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# 1 Statement of Compliance

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# 1 Statement of Compliance

## 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This appendix includes a Consultation Compliance Checklist, provided as **Table 1-1, Table 1-2, Table 1-3, and Table 1-4.**
- 1.1.2 These tables set out legislation and guidance relevant to pre-application consultation for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
- 1.1.3 The legislation and guidance comprise:
  - The Planning Act 2008 (“PA2008”) (**Table 1-1**);
  - The Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (“APFP Regulations”) (**Table 1-2**);
  - Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“EIA Regs”) (**Table 1-3**); and
  - Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024) (**Table 1-4**).
- 1.1.4 The draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document, which was shared with host local authorities in November 2025, is appended to this document (**Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110014/APP/5.2]**) as well as the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone, published by PINS on 14 January 2026.

## 1.2 Compliance with the PA2008

- 1.2.1 The Applicant undertook consultation consistent with the relevant commitments of the PA2008, with this being sections 42 to 49.
- 1.2.2 **Table 1-1** describes how the Applicant’s pre-application consultation activities have complied with these requirements in the PA2008.

**Table 1-1 Compliance Checklist with the Planning Act 2008**

Section	Requirement	Compliance
<b>Section 42 (The Applicant must consult with the following about the proposed application)</b>	(a) Such persons as may be prescribed;	<p>The Applicant consulted all relevant prescribed consultees as defined in Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations and the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 25 February 2025 and included the list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under</p>

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		<p>Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations. The Applicant consulted with all of these bodies.</p> <p>The responses received to the Scoping Opinion and how the Applicant has responded are detailed in <b>ES Volume 3, Appendix 1-2: Scoping Opinion Response Table [EN0110014/APP/6.3]</b>.</p> <p>The full list of s42 consultees consulted by the Applicant can be found in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>.</p>
	<p>(aa) the Marine Management Organisation, in any case where the proposed development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in subsection (2)</p>	<p>The Applicant did consult the Marine Management Organisation.</p>
	<p>(b) each local authority that is within section 43;</p>	<p>The Applicant consulted with each relevant local authority as defined within s43 of the PA2008. These are listed below:</p> <p>'A' Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Yarmouth Borough Council</li> <li>• Norwich City Council</li> <li>• East Suffolk Council</li> <li>• Broadland District Council</li> <li>• Breckland District Council</li> <li>• Mid Suffolk District Council</li> <li>• Broads Authority</li> </ul> <p>'B' Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Norfolk Council</li> </ul> <p>'C' Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norfolk County Council</li> </ul> <p>'D' Authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council</li> <li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li> <li>• Suffolk County Council</li> </ul> <p>Local authorities identified by the Applicant under s43 of the PA2008 are listed in Table 9-1: Relevant local authorities under Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008, of the <b>Consultation Report</b></p>

