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1 Introduction

1.1.1 This document has been prepared on behalf of The Droves Solar Farm Limited ('the Applicant') to provide a copy of the statutory notices issued under Section 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and to set out the notices published in connection with the statutory consultation undertaken in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of The Droves Solar Farm (hereafter referred to as the 'Scheme').

The Order limits

1.1.2 The extent of the Order limits are shown in Location Plan [APP/2.1] and the Scheme is described in full in Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 5: The Scheme [APP/6.1] and shown spatially on the Works Plan [APP/2.3].

The Scheme

- 1.1.3 The Scheme comprises the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station and Associated Development comprising Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), a Customer Substation, and Grid Connection Infrastructure, including a new National Grid Substation. The Scheme would allow for the generation and export of over 50MW Alternating Current (AC) of renewable energy, connecting into the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) overhead line that passes through the Site.
- 1.1.4 As the Scheme would have a generating capacity in excess of 50MW, it is considered to be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.5 The Scheme would be located within the Order limits, also referred to as 'the Site'. The Order limits contain all elements of the Scheme comprising the Solar PV Site, the Customer Substation, the National Grid Substation, the BESS, Grid Connection Infrastructure, Mitigation and Enhancement Areas, and the Highway Works (shown in ES Figure 3.1: Scheme Location [APP/6.3] and described further in ES Chapter 3: Order limits and Context [APP/6.1]).



2 Schedule of notices

Section 47 notices

2.1.1 The Section 47 notice was published in print and online in the Eastern Daily Press on 23 April 2025. Copies of the notice as published are provided in **Section 3** of this document.

Table 1 Schedule of Section 47 notices

| Publication | Format | Date of notice |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Eastern Daily Press | Print and online | 23 April 2025 |

Section 48 notices

2.1.2 The Section 48 notices were advertised in the nationally circulating publications listed in **Table 2** and twice in two consecutive weeks in the locally circulating publication noted in **Table 3**. Copies of the notices as published are provided in **Section 4** of this document.

Table 2 Schedule of Section 48 notices (national publications)

| Publication | Format | Date of notice |
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| The Guardian | Print and online | 14 May 2025 |
| The London Gazette | Print and online | 14 May 2025 |

Table 3 Schedule of Section 48 notices (local publication)

| Publication | Format | Date of notice one | Date of notice two |
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3 Section 47 notice

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2025 FASTERN DAILY PRESS 39

Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008.

Notice is hereby given that The Droves Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) (Company Number 14684480), whose registered office is at Unit 25.7 Coda Studios 189 Munster Road, London, England, SW6 6AW has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Applicant is proposing a new solar project located on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre. West Norfolk. The Droves Solar Farm could supply approximately 500MWac of renewable energy to the National Grid and would support regional and national targets for reducing carbon emissions to net zero, contribute to improvements to local ecology and biodiversity and deliver affordable, subsidy-free energy. The Applicant will work closely with stakeholders and the local community to develop The Droves Solar Farm proposals, having regard to the dback received during public consultation.

The Droves Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 as it has a proposed generation capacity of over 50MW. As a NSIP the Applicant must submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Applicant is a subsidiary of Island Green Power Group Limited (IGP).

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

The Applicant has a duty to consult the local community under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant has therefore prepared a SoCC that explains how people living in the vicinity of proposed Scheme boundary will be consulted throughout the pre-application process and how it intends to consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which will inform the final Environmental Statement (ES). The consultation process is designed to provide information about The Droves Solar Farm and give the opportunity for local communities to have their say and help develop the final design.

This notice provides formal notification of the publication of the SoCC which can be viewed, free of charge, on the document library at: www.drovessglarfarm.co.uk. A hard copy of the SoCC is also available to inspect at the information point detailed below

The Consultation Process

The Applicant will be holding its statutory consultation between 21 May and 9 July 2025. The Applicant will host a series of consultation activities, which will be available and accessible to all interested members of the local community. All consultation materials will be available to view, free of charge, during the statutory consultation period on the Scheme website: www.drovessolarfarm.co.uk-

Hard copies of the SoCC will be available for inspection from 23 April 2025 until 9 July 2025 at the information point listed below

Hard copies of the PEIR and Non-Technical Summary will be available for inspection from 21 May until 9 July 2025 at the information point listed below.

Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and the Consultation Feedback Form will be available at the information point listed below to take away free of charge from 21 May until 9 July 2025.

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A hard copy of the PEIR can be provided on request, though there will be a cost associated with this. The cost of printing and delivering the PEIR will be confirmed prior to the start of the

The SoCC, Consultation Information Booklet, Consultation Feedback Form, Consultation Newsletter, and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request to the Applicant on 0800 0129 154 (free of charge) or by email at info@drovessolarfarm.co.uk.

