example, fencing, security (including CCTV), local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.

The Applicant is part of Island Green Power.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the 2008 Act for the Green Hill Solar Farm. The DCO application will contain full details of Green Hill Solar Farm and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the 2017 Regulations.

### **Consultation on the Green Hill Solar Farm**

The Green Hill Solar Farm is currently in the pre-application stage. As part of that process, the Applicant is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before it is submitted. Your feedback as part of this consultation will be considered before the Applicant finalises its DCO application and will also be reported to the Planning Inspectorate when the application is submitted. Any representations you have already made will also be reported.

We are writing to you as you have been identified as a consultee for the purpose of section 42 of the Planning Act 2008/or Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, or it has been decided it would be appropriate to consult in any event.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities (under section 42 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by Green Hill Solar Farm (under section 42 and section 44 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Green Hill Solar Farm (under section 47 of the 2008 Act); and
- General public consultation on Green Hill Solar Farm (under section 48 of the 2008 Act).

The consultation will run from **7 November 2024 until 11:59pm on 19 December 2024**.

In addition, section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations require the Applicant to publicise its proposed DCO application. A formal notice publicising the proposed application is therefore enclosed with this letter and sets out further details regarding the consultation.

### **Consultation materials**

The Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”), which has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning



Inspectorate and which reports the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of Green Hill Solar Farm and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process and the design of Green Hill Solar Farm will continue to evolve during the pre-application stage.

Copies of the consultation materials are available free of charge online at [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk) under the document library heading and include:

1. The PEIR (including appendices, plans and figures);
2. A non-technical summary of the PEIR;
3. Additional documents including the Community Consultation Newsletter, Feedback Form and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

The consultation materials are available (in hard copy or electronic copy as specified in the enclosed section 48 notice) at Local Information Points. Hard copies of the consultation materials are also available upon request (some of which are subject to payment). Details of the Local Information Points, how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the enclosed section 48 notice.

### Consultation events

The Applicant will also be holding multiple community events in public and online throughout the consultation period, details of which are listed in the enclosed section 48 notice. If you would like to register for the online webinars, this can be requested through the project contact information below which can also be found on [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk).

### How to respond to this consultation

**Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 19 December 2024.**

Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in the Green Hill Solar Farm. Completed responses must be submitted:

- a) By email to [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk)
- b) Online at [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk)
- c) Returning hard copy feedback form to FREEPOST GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM

### Further information



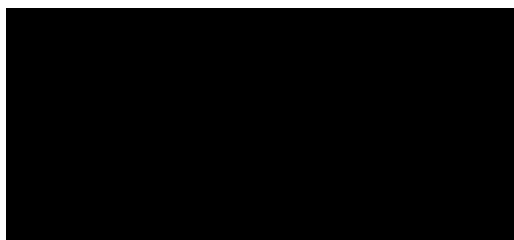
If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or the Green Hill Solar Farm, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

**Emailing:** [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk)

**Calling our Freephone:** 0800 012 9882

**Visiting our website at:** [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,



Lesley Giles  
Project Development Manager  
On behalf of Green Hill Solar Farm Limited

## SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008

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

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 50MW and associated infrastructure on land in Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes (Green Hill Solar Farm).

1. Notice is hereby given that Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (Company registration number 13362769) of Unit 25.7 Coda Studios, 189 Munster Road, London, England SW6 6AW (the Applicant), proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order for the Green Hill Solar Farm (the Application).
2. The Green Hill Solar Farm will cover a combined area of approximately 1,200 hectares and will consist of the following sites:
  - a. Green Hill A, A.2, B, C, D, E, F, G, and Green Hill BESS: eight solar array sites and a dedicated battery energy storage system site, located between Northampton, Wellingborough and Milton Keynes. The solar array sites will include solar panels, conversion units, inverters, and 132kV substations in Green Hill A, B, E, F and G and two 400kV substations in Green Hill C and Green Hill BESS.
  - b. A battery energy storage system located within Green Hill BESS. A second location for energy storage is also being considered at Green Hill C.
  - c. A cable route search area has been identified for the underground electricity cables connecting the Green Hill sites, substations and the energy storage system to the National Grid substation at Grendon; and
  - d. Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works, for example, fencing, security, local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.
3. The sites are located across several parishes and administrative areas:
  - Green Hill A and A.2 are located in the parishes of Old and Walgrave and in the administrative area of West Northamptonshire, approximately 600m south of Walgrave.
  - Green Hill B is located within the parish of Holcot and in the administrative area of West Northamptonshire, approximately 1.2km north of Moulton.
  - Green Hill C is located within parishes of Sywell and Mears Ashby and in the administrative area of North Northamptonshire, approximately 2km west of Wellingborough.
  - Green Hill D is located within the parish of Mears Ashby and in the administrative area of North Northamptonshire, approximately 2km west of Wellingborough.