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		[EN0110014/APP/5.1] along with the dates during which they were consulted.
	(c) the Greater London Authority if the land is in Greater London, and	Not applicable.
	(d) each person who is within one or more categories set out in section 44.	<p>The Applicant consulted each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in s44.</p> <p>This is detailed in Chapter 8: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 (18 June – 6 August 2025) of this <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>. A full list of s44 consultees can be found in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>.</p>
<b>Section 45 (Timetable for consultation under section 42)</b>	(1) the applicant must, when consulting a person under section 42, notify the person of the deadline for the receipt by the applicant of the person’s response to the consultation.	The Applicant notified all those consulted under s42 of the deadline in writing by email and/or post. This is detailed in Chapter 8: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 (18 June – 6 August 2025) of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> .
	(2) A deadline notified under subsection (1) must not be earlier than the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day after the day on which the person received the consultation documents.	<p>The Applicant undertook consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) from 18 June to 6 August 2025. All consultees had received the consultation documents on or before 18 June 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant issued hard copy notifications to arrive with consultees on or before 18 June 2025. The Applicant sought to track delivery of notifications and, where delivery was not confirmed, re-issued written notifications before 6 July, being 28 days prior to the stated consultation deadline. In addition to post, the Applicant notified s42 consultees by email where contact details were available.</p> <p>This is detailed in Chapter 9: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008 (18 June – 6 August 2025) of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p>
	(3) in subsection (2) “the consultation documents” means the documents supplied to the person by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the person.	<p>The consultation documents provided to s42 consultees comprised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A covering letter, including a link to the consultation materials;</li> <li>• A copy of the notice publicising the Application under Section 48 of the PA2008 (including details of the information events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge); and</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Site Location Plan (PEIR Figure 1.1).</li> </ul> <p>Copies of these materials are provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Report Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>.</p>
<p><b>Section 46 (Duty to notify Commission of proposed application)</b></p>	<p>(1) the applicant must supply the Secretary of State with such information in relation to the proposed application as the applicant would supply to the Secretary of State for the purpose of complying with section 42 if the applicant were required by that section to consult the Secretary of State about the proposed application.</p>	<p>The Applicant notified the Secretary of State (SoS), via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), in writing under s46 of the PA2008 on 17 June 2025 that it was intending to commence consultation under s42 of the PA2008 on the PEIR, commencing on 18 June 2025 and closing on 6 August 2025. The Applicant included the following consultation documents with this notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A covering letter;</li> <li>Example copies of the s42 and s44 covering letters;</li> <li>A copy of the Section 48 Notice (which included details of the information events and the locations of where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge); and</li> <li>The Site Location Plan (PEIR Figure 1.1).</li> </ul> <p>The documents listed above are included in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>.</p> <p>PINS, on behalf of the SoS, acknowledged receipt of the notification on 25 June 2025. A copy of this acknowledgement is included in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>.</p>
	<p>(2) the applicant must comply with subsection (1) on or before commencing consultation under section 42.</p>	<p>The Applicant complied with subsection (1) on 17 June 2025, prior to commencing consultation under s42 on 18 June 2025.</p>
<p><b>Section 47 (Duty to consult with the local community)</b></p>	<p>(1) the applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposed to consult, about the proposed application, with people living in the vicinity of the land.</p>	<p>The Applicant prepared and published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) that set out how the Applicant proposed to consult, about the proposed application, with people living in the vicinity of the land.</p> <p>A copy of the published SoCC is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6]</b>.</p>
	<p>(2) before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement.</p>	<p>To inform the preparation of the statement, the Applicant consulted with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council (the local authorities that are within s43 (1)) on the content of the SoCC.</p>

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	<p>(3) the deadline for the receipt by the applicant of a local authority's response to consultation under subsection (2) is the end of the period of 28 days that begins the day after the day on which the local authority receives the consultation documents.</p>	<p>Details of this can be found in Chapter 5: Preparation for Statutory Consultation under Section 47, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on 4 March, receiving comments back from Norfolk County Council on 18 March. South Norfolk Council did not provide comments in writing on the early working draft SoCC.</p> <p>The Applicant then formally consulted with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on the draft SoCC between 4 April and 6 May 2025. This provided a consultation period of 32 days, exceeding the minimum 28-days.</p> <p>Table 6-1 (The Applicant's consideration of Norfolk County Council's comments on the early working draft SoCC), Table 6-2 (The Applicant's consideration of Norfolk County Council's comments on the draft SoCC) and Table 6-3 (The Applicant's consideration of South Norfolk Council's comments on the draft SoCC), of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> details how the Applicant had regard to local authority comments on the SoCC.</p>
	<p>(4) In subsection (3) "the consultation documents" mean the documents supplied to the local authority by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the local authority under subsection (2).</p>	<p>The consultation documents supplied by the Applicant included a covering letter and email and the draft SoCC.</p> <p>These materials are provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6]</b>.</p>
	<p>(5) In preparing the statement, the applicant must have regard to any response to consultation under subsection (2) that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by subsection (3).</p>	<p>The Applicant had regard to all relevant responses on the draft SoCC. The Applicant shared response tables with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk to explain how their comments had been considered. The tables are presented in the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> as Table 6-1 (The Applicant's consideration of Norfolk County Council's comments on the early working draft SoCC); Table 6-2 (The Applicant's consideration of Norfolk County Council's comments on the draft SoCC); and Table 6-3 (The Applicant's consideration of South Norfolk Council's comments on the draft SoCC).</p>
	<p>(6) Once the applicant has prepared the statement, the applicant must – make a statement available for inspection by the</p>	<p>The final SoCC was published in accordance with s47 of the PA2008 on Wednesday 4 June 2025.</p>