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| Swaffham Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB | Wednesday 11 June 2025 12:00 - 19:00 |
| Westacre Theatre, River Road, West Acre, King's Lynn, PE32 1UA | Friday 20 June 2025 10:00 - 14:00 |

Webinars

The Applicant will also be hosting two webinars for stakeholders to join via telephone or online via Livestorm, an online web conferencing platform for webinars and virtual meeting.

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We will require attendees to register for these online events in advance via the automated registration form on the Livestorm website. The link to the registration form for the webinars will be available on the Scheme website. Instructions on how to register and attend the webinars will also be provided on the Scheme website

Get in Touch

Emailing: info@drovessolarfarm.co.uk Calling our Freephone: 0800 0129 154

Writing to us at: FREEPOST THE DROVES SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required) Visiting our website at: www.drovessolarfarm.co.uk



4 Section 48 notices

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SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008

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

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 2. The Droves Solar Farm will cover a combined area of approximately 825 hectares of land ("the Site"). The Site is located south of South Acre, West Acre and Castle Acre. River Road bisects the Site, routing in a general south-northwest direction. West Acre Road and Narford Lane border the Site along the southern and south-western boundary. The Site's north-eastern boundary routes parallel to the south of South Acre Road to the junction to the A1065. Castle Acre Road (merging into the Al065) runs in a general north-south direction routing parallel along the eastern boundary of the Site.

 3. The Droves Solar Farm will consist of:

 a) The solar array sites, which will include solar panels, conversion units and inverters.
- - b) A Customer Substation, which comprises electrical infrastructure such as transformers, switchgear and metering equipment required to facilitate the export of electricity up to 400kV (kilovolt) from The Droves Solar Farm to the National Grid Substation.
 - c) A 400kV National Grid Substation operated by National Grid Electricity Transmission and associated electrical infrastructure and other ancillary works required to facilitate the export of electricity from The Droves Solar Farm to the National Grid. d) A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) area.
 e) Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures and other ancillary works, for example, enclosures and fencing, security, drainage, earthworks, highways and access works, mitigation and enhancement measures, temporary

 - works compounds and work sites.

 f) Cable Route Corridor underground cabling connecting the solar array sites and Conversion Units to the BESS and the Customer Substation.
- g) Grid Connection Corridor cabling connecting the Customer Substation to the National Grid Substation point of connection to transfer the energy generated to the national grid system, which may be underground or via overhead lines
- h) Grid Connection Infrastructure Underground and/or overhead lines, including the construction of new pylons between the National Grid Substation and the point of connection.

 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;
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 Such andillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

 5. The Droves 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 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 Droves Solar Farm and assess its likely significant environmental effects. Information compiled so far about The Droves Solar Farm's likely significant environmental effects is set out for consultation in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (the PEIR) and summarised in the Normation Company (NEC) (1997). in a Non-Technical Summary (NTS).

Statutory consultation

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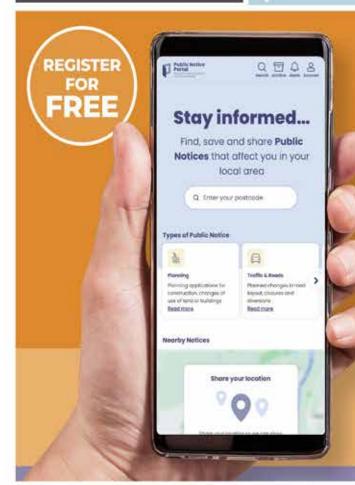
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A47 diversions chaos

Lorries hauling static caravans to coastal holiday parks are causing "bedlam" on the roads as construction work on the A47 means they are being diverted through villages.

The structures are normally scorted from Norwich to Great Yarmouth's seaside resorts via

the A47 and Acle Straight.

But a width restriction from

North Burlingham to Acle,
where the road is being dualled, is now forcing abnormal loads wider than 3.8m to take a more than 15-mile diversion down the A146 through Lowestoft. It means lorries carrying

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caravans are having to weave their way round the Barnby Bends, over the narrow bridges

Bends, over the narrow bridges in Oulton Broad, before heading up to Yarmouth.

Graham Finney, who owns an abnormal load escort business, said it now takes him an 90 rather than 20 minutes to escort caravans to the coast, reducing the number he can reducing the number he can take in a day and significantly increasing his fuel costs.

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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 ecommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 50 watts and associated infrastructure on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre, West Norfolk

- Notice is hereby given that The Droves Solar Farm Limited ("the Applicant") (Company registration number 14684-80) of Unit 25.7 Coda Studios, 188 Munster Road, London, England SW6 6AW, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2006 for a Development Consent Order for The Droves Solar Farm ("the Application").
- 2. The Droves Solar Farm will cover a combined area of approximately 825 hectares of land ("the Site"). The Site is located south of South Acre, West Acre and Castle Acre. River Road bisects the Site, routing in a general south-northwest direction. West Acre Road and Narford Lane border the Site along the southern and south-western boundary. The Site's north-reastern boundary routes parallel to the south of South Acre Road to the junction to the A1065. Castle Acre Road (merging into the A1065) runs in a general north-south direction routing parallel along the eastern boundary of the Site.
- 3. The Droves Solar Farm will consist of

 - a) The solar array sites, which will include solar panels, conversion units and inverters.
 b) A Customer Substation, which comprises electrical intrastructure such as transformers, switchgeer and metering equipment required to facilitate the export of electricity up to 400kV (kilovott) from The Droves. Solar Farm to the National Grid Substation.
 - A 400kV National Grid Substation operated by National Grid Electricity Transm electrical infrastructure and other ancillary works required to facilitate the export of electricity from The Droves Solar Farm to the National Grid. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) area.