- Green Hill E is located within the parishes of Mears Ashby and Wilby in the administrative area of North Northamptonshire, approximately 500m north of Earls Barton.
  - Green Hill F is located within the parishes of Easton Maudit and Bozeat in the administrative area of North Northamptonshire, approximately 300m west of the village of Bozeat.
  - Green Hill G is located within the parishes of Warrington and Lavendon in the administrative area of Milton Keynes, approximately 600m north of Lavendon.
  - Green Hill BESS is located within the parish of Grendon and in the administrative area of North Northamptonshire, approximately 600m north of Grendon.
4. The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:
- Construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar PV electricity generating station and associated development including grid connection and energy storage facility;
  - Compulsory acquisition of land, including interests in land, rights over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override, suspend or extinguish rights over land and powers for the temporary use of land;
  - The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation including legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant; and
  - Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
5. Green Hill Solar Farm is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works involved constitute development for which an EIA is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. The Environmental Statement will provide a detailed description of the Green Hill Solar Farm and its likely significant environmental impacts. Information compiled so far about the Green Hill Solar Farm's likely significant environmental effects is set out for consultation in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (the PEIR) and summarised in a Non-Technical Summary.

### **Statutory consultation**

6. The Applicant is undertaking a statutory consultation on the proposals for the Green Hill Solar Farm between **Thursday 7 November 2024 and Thursday 19 December 2024**.
7. A copy of the PEIR, together with a Non-Technical Summary, our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents, plans and maps explaining our consultation process and details of the nature and location of the Green Hill Solar Farm can be found on the Applicant's website in the

documents library at [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk). These documents will be free to read, download and print from 7 November 2024 until 19 December 2024.

8. Hard copies of the PEIR and Non-Technical Summary will be available for inspection from 7 November 2024 until 19 December 2024 at the following information points. Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and the Consultation Feedback Form will be available to take away free of charge. We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times prior to visiting.

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| <b>Moulton Community Library</b><br>Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill,<br>Reedings, Moulton, Northamptonshire,<br>NN3 7AX<br><b>Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm</b><br><b>Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm (self-service only)</b> | <b>Rothwell Community Library</b><br>Market Hill, Rothwell NN14 6EP<br><b>Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – 10:00am – 4:00pm</b> |
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9. Electronic copies of the PEIR and Non-Technical Summary may be viewed on a computer at the following information points from 7 November 2024 until 19 December 2024. While access to computers at these information points is free, a membership for the library may be required. Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and the Consultation Feedback Form will be available to take away free of charge. We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times and membership requirements prior to visiting.

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| <b>Brixworth Library</b><br>Spratton Road, Brixworth, Northampton,<br>NN6 9DS<br><b>Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm</b>                                                                              | <b>Duston Library</b><br>Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road,<br>Northampton NN5 6DT<br><b>Monday – Friday – 9:00am – 5:00pm</b><br><b>Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm</b> |
| <b>Earls Barton Community Library</b><br>27 Broad Street, Earls Barton,<br>Northampton NN6 0ND<br><b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 2:00pm – 5:00pm</b><br><b>Wednesday – 10:00am – 1:00pm</b> | <b>Milton Keynes Library</b><br>555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes<br>MK9 3HL<br><b>Monday – Friday - 9 am – 6 pm,</b><br><b>Saturday - 9 am – 5 pm</b>               |

10. Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and the Consultation Feedback Form will also be available to take away free of charge from **Wellingborough Library**, 7 Pebble Lane, Wellingborough NN8 1AS (Monday - Friday 9 am - 6 pm, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm). We recommend contacting the venue to check the opening times prior to visiting.