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	<p>public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land, (a) publish, in a newspaper circulating the vicinity of the land, a notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected, and (b) publish the statement in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>	<p>The SoCC was uploaded to the Applicant's website's Documents Page and made available to view from the four Community Access Points (CAPs) listed in the document and accompanying notice. Details of the CAPs can be found in Table 8-1 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>Notices were published in the Eastern Daily Press on Wednesday 4 June 2025 and the Diss Express on Friday 6 June 2025 to publicise the SoCC and its availability.</p> <p>The publication of the SoCC was also communicated through emailing identified key stakeholders and any party that had registered to be kept informed on the Scheme's proposals.</p> <p>Copies of the final SoCC and notices as published (confirming the name of the publication and date) are provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6]</b>.</p>
	<p>(7) The applicant must carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.</p>	<p>The Applicant undertook consultation under s47 of the PA2008 in accordance with the SoCC.</p> <p>This detail is evidenced in Table 7-5: SoCC Commitments and Applicant Compliance, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p>
<p><b>Section 48 (Duty to publicise)</b></p>	<p>(1) The applicant must publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner.</p>	<p>The Applicant prepared and publicised the application in the prescribed manner set out in the APFP Regulations by publishing a Section 48 Notice.</p> <p>The Section 48 Notice was published in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diss Express on 6 and 13 June 2025;</li> <li>• Eastern Daily Press on 11 and 18 June 2025;</li> <li>• The Guardian on 16 June 2025; and</li> <li>• London Gazette on 18 June 2025.</li> </ul> <p>This detail is evidenced in Chapter 10: Notification and Publication of Section 48 under Planning Act 2008 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p>

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	<p>(2) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) must, in particular, make provision for publicity under subsection (1) to include a deadline for receipt by the applicant of responses to the publicity.</p>	<p>The Section 48 Notice included a deadline of 6 August 2025 for receipt of responses to the publicity.</p> <p>The final notice was published on 18 June 2025, which clearly stated the consultation start (18 June 2025) and end dates (6 August 2025), therefore exceeding the 28-days statutory minimum response time.</p> <p>A copy of the Section 48 Notice is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9]</b>.</p>
<p><b>Section 49 (Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity)</b></p>	<p>(1) Subsection (2) applies where the applicant — (a) has complied with sections 42, 47 and 48, and (b) proposes to go ahead with making an application for an order granting development consent (whether or not in the same terms as the proposed application).</p> <p>(2) The applicant must, when deciding whether the application that the applicant is actually to make should be in the same terms as the proposed application, have regard to any relevant responses.</p> <p>(3) In subsection (2) “relevant response” means— (a) a response from a person consulted under section 42 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by section 45 in that person’s case,</p> <p>(b) a response to consultation under section 47(7) that is received by the applicant before any applicable deadline imposed in accordance with the statement prepared under section 47, or</p> <p>(c) a response to publicity under section 48 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed in accordance with section 48(2) in relation to that publicity.</p>	<p>The Applicant has reviewed all relevant responses made pursuant to s42, s47 and s48 in accordance with s49.</p> <p>In reviewing the responses, the Applicant is cognisant of its duty to have regard to any relevant responses.</p> <p>A summary of relevant responses received and how the Applicant has considered these is provided in Chapter 12: Account of Feedback and the Applicant’s Response to Statutory Consultation, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>This is supported by <b>Consultation Report Appendix 10: Section 47 Applicant Response Table [EN0110014/APP/5.11]</b> and <b>Consultation Report Appendix 11: Section 42 Applicant Response Table [EN0110014/APP/5.12]</b>.</p>
<p><b>Section 50 (Guidance about pre-application procedure)</b></p>	<p>(1) Guidance may be issued about how to comply with the requirements of this Section.</p> <p>(2) Guidance under this section may be issued by the Planning Inspectorate or the Secretary of State.</p> <p>(3) The Applicant must have regard to any guidance under this section.</p>	<p>In carrying out both Phase One non-statutory consultation and Phase Two statutory consultation, the Applicant had regard to updated guidance published by PINS in April 2024 and the Updated Advice Note on the Consultation Report, published in August 2024.</p> <p>Full details are set out in Chapter 3: Relevant Legislation and Guidance of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>, <b>Consultation Report Appendix 6: Phase Two</b></p>