 - e) Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures and other ancillary works, for example, enclosures and fencing, security, drainage, earthworks, highways and access works, mitigation and enhancement measures, temporary works compounds and work sites.

 Cablie Route Corridor – underground cabling connecting the solar array sites and Conversion Units to the BESS and the Customer Substation.

 - gi Grid Connection Corridor cabling connecting the Customer Substation to the National Grid Substation point of connection to transfer the energy generated to the national grid system, which may be underground or via overhead lines.
 h) Grid Connection Infrastructure Underground and/or overhead lines, including the construction of new
 - ovions between the National Grid Substation and the point of connection
- 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 eatinguish rights over fand and powers for the temporary use of land:
 - The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation including legislation relating to
 - Such ancitary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
- The Droves 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 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 Droves Solar Farm and assess its lively significant environmental effects in set out for consultation in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (the PEIR) and summarised in a Non-Technical Summary (NTS)

Statutory consultation 6. The Applicant is u

- n on the proposals for The Droves Solar Far Wednesday 21 May 2025 and Wednesday 9 July 2025.
- 7. A copy of the PEIR, together with the PEIR NTS, the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents, plans and maps explaining the consultation process and details of the nature and location of The Droves Solar Farm can be found on the Applicant's website in the documents library at www.drovessolarfarm.co.sit. These documents will be free to read, download and print from Wednesday 21 May 2025 to Wednesday 9 July 2025.
- Hard copies of the PEIR, PEIR NTS, SoCC, maps and plans will be available for inspection free of charge from Wednesday 21 May 2025 and Wednesday 9 July 2025 at the information point below. Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and the Consultation Feedback Form will be available to take away free of harge from the information point below
- Electronic copies of the SoCC, PEIR and NTS can also be viewed on the library's computer. White access to the computer at the library is free, a membership for the library may be required. We recommend contacting the library to check the opening times prior to visiting.

| Venue | Address | Opening times | Contact details |
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| Swaffham Library | Swaffnam Library, The Pightle, Swaffnam, PE37 7DF | During staffed hours, a membership is not required to access the library. Staffed hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10am-7pm. Friday 1pm-7pm. Saturday 10am-4pm. | Email: libraries@norfolk.gov.uk Phone: 01760 721513 |

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- getting in touch with the library for more details. 10. The Applicant will host public information events to provide interested parties with the opportunity to view the consultation materials as well as speak with members of the project team. The details of the events can be
- 11. These consultation events offer an opportunity to find out more about The Drowes Solar Farm. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend an in-person consultation event

| Venue | Date and Time | |
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| Sporle Community Centre | Saturday 31 May 2025 | |
| 78 The Street, Sporle, King's Lynn, PE32 20R | 11:00- 17:00 | |
| Narborough Community Centre | Monday 2 June 2025 | |
| Chalk Lane, Narborough, PE32 1SR | 10:00-14:00 | |
| Swaffham Assembly Rooms | Wednesday 11 June 2025 | |
| 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB | 12:00- 19:00 | |
| Westacre Theatre | Friday 20 June 2025 | |
| River Road, West Acre. King's Lynn, PE32 1UD | 10:00- 16:00 | |

12. The Applicant will also host two webinars for inferested parties to join via telephone or online via Livestorm, a rencing platform

| Date | Time | |
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| Thursday 5 June 2025 | 12:30-13:30 | |
| Wednesday 25 June 2025 | 18:30-19:30 | |

- 13. We will require attendoes to register for these online events in advance vis a registration form. The link to the registration form will be available on The Droves Solar Farm website, which will also provide joining
- For further information or queries, please call FREEPHONE 0800 0129 154 (tree of charge); write by letter to FREEPOST THE DROVES SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required); email infoliatrovessolarfarm. co.uk or visit www.drovessolarfarm.co.uk,

To obtain hard copies of the consultation documents

- 15. Hard copies of all other consultation materials, including the PEIR, may be requested during the consultation period by contacting the Applicant on FREEPHONE 0800 0129 154 or by small to infoliorovessolariarm.co.uk
- 16. Requests for consultation materials in an alternative format such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments or in an alternative language for those who do not speak English as their first language will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests for multiple copies of these documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis and a reasonable charge may apply to cover printing and postage costs.
- 17. A printed hard copy of the PEIR will cost £750 (which includes printing and postage costs).

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