11. The Applicant will host consultation events to provide opportunities to view the relevant consultation documentation and speak with members of the project team. The details of the consultation events are as follows:

| Venue | Date and Time |
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| <b>Grendon Village Hall</b><br>Main Road, Grendon, Northampton,<br>NN7 1JW        | Monday 18 November 2024<br><b>2:00pm – 7pm</b>                     |
| <b>Webinar</b><br>Online or via telephone                                         | Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024<br><b>6:00pm – 7:00pm</b> |
| <b>Lavendon Village Hall</b><br>22 High Street, Lavendon, Bucks,<br>MK46 4HA      | Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2024<br><b>12:00pm – 5:00pm</b> |
| <b>Webinar</b><br>Online or via telephone                                         | Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024<br><b>6:00pm – 7:00pm</b>   |
| <b>Swanspool Pavilion</b><br>Swanspool Parade, Wellingborough,<br>NN8 9SR         | Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024<br><b>2:00pm – 7pm</b>    |
| <b>Webinar</b><br>Online or via telephone                                         | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024<br><b>12:30pm – 1:30pm</b> |
| <b>Walgrave Village Hall</b><br>1 Newland Road, Walgrave, Northampton,<br>NN6 9PZ | Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2024<br><b>12am – 5:00pm</b>     |

12. These consultation events offer an opportunity to find out more about the Green Hill Solar Farm. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend an in-person consultation event. A link to the webinars will be available on the project website. Attendees will need to register in advance to attend a webinar either online or via telephone via the link on the project website.
13. For further information or queries, please call 0800 012 9882 (free of charge); write to FREEPOST GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required); email [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk) or visit [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk).

### **To obtain hard copies of the consultation documents**

14. A hard copy of the PEIR can be printed and delivered at a cost of £750 per copy. All other consultation documents can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request to the Applicant on 0800 012 9882 (free of charge) or by email at [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk). Requests for translated documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **Have your say**

15. Feedback can be provided through the consultation feedback form on the Applicant's website at [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk). Hardcopy feedback forms will also be available at the information points listed above and at the in person consultation events..
16. The consultation feedback form, responses to or other representation in respect of the Green Hill Solar Farm can also be sent to the Applicant by email to [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk) or by post to FREEPOST GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required).
17. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO **must** be received by the Applicant on or before **11.59PM on Thursday 19 December 2024**.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses to consultation and publicity when developing its DCO application. Individual responses may be made publicly available, or made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and data protection legislation. Respondents do not have to provide any personal information, but this information will help the Applicant to understand the range of responses and enable the Applicant to send you further information relating to the Green Hill Solar Farm. Personal information will be kept confidential where possible. Please refer to our Privacy Notice for more details: [https://greenhillsolar.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Privacy-Notice\\_StatCon151482463.1.pdf](https://greenhillsolar.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Privacy-Notice_StatCon151482463.1.pdf)

## Michael Kirk

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**From:** Green Hill Solar  
**Sent:** 19 November 2024 04:59 PM  
**To:** Green Hill Solar  
**Subject:** Displaying leaflet in noticeboard

Good afternoon,

We had our first exhibition session yesterday and we have been asked to display this leaflet in parish noticeboards, where possible. Would be able to print the following and display it on your noticeboard to keep residents aware of the upcoming events? Please let us know if not possible.