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		<b>Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.7] and Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</b>

## 1.3 Compliance with the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Form and Procedure) Regulation 2009

**Table 1-2 Compliance Checklist with the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Form and Procedure) Regulation 2009**

Reference	Requirement	Compliance
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Form and Procedure) Regulation 2009</b>		
Reg 3	The persons prescribed for the purposes of section 42 (a) (duty to consult) are those listed in column 1 to these in Schedule 1 to these Regulations, who must be consulted in the circumstances specified in relation to each person in column 2 of that table.	The Applicant consulted all persons prescribed in column 1 who were deemed relevant to this application by the descriptions set out in column 2 of that table.  A full list of s42 consultees is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8].</b>
Reg 4 (2)	The applicant must publish a notice, which must include the matters prescribed by paragraph (3) of this regulation – (a) for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the proposed development would be situated;	The Applicant published a notice which included all the matters set out in paragraph (3) of this regulation.  Copies of the notice are provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9].</b>  The Section 48 Notice was published in the following local newspapers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diss Express on 6 and 13 June 2025; and</li> <li>• Eastern Daily Press on 11 and 18 June 2025.</li> </ul>
	(b) once in a national newspaper;	The Section 48 Notice was published in The Guardian on 16 June 2025.
	(c) once in the London Gazette, and if land in Scotland is affected, the Edinburgh Gazette;	The Section 48 Notice was published in the London Gazette on 18 June 2025.  The Scheme does not affect land in Scotland and therefore a notice was not placed in the Edinburgh Gazette.
	(d) where the proposed application relates to offshore development – (i) once in Lloyd’s List; and	Not applicable.

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	(ii) once in an appropriate fishing trade journal.	
Reg 4 (3)	<p>The matters which the notice must include are:</p> <p>(a) the name and address of the applicant;</p> <p>(b) a statement that the applicant intends to make an application for development consent to the Commission;</p> <p>(c) a statement as to whether the application is an EIA development;</p> <p>(d) a summary of the main proposals, specifying the location or route of the proposed development;</p> <p>(e) a statement that the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location are available for inspection free of charge at the places (including at least one address in the vicinity of the proposed development) and times set out in the notice;</p> <p>(f) the latest date on which these documents, plans and maps will be available for inspection (being a date no earlier than the deadline in sub-paragraph);</p> <p>(g) whether a charge will be made for copies of the documents, plans or maps, and the amount of any charge;</p> <p>(h) details of how to respond to the publicity; and</p> <p>(j) a deadline for receipt of those responses by the applicant, being not less than 28 days following the dates when the notice is last published.</p>	<p>The Applicant's Section 48 Notice included all matters required by this regulation, including stipulation of a deadline for responses being made by 6 August 2025.</p> <p>All matters listed under Reg 4 (3) were included in the Section 48 Notice. The published Section 48 Notices are included in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9]</b>.</p>

