

The Drovers Solar Farm

Consultation Report Appendix D: Published Section 47 and Section 48 Notices

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1 Published Section 47 notice

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 Drovers 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 Scheme

The Applicant is proposing a new solar project located on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre, West Norfolk. The Drovers 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 Drovers Solar Farm proposals, having regard to the feedback received during public consultation.

The Drovers 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 Drovers 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.drovessolarfarm.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.

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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 consultation period.

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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Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO **must** be received by the Applicant on or before **11.59PM on Wednesday 9th July 2025**.

Information Events

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Webinars

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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

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4. The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:
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 - Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
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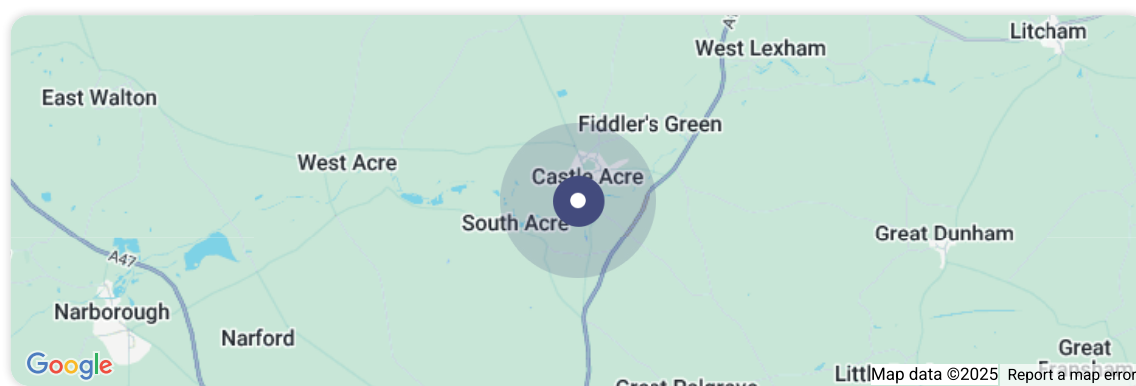
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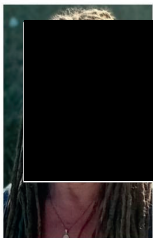
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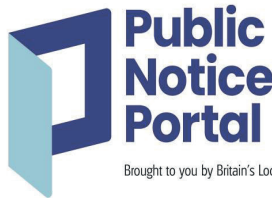
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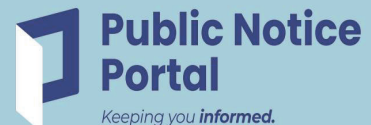


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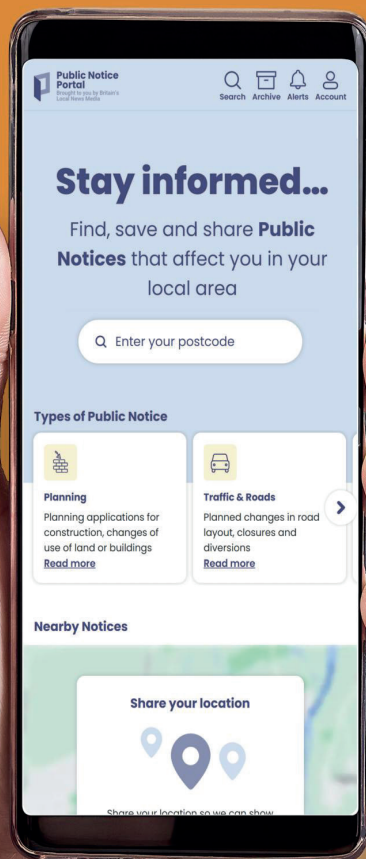
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But a width restriction from North Burlingham to Acle, where the road is being dualled, is now forcing abnormal loads wider than 3.8m to take a more than 15-mile diversion down the A146 through Lowestoft.

It means lorries carrying

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caravans are having to weave their way round the Barnby Bends, over the narrow bridges 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 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 and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 50 megawatts and associated infrastructure on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre, West Norfolk.

1. Notice is hereby given that The Drovers Solar Farm Limited ("the Applicant") (Company registration number 14684480) of Unit 25.7 Coda Studios, 189 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 2008 for a Development Consent Order for The Drovers Solar Farm ("the Application").
 2. The Drovers 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 A1065) runs in a general north-south direction routing parallel along the eastern boundary of the Site.
 3. The Drovers 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 Drovers 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 Drovers 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;
 - 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. The Drovers 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 Drovers Solar Farm and assess its likely significant environmental effects. Information compiled so far about The Drovers 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 (NTS).
- Statutory consultation**
6. The Applicant is undertaking a statutory consultation on the proposals for The Drovers Solar Farm between 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 Drovers Solar Farm can be found on the Applicant's website in the documents library at www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk. These documents will be free to read, download and print from Wednesday 21 May 2025 to Wednesday 9 July 2025.
 8. 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 charge from the information point below.
 9. Electronic copies of the SoCC, PEIR and NTS can also be viewed on the library's computer. While 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
Swaffham Library	Swaffham Library, The Pigthle, Swaffham, 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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Saturday: 8am to 10am - Open Library access
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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 found below.
11. These consultation events offer an opportunity to find out more about The Drovers Solar Farm. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend an in-person consultation event.

Venue	Date and Time
Spore Community Centre 78 The Street, Spore, King's Lynn, PE32 2DR	Saturday 31 May 2025 11:00- 17:00
Narborough Community Centre Chalk Lane, Narborough, PE32 1SR	Monday 2 June 2025 10:00- 14:00
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 1UD	Friday 20 June 2025 10:00- 14:00

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

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

13. We will require attendees to register for these online events in advance via a registration form. The link to the registration form will be available on The Drovers Solar Farm website, which will also provide joining instructions.
 14. For further information or queries, please call FREEPHONE 0800 0129 154 (free of charge); write by letter to FREEPOST THE DROVES SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required); email info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk or visit www.drovesolarfarm.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 email to info@drovesolarfarm.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).

Have your say

18. Feedback can be provided through the Consultation Feedback Form on the Applicant's website at www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk. Hardcopy feedback forms will also be available at the information point detailed above and at the in-person consultation events.
19. The Consultation Feedback Form, responses to the consultation or other representations in respect of The Drovers Solar Farm can also be sent to the Applicant by email to info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk or by post to FREEPOST THE DROVES SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required).
20. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must be received by the Applicant on or before 23:59 on Wednesday 9 July 2025.

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 Drovers Solar Farm. Personal information will be kept confidential where possible. Please refer to our Privacy Notice for more details on The Drovers Solar Farm website: www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk

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