<https://greenhillsolar.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/consultation-documents/Consultation%20Leaflet.pdf>

Kind regards,  
Green Hill Solar Farm - Community Relations



#### 7.4 \_ s42 Consultee List

##### **Section 42 Consultees–November 2024**

- Advanced Electricity Networks Ltd
- Aidien Ltd
- Anglian Water
- Aurora Utilities Ltd
- Bedfordshire Borough Council
- Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner
- Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust
- Billing Parish Council
- Boughton Parish Council
- Bozeat Parish Council
- Brafield on the Green Parish Council
- Brixworth Parish Council
- Broughton Parish Council
- Buckinghamshire Council
- Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Cadent Gas Limited
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Carlton with Chellington Parish Council
- Castle Ashby Parish Council
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Cherwell District Council
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville Parish Council
- CNG Services Ltd
- Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council
- Denton Parish Council
- Duston Parish Council
- Earls Barton Parish Council
- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Easton Maudit Airfield
- Eclipse Power Network Limited
- Ecton Parish Council
- Energy Assets Networks Limited
- Energy Assets Pipelines Limited
- ES Pipelines Ltd
- ESP Connections Ltd
- ESP Electricity Limited
- ESP Networks Ltd
- ESP Pipelines Ltd
- Far Cotton and Delapre Community Council
- Finedon Town Council
- Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited
- Fulcrum Pipelines Limited
- Great Cransley Parish Council
- Great Doddington Parish Council



- Great Harrowden Parish Council
- Great Houghton Parish Council
- Grendon Parish Council
- GTC Pipelines Limited
- Hackleton Parish Council
- Hannington Parish Council
- Harborough District Council
- Hardingstone Parish Council
- Hardwick Parish Council
- Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited
- Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited
- Harlestone Manor Parish Council
- Harlestone Parish Council
- Harrold Parish Council
- Health and Safety Executive
- Historic England
- Holcot Parish Council
- Hold Farm Airfield
- Homes England
- Hunsbury Meadows Parish Council
- Huntingdonshire
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- Independent Distribution Connection Specialists Ltd
- Independent Pipelines Limited
- Independent Power Networks Limited
- Indigo Pipelines Limited
- Indigo Power Limited
- Inovyn Enterprises Ltd
- Irchester Parish Council
- Irthlingborough Town Council
- Kingsthorpe Parish Council
- Lamport and Hanging Houghton Parish Council
- Last Mile Electricity Ltd
- Last Mile Gas Ltd
- Lavendon Parish Council
- Leep Electricity Networks Limited
- Leep Gas Networks Limited
- Leicestershire County Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Little Harrowden Parish Council
- Little Houghton Parish Council
- Loddington Parish Council
- Mawsley Parish Council
- Mears Ashby Parish Council
- Milton Keynes City Council
- Milton Keynes City Council
- Moulton Parish Council
- Mua Electricity Limited
- Mua Gas Limited
- National Gas
- National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) Limited



- National Grid Electricity System Operation Limited
- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
- National Highways
- National Highways Historical Railways Estate
- Natural England
- NHS Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board
- NHS England
- NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board
- North Northamptonshire Council
- Northampton Town Council
- Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
- Northern Gas Networks Limited
- Odell Parish Council
- Old Parish Council
- Olney Town Council
- Optimal Power Networks Limited
- Orlingbury Parish Council
- Overstone Parish Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Peterborough City Council
- Pitsford Airfield
- Pitsford Parish Council
- Podington Parish Council
- Pytchley Parish Council
- Quadrant Pipelines Limited
- Ravenstone Parish Council
- Royal Mail Group
- Rugby Borough Council
- Rushden Town Council
- Rutland County Council
- Scaldwell Parish Council
- Scotland Gas Networks Plc
- South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- South Kesteven District Council
- Southern Gas Networks Plc
- Stark Infra-Electricity Ltd
- Stark Infra-Electricity Ltd
- Stratford-upon-Avon Council
- Strixton Parish Council
- Sywell Aerodrome
- Sywell Parish Council
- Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner
- The Canal and River Trust
- The Crown Estate
- The Electricity Network Company Limited
- The Environment Agency
- The Forestry Commission—East & East Midlands
- Turvey Parish Council
- UK Power Distribution Limited
- United Kingdom Health Security Agency
- Upton Parish Council