## 1.4 Compliance with Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

**Table 1-3 Consultation Compliance Checklist for the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017**

Reference	Requirement	Compliance
<b>The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017</b>		
Reg 8	<p>(1) A person who proposes to make an application for an order granting development consent must, before carrying out consultation under section 42 (duty to consult) either –</p> <p>(a) request the Secretary of State to adopt a screening opinion in respect of the development to which the application relates; or</p> <p>(b) notify the Secretary of State in writing that the person proposes to provide an environmental statement in respect of that development.</p>	<p>The Applicant submitted a Scoping Report to PINS on behalf of the SoS on 15 January 2025.</p> <p>Through this report, the Applicant notified PINS that it intended to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Scheme pursuant to Regulation 8 (1) (b) of the EIA Regulations and requested a scoping opinion, pursuant to Regulation 10(1).</p> <p>The Scoping Report included a plan sufficient to identify the land, and a description of the development, including its physical characteristics and location, addressing the environmental sensitivity of the affected geographical areas. This fulfilled the requirements of Regulation 8(3) and, consequently, Regulation 8(3A).</p>
Reg 12	<p>The consultation statement prepared under Section 47 (duty to consult local community) must set out –</p> <p>(a) whether the development for which the applicant proposed to make an application for an order granting consent is EIA development; and</p> <p>(b) if that development is EIA development, how the applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information.</p>	<p>The Applicant's SoCC, under Section 10: Environmental Information, states:              "The Scheme is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The DCO application will therefore require an EIA to be carried out to identify and evaluate the likely significant effects of the Scheme on the environment. The EIA will identify measures to mitigate adverse environmental effects."</p> <p>Further to this, the Section 47 Notice outlines that the Applicant has prepared a SoCC that explains how people living in the vicinity of the Scheme will be consulted throughout the pre-application process, and how it intends to consult on the PEIR which will inform the ES.</p> <p>The Applicant's SoCC sets out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on preliminary environmental information in Section 9: How we will consult, Section 10: Environmental information, and Section 12: Next steps and contact details.</p>

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		<p>The Applicant's SoCC also explained that environmental information, through the PEIR and PEIR non-technical summary (NTS), would be published as part of the consultation materials during the statutory consultation.</p> <p>In addition to this, the Section 47 Notice, was placed publicising the SoCC, and this noticed also referred to the PEIR and ES.</p> <p>The Applicant's published SoCC and Section 47 Notice is provided in Consultation Report <b>Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6]</b>.</p>
Reg 13	<p>Where the proposed application for an order granting development consent is an application for EIA development, the Applicant must, at the same time as publishing notice of the proposed application under Section 48(1), send a copy of that notice to the consultation bodies and to any person notified to the applicant in accordance with regulation 11(1)(c).</p>	<p>The Applicant provided a copy of the notice in accordance with Section 48 of the PA2008 to all prescribed bodies.</p> <p>The list of s42 consultees is included in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>.</p> <p>A copy of the Section 48 Notice is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9]</b>.</p>

## 1.5 Compliance with Planning Act 2008: Pre-Application Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024)

**Table 1-4 Compliance Checklist for Planning Act 2008: Pre-Application Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024)**

Reference	Requirement	Compliance
<b>Planning Act 2008: Pre-Application Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024)</b>		
Paragraph 009	<p><b>What is the purpose of the Programme Document?</b></p> <p>The pre-application process is applicant-led. To deliver a good pre-application process, including effective engagement and a well-prepared application, applicants should put together a Programme Document at the outset of the pre-application stage for submission to the Planning Inspectorate and agreement at the Inception Meeting. The Programme Document is an essential element of the</p>	<p>Following the introduction of the Scheme to consultees in September 2024, the Applicant prepared and published its first version of the Programme Document on its website in October 2024. This document has been maintained and hosted on the Applicant's website.</p> <p>The second version of the Programme Document was uploaded to the Applicant's website and shared with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council ahead of the Phase Two consultation, and additionally</p>

