

The Planning Inspectorate
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24 June 2025

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Light Valley Solar

Notice of proposed application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to section 46 of the Planning Act 2008.

Light Valley Solar Limited (Company registration number **13290180**) of **Unit 25.7 Coda Studios 189 Munster Road, London, England, SW6 6AW**) ('The Applicant'), part of Island Green Power (IGP), intends to build a new solar energy generation station and associated on-site Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ('Light Valley Solar') on land north and west of Selby in North Yorkshire.

The Proposed Development

The Applicant intends to build a utility-scale solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station and associated infrastructure ("Light Valley Solar" hereafter to referred to as "the Proposed Development") within the administrative boundaries of North Yorkshire Council with the potential for associated highways works taking place within the administrative boundaries of the City of York Council. The Proposed Development together covers approximately 1020 hectares (2500 acres) of predominantly agricultural land between the villages of Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford.

The Proposed Development is grouped into seven Solar Development Sites in which the electricity generating station would be contained, located between the areas of Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. The BESS aspects of the Proposed Development will be located within site 2. There will also be below ground cable connections between the panel areas and into the existing Monk Fryston substation.

When built, the Proposed Development would have the ability to provide up to 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity to be supplied to the existing Monk Fryston substation located south and west of the Proposed Development Site.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for Light Valley Solar. As the development

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will generate over 50MW, the scheme is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) when the application is submitted.

The DCO application will contain full details of Light Valley Solar and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Planning Act (“the 2008 Act”) and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”).

Consultation on Light Valley Solar

The Applicant is undertaking consultation on the proposals for Light Valley Solar between Thursday 26th June and Thursday 7th August 2025. This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities (under section 42 and section 43 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by Light Valley Solar (under section 42 and section 44 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Light Valley Solar (under section 47 of the 2008 Act); and
- Notification of consultation on Light Valley Solar (under section 48 of the 2008 Act).
- 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 Light Valley Solar, 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 will be published in the York Press and Selby Times on 19th June and 26th June 2025, The Guardian on 19th June 2025 and the London Gazette on 19th June 2025; and
- 4) A site plan showing the location of the proposed application.

Consultation materials

As the Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development for the purposes of the 2017 Regulations, the Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”). This has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) and reports on the results of the EIA process that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The

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purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of the Proposed Development and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process.

In addition to the PEIR, the Applicant has produced a Phase Two Consultation Information Booklet and Feedback Form. These consultation documents provide information and invite feedback on the proposals for the Proposed Development.

The consultation materials include:

- The PEIR (including appendices, plans and figures);
- A non-technical summary of the PEIR;
- Additional documents including the Phase Two Information Booklet and Feedback Form.

Consultation materials are available free of charge online at www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk and are available for inspection and/or to take home from Community Access Points (CAPs) and the consultation community information events, as explained further in the enclosed section 48 notice.

Consultation materials will also be provided in paper copy or on USB by request to the Applicant. Please note that a reasonable charge up to £750 may apply to providing printed copies of the PEIR and PEIR non-technical summary. Other documents are free of charge. Details of how to request these documents and the related charges, if any, are set out in the enclosed Section 48 notice. The Applicant has requested for responses to be submitted between Thursday 26 June and Thursday 7 August 2025 (on or before this date).

Contacting the Applicant

If you would like further information about this notification or the consultation on Light Valley Solar, please visit our website or contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- **Email:** info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk
- **Online:** www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk
- **Freepost:** FREEPOST Light Valley Solar
- **Phone:** 0808 281 4784 (open 09:00-17:00, Monday to Friday. A voicemail service will operate for out of office hours)

Yours faithfully,



Project Development Manager

On behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited

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