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- Utility Assets Limited
  - Vattenfall Networks Limited
  - Walgrave Parish Council
  - Warwickshire County Council
  - Wellingborough Town Council
  - West Hunsbury Parish Council
  - West Northamptonshire Council
  - Weston Underwood Parish Council
  - Wilby Parish Council
  - William Pitt Airfield
  - Wollaston Parish Council
  - Yardley Hastings Parish Council

30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

To: Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

By email to [greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Dear Sir or Madam

## **Green Hill Solar Farm – PINS Reference EN010170**

### **Notice of proposed application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (2008 Act)**

Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) intends to build a solar and energy storage project with grid connection infrastructure located within the administrative boundary of West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council and Milton Keynes City (“the Green Hill Solar Farm”).

1. The Green Hill Solar Farm will cover a combined area of approximately 1,200 hectares and will consist of the following sites:
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2. Green Hill A, A.2 and B are located within the administrative area of West Northamptonshire Council, Green Hill C, D, E, F and Green Hill BESS are located within the administrative area of North Northamptonshire Council, and Green Hill G is located within the administrative area of Milton Keynes City Council.
3. The sites are located across several parishes:



- Green Hill A and A.2 are situated in the parishes of Old and Walgrave in West Northamptonshire, approximately 600m south of Walgrave.
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- Green Hill G is located within the parishes of Warrington and Lavendon in Milton Keynes, approximately 600m north of Lavendon.
- Green Hill BESS is located within the parish of Grendon, North Northamptonshire, approximately 600m north of Grendon.
- The precise location of the cable route will be developed and identified following additional technical surveys.

The Applicant is part of Island Green Power.

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- The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation including legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.



## Notice under section 46 of the 2008 Act

Please treat this letter as notice to the Planning Inspectorate, under section 46 of the 2008 Act, of the Applicant's proposed application in relation to Green Hill Solar Farm, and please find enclosed:

1. Example covering letter to statutory consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations;
2. Example covering letter to land interests under section 44 of the 2008 Act;
3. Copy of the notice publicising the application under section 48 of the 2008 Act. The notice is published in the Daventry Express, Northampton Chronicle & Echo, Northamptonshire Telegraph, Milton Keynes Citizen, London Gazette and The Guardian on 31 October and 7 November, and in The Bucks Herald on 30 October and 6 November.

## Consultation materials

In accordance with section 46 of the 2008 Act, the documents listed as points 4-7 below are available to consultees free of charge during the consultation between 7 November – 19 December 2024 at the information points detailed in the section 48 notice, and on the project website document library [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk) pursuant to the Applicant's duty to consult under section 42 and 44 of the Act:

4. Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the 2008 Act;
5. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR");
6. A non-technical summary of the PEIR; and
7. Additional documents including the Project Information Leaflet, Feedback Questionnaire and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Hard copies of the Project Information Leaflet, Feedback Questionnaire and the non-technical summary of the PEIR are also available free of charge on request. Please note there will be a £750 charge per copy for printing and delivery of a hard copy of the PEIR. Details of how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the section 48 notice.

**Responses to this consultation must be received no later than 11.59pm on 19 December 2024.** Responses received after this time may not be considered.

If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or the Green Hill Solar Farm, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