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	<p>quality standard for applications seeking a fast-track route to consent.</p> <p>The Programme Document will enable all those engaged in the pre-application process, particularly statutory consultees, to understand the timescales and ensure their contribution is programmed into the pre-application stage at the most effective point. It will also assist the applicant in managing the preparation and subsequent submission of the application documents for consideration by the Planning Inspectorate at the acceptance stage.</p> <p>Following the Inception Meeting, it is expected that the applicant will host and maintain the agreed Programme Document on its website and update it as necessary during the pre-application period to publicise completion of significant stages and demonstrate progress in preparation of the application.</p>	<p>to Anglian Water and the Environment Agency (as interested statutory organisations).</p> <p>A third version of the document was published on the Applicant's website and shared with the same consultees in October 2025.</p> <p>The latest version of the Programme Document can be found in Appendix 2 of this document.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 010</b></p>	<p><b>What should the Programme Document contain?</b></p> <p>The Programme Document is not a statutory requirement and is not for consultation apart from agreement with the Planning Inspectorate. It should set out the timetable and activities necessary for an effective pre-application process including the level of pre-application services from the Planning Inspectorate, and consultation with various parties required under the Planning Act.</p> <p>The Programme Document should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The date the applicant intends to submit their application;</li> <li>• A comprehensive timetable of the applicant's pre-application process, the main events with dates and milestones demonstrating how the pre-application process will be completed (using the maximum target of 2 years a benchmark);</li> <li>• The applicant's views on the main issues for resolution and activities they will undertake to address these;</li> <li>• The applicant's proposals for engaging with statutory consultees and local authorities during the pre-application period, and any intended financial support agreements, such as Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs);</li> </ul>	<p>The Programme Document was drafted and maintained to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In section 2.3 (Timetable of Activities), the document includes a comprehensive timetable of the main events and dates for the pre-application period. This section includes the anticipated DCO application submission date of February 2026.</li> <li>• Table 3.1 includes the main issues identified by the Applicant during the pre-application period (including those identified during Phase One non-statutory consultation and Phase Two statutory consultation) and how the Applicant will manage these issues.</li> <li>• Section 4 of the document outlines the Applicant's approach to engagement with statutory bodies. Table 4.1 of the document further demonstrates the intended audiences of engagement and methods of engagement.</li> <li>• Table 5.1 sets out potential risks identified to date by the Applicant and proposed activities to address these risks.</li> <li>• Section 4 confirms the Applicant has developed a SoCC in accordance with the requirements of s47 of the PA2008.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant's identification of risks to achievement of the pre-application stage and the process by which these risks are tracked and managed; and</li> <li>Cross references to the SoCC required by section 47 of the Planning Act.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Paragraph 011</b></p>	<p><b>How should Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) be considered in preparing an application?</b></p> <p>Major infrastructure projects will normally be of a size, scale and nature that they will constitute Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development described within the terms of the EIA Regulations 2017. An applicant cannot begin to carry out statutory consultation under section 42 of the Planning Act until they have taken the necessary steps under Regulation 8 of the EIA Regulations 2017 to establish whether an EIA is required.</p>	<p>The Applicant submitted a scoping report to the Planning Inspectorate on 15 January 2025, confirming that it intended to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of East Pye Solar pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) and requested a scoping opinion, pursuant to Regulation 10(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.</p> <p>A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 25 February 2025. The Scoping Opinion included the list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations. The Applicant ensured consistency with this list of consultees for the statutory consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 in June 2025.</p> <p>Having consulted all statutorily prescribed bodies as identified by the Planning Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion, the Applicant fulfilled the duty to consult as outlined in Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2017 and associated APFP Regulations.</p> <p>Further information on the EIA consultation can be found in Section 6 of the Consultation Report.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 012</b></p>	<p><b>How should Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) be prepared?</b></p> <p>Where an NSIP is determined to be EIA development in line with Regulation 8 of the EIA Regulations 2017 the applicant is required by Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations 2017 to publish sufficient Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) to enable consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed development. The information required will be different for different types and sizes of projects and it may also vary depending on the audience of a particular consultation.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to consult any relevant existing environmental assessments or survey information, in the</p>	<p>The Applicant published a PEIR at the start of the coordinated statutory consultation under s42, s47 and s48 of the PA2008.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook consultation on the PEIR from 18 June to 6 August 2025, which was a period of 49 days.</p> <p>The Applicant set out in the SoCC how it would be publicising and consulting on the PEIR. This included making available a non-technical summary of the PEIR (PEIR NTS). The PEIR and accompanying NTS was available to any interested party through the Applicant's websites and at the Phase Two information events. The PEIR NTS was available to view at all four CAPs, and the PEIR was available to view at the Long Stratton Library CAP. Further details about the availability of the PEIR and PEIR NTS</p>

