



Light Valley Solar

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Dear Aamina,

Planning Act 2008 - Application for a Development Consent Order for Light Valley Solar Project.

Application Ref: EN0110012

On behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited (the Applicant) I enclose an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) (the Application) pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) for the proposed Light Valley Solar Project (the Proposed Development).

Subject of the Application

The Application is for a DCO to construct, operate (including maintenance), and decommission a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generating facility, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), and supporting infrastructure.

The Application is required because the Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sub-sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the PA 2008 as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 100 megawatts (MW). The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (Secretary of State) will decide whether to grant development consent for the Proposed Development.

The Proposed Development is described in Schedule 1 of the draft DCO [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01].

Application fee and documentation enclosed

The Application fee has been paid by transfer to the account of the Planning Inspectorate on 14 January 2026 (PO003317, reference EPR00001076/1). The Planning Inspectorate confirmed on 19 January 2026 that the fee had been received. The Application is submitted via file transfer of the Application documents, as agreed with the Planning Inspectorate.

A Section 55 Checklist [EN110012/APP/LVS/01.04] has been completed by the Applicant and is included to assist with the Planning Inspectorate's compliance check of the Application.

Application formalities

The Application is made in the form required by Section 37(3)(b) of the PA 2008 and the Application documents comply with the requirements in Section 37 of the PA 2008 and those set out in:

- A. The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations);
- B. The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations);
- C. Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Proposed Developments' (April 2024);
- D. MHCLG and DLUHC Guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Content of a Development Consent Order required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (April 2024);
- E. DCLG Guidance 'Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land' (September 2013);
- F. MHCLG Guidance 'Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance' (June 2013);
- G. MHCLG and DLUHC Guidance 'Guidance on procedural requirements for major infrastructure projects' (updated December 2020);
- H. DCLG Guidance 'Associated development applications for major infrastructure projects' (April 2013); and
- I. Planning Inspectorate advice 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents' (updated December 2025).

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and therefore the Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.01 to 06.04.01] in accordance with the EIA Regulations.



Please note, the following Environmental Statement appendices for Chapter 6 Biodiversity are submitted as confidential reports.

- Badger Surveys [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.06.08]
- Badger Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.06.03]

It has been confirmed to the Planning Inspectorate that the Application may be published (with any necessary redactions and minus any confidential documents) on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage as soon as possible after acceptance of the Application.

The Applicant confirms that Artificial Intelligence has only been used as a tool to assist with formatting, and in the authoring of a limited number of summaries submitted with the DCO Application. All summaries have been checked, and final authoring has been carried out by professional practitioners to ensure all intellectual property presented is technically correct and delivered to a robust standard.

Scheme description

A non-technical description of the Proposed Development is included within the Guide to the Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03]. A more detailed technical description of the Proposed Development is located within Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02].

Need for the Project

The Proposed Development provides for clean energy at a time when the need for renewable energy has never been clearer. The Application is accompanied by a Statement of Need (SoN) [EN110012/APP/LVS/05.03] which provides further detail on the Light Valley Solar Project in the context of rising energy bills, energy security concerns and the urgency of action necessary to achieve Net Zero by 2050. The Statement of Need concludes:

The SoN confirms that the Proposed Development aligns with the UK Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan and legally binding Net Zero 2050 target. It concludes that, in line with the principles set out in the relevant NPSs, the Proposed Development is a vital and timely contribution to meeting the UK's decarbonisation, energy security, and affordability objectives, and should be supported accordingly.

Consent flexibility

The Proposed Development encompasses Solar PV energy generating facilities and BESS infrastructure. Solar PV and BESS technologies are evolving and as a result, the draft DCO [EN110012/APP/LVS/03.01] and supporting Works Plans [EN110012/APP/LVS/02.03] propose a degree of flexibility to allow the latest technology to be used at the time of construction.



Detailed aspects and features of the Proposed Development cannot be confirmed until the tendering process for the design and construction has been completed. In this context, Design Parameters and Commitments are provided as part of the submission [EN110012/APP/LVS/05.05.06]. The design parameters provided the informed framework for design development and the Environmental Assessment. The design commitments reflect the outcome of the assessment process. Compliance within the Design Parameters and Commitments will be secured by a Requirement in the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01].

The EIA undertaken to assess the environmental effects of the Proposed Development has considered and reflected the flexibility sought in the draft DCO, and accounts for the Design Parameters and Principles document [EN110012/APP/LVS/05.05.01]. This is set out in the Environmental Statement [EN0110012/APP/06.01.01 to 06.04.01].

Compulsory Acquisition

The Applicant has sought to reach land agreements with all landowners by voluntary agreement for the Solar Development Sites and the Cable Corridor. Agreed Heads of Terms are in place with all landowners of the Solar Development Sites and approximately one quarter of the landowners with interests affected by the Cable Corridor. However, the Applicant is seeking powers of compulsory acquisition of land, rights and interests and powers of temporary possession in the draft DCO [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01] and as listed in the Book of Reference [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03] in respect of all land within the Order Limits as a backstop position to ensure the Proposed Development can be delivered. These powers would be relied upon, for example, where voluntary agreements cannot be reached, or to protect the Applicant in the event of breach of an option agreement by a landowner.

Other Consents

A summary of other consents and licences likely to be required in addition to those being requested as part of the draft DCO is provided in the Consents and Agreements Position Statement [EN110012/APP/LVS/05.04].

Pre-application consultation

The Applicant has had careful regard to the pre-application consultation requirements of the PA 2008 and the associated guidance and pre-application discussions with the Planning Inspectorate have taken place, as required by Section 50(3) of the PA 2008.

As required by Section 37(3)(c) of the PA 2008, the Application is accompanied by a Consultation Report [EN110012/APP/LVS/05.01], and a Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report within Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01] which provide details of the Applicant's compliance



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with sections 42, 46, 47, 48 and 49 of the PA 2008, the APFP Regulations, the EIA Regulations, and the relevant guidance.

Other matters

Regulation 5(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('the APFP Regulations') requires distinct plans for identifying any Crown land and special category land. This information is provided in the Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.02].

In accordance with Regulation 5(3) and (4) of the APFP Regulations, the Applicant confirms all plans and drawings are no larger than A0, drawn to an identified scale no less than 1:25,000; and all plans show north, and plans of three or more sheets are provided with key plans showing the relationship between the different sites.

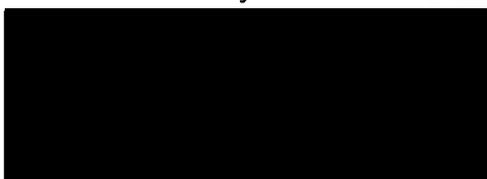
In accordance with Regulation 5(5) of the APFP Regulations, the Applicant retains all responses to the consultation carried out under Part 5 of the PA 2008 and can make them available at the request of the Planning Inspectorate and/or the Secretary of State.

Following consultation with Natural England, a shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (sHRA) report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.06.01] has been prepared. It has been agreed with Natural England that it will not be necessary to assess a potential derogation under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

The Applicant will keep all Application documents under review and will endeavour to provide updates (where it considers it necessary to do so) during the examination of the Application following consideration of the questions and comments received from the Examining Authority and Interested Parties.

We look forward to hearing from you in relation to a formal acceptance of this Application. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely



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