**Emailing:** [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk)

**Calling our Freephone:** 0800 012 9882

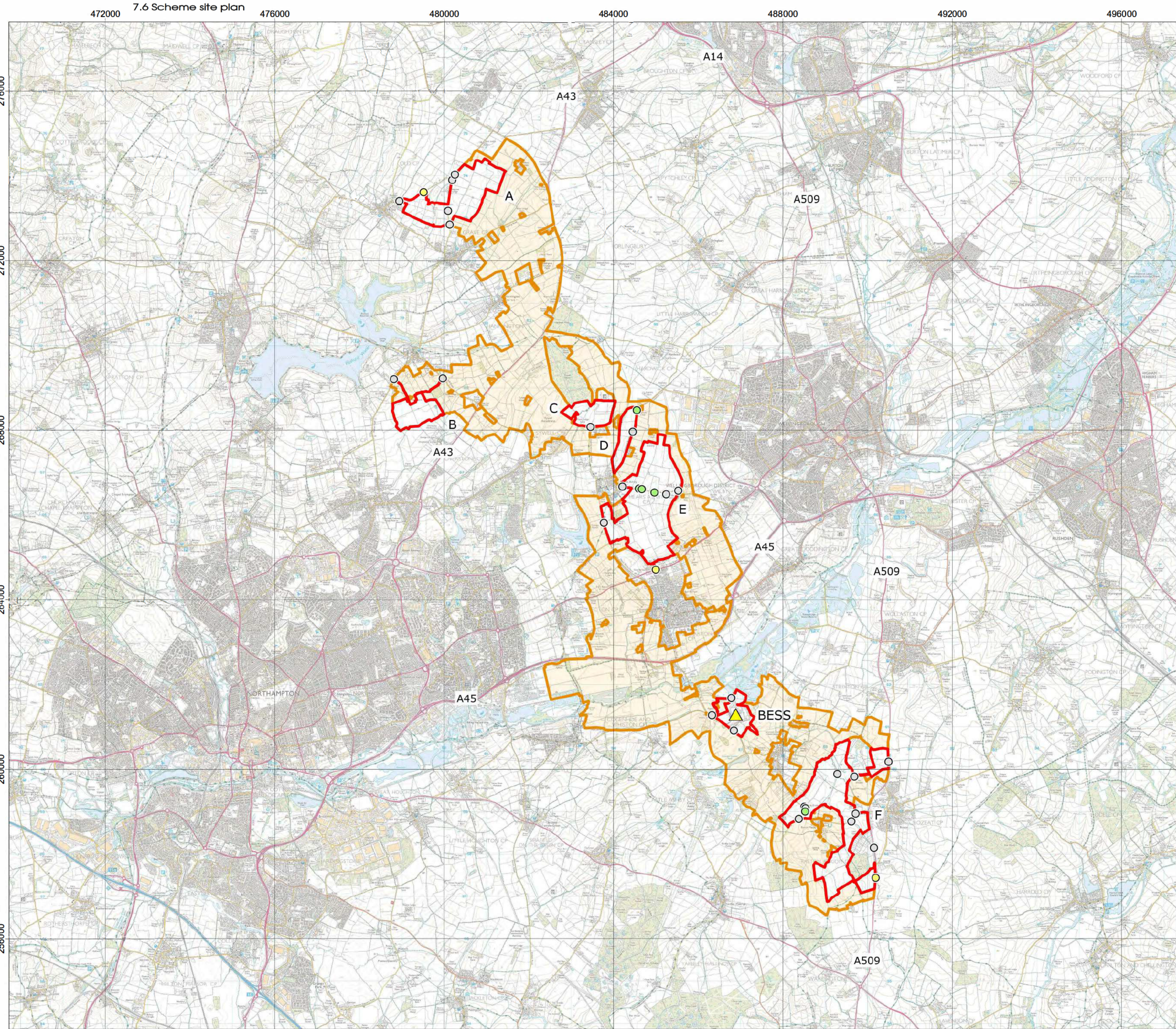
**Writing to us at:** FREEPOST GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM

**Visiting our website at:** [www.greenhillsolar.co.uk](http://www.greenhillsolar.co.uk)



Yours faithfully,

Lesley Giles  
Project Development Manager  
On behalf of Green Hill Solar Farm Limited



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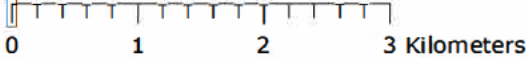
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To Green Hill Solar Farm Limited

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Our Ref: EN010170

**By email only**

Date: 1 November 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

**Proposed application by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited for an Order Granting  
Development Consent for the Green Hill Solar Farm project.**

**Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application**

Thank you for your letter dated 30 October 2024 and the following documentation:

- A copy of the section 48 notice;
- A copy of the letter being sent to all consultation bodies pursuant to section 42 of the Act; and
- A copy of the letter being sent to all land interests pursuant to section 44 of the Act.

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.

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.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Jake Stephens**  
**Case Manager**

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