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	<p>first instance to get an idea of what environmental effects could arise. The key issue is that the information presented must be clear to all consultees, even if it is of specialised technical nature. As required by Schedule 4 of the EIA Regulations 2017 any difficulties or areas of uncertainty such as in data collection, forecasting methods or scientific knowledge must be identified and acknowledged.</p> <p>There is no prescribed format for PEI. However, depending on the availability of material, applicants are encouraged to prepare this as an early draft of the Environmental Statement and include it as such as part of the statutory consultation under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act. If applicants decide to take a different approach, they should be clear with consultees about the status of the PEI.</p> <p>In any event, applicants will need to maintain close dialogue with statutory consultees throughout the pre-application period. The provision of PEI can help statutory consultees to understand the environmental effects of the development and may assist in the identification and addressing of potential issues at an early stage in the pre-application process.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate will not review any of the draft PEI material unless specifically included as part of the agreed pre-application service, but applicants are encouraged to include their approach to preparing PEI in the Programme Document for discussion with the Planning Inspectorate. Further information can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Pre-Application Prospectus.</p>	<p>can be found in Chapter 8: Phase Two (statutory) Consultation of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>The availability of the PEIR was publicised through a Section 48 Notice. Further details can be found in Chapter 10: Notification and Publicity under Section 48, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>. Copies of the Section 48 Notice as published can be found in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.9]</b>.</p> <p>Section 2 of the Applicant's Programme Document set out timescales for finalising and consulting on the PEIR ahead of finalising and submitting the ES as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 013</b></p>	<p><b>What considerations are needed for Habitats Regulations Assessment?</b></p> <p>The Habitats Regulations* provide for the designation of sites for the protection of certain species and habitats. When considering whether a proposed NSIP has the potential to significantly affect the integrity of such sites**, the applicant must provide a report as required by Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations 2009. This must include the site(s) that may be affected, together with sufficient information to enable the relevant Secretary of State, as decision maker, to conclude whether an appropriate assessment is required under the Habitats</p>	<p>Following consultation with SNCBs, the Applicant produced a Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) as part of the application for the Scheme detailing the proposed methodology for the protection of specific species within the Scheme's sites.</p> <p>The Applicant's consultation with Natural England focussed on the assessment of wintering birds to identify if the Scheme contains functionally linked land.</p> <p>In compliance with Regulation 27 of EIA Regulations 2017, HRA and EIA were conducted in co-ordination.</p>

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	<p>Regulations, and, if so, to undertake such an assessment.</p> <p>Further relevant information can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's advice and the Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs guidance on Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).</p> <p>*Comprising the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended by the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the 'Offshore Marine Regulations') (for plans and projects beyond UK territorial waters (12 nautical miles), also as amended).</p> <p>As NPSs reiterate, it is the applicant's responsibility to provide all the material and evidence as part of the application to enable the Secretary of State to carry out their statutory obligations.</p> <p>Where the applicant is of the view that there are no likely significant effects, this is best presented in the form of a report which contains all the material necessary to justify the conclusions reached, and evidence of the extent of agreement with statutory nature conservation bodies (SNCBs). One way of doing this is for an applicant to agree an evidence plan with the SNCBs to support a HRA where there are extensive or complex issues.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate can also comment on the applicant's draft HRA report if agreed as part of the pre - application service in advance of formal submission of the application. Applicants must therefore build in sufficient time during the pre -application stage to consult with the SNCBs and, if they consider it appropriate, with any relevant non - statutory nature conservation bodies, in order to gather the necessary evidence and material.</p> <p>Where any potential for likely significant effects cannot be ruled out and the applicant needs to move to the subsequent stages of the HRA process, it is for the applicant to include as part of the HRA documentation included with the application:</p>	<p>The full HRA materials has been provided as part of the application and can be found in <b>Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment [EN0110014/APP/7.25]</b>.</p>

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	<p>a shadow appropriate assessment; where necessary a draft of the applicant’s case for derogations involving imperative reasons of overriding public interest (IROPI) and appropriate compensatory measures, together with evidence of landowner agreements where necessary. Full HRA material must be provided as part of the application. This guidance requires the Planning Inspectorate not to accept applications for examination which are incomplete or not comprehensive in this regard. It is also expected that additional material should not be submitted by the applicant for validation during the examination stage. If such additional material is needed it will be requested by the Examining Authority or raised by SNCBs in their representations.</p> <p>By placing the responsibility of compiling all the necessary HRA material on the applicant, coupled with agreed SoCG with SNCBs submitted with the application wherever possible, the expectation is that the range of disputed factual material should be reduced. In turn, the need for the Planning Inspectorate to produce its own document, the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES), for the Examining Authority to take into account during the examination and as part of the recommendation should also be decreased. This will contribute to improving the efficiency of the examination and reducing the burden placed on the Secretary of State as competent authority during the decision stage of the NSIP consenting process.</p> <p>Regulation 26 of the EIA Regulations 2017 requires that where an EIA and HRA are required, the processes should be co -ordinated. The HRA process should form part of, and reference, the work carried out for the broader EIA process, particularly with respect to consideration of alternatives, cumulative effects and mitigation options. However, care should be taken to ensure that the information relevant to the HRA and its conclusions are clearly discernible.</p> <p>Changes to the HRA requirements for offshore wind will occur through regulations in due course to implement the Energy Act 2023 but the arrangements outlined above continue for the time being.</p>	
<p><b>Paragraph 014</b></p>	<p><b>What is needed for consideration of good design?</b></p>	<p>The Applicant published a Draft Design Principles document for consultation (PEIR Volume III Appendix 5.1). This included a</p>

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	<p>Good design is not simply about the look of a project; it is about the whole process of putting a project together so that it achieves the elements of good design including choice of location, vision, narrative, design principles and consultation programme.</p> <p>Applicants should involve a diverse range of people including where appropriate, planners, environmental specialists, landscape architects, architects, engineers and community groups in informing the project vision, narrative, design principles, and project design process to support delivery of the outcomes of the project.</p> <p>Applicants should explain how the design responds to the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) design principles for national infrastructure: climate, people, places and value.</p>	<p>description as to how the Scheme Design Principles had been informed by the consideration of PINS' 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Good Design (published October 2024 and updated April 2025) and the National Infrastructure Commission's 'Design Principles for National Infrastructure (published August 2020).</p> <p>The Applicant's <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> sets out how the Applicant sought to ensure its pre-application consultation activities were publicised to and accessible by a diverse range of consultees. The Applicant's consideration of good design it set out in more detail in the <b>Design Approach Document [EN0110014/7.17]</b> and the <b>Design Principles and Parameters [EN0110014/APP/7.18]</b>, submitted as part of the Application.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 020</b></p>	<p><b>How can applicants ensure consultation is proportionate?</b></p> <p>The pre-application consultation undertaken should be proportionate to the scale and nature of the project and its effects. A 'one-size-fits-all' approach is not appropriate. For a straightforward and uncontroversial application, an applicant may choose to discharge the obligations of sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act concurrently in a single round of consultation, or in separate stages. For more complex proposals, an applicant may choose to conduct a non-statutory round of consultation (for example considering options) before undertaking a statutory round of consultation, or they may choose to run a multi-stage consultation process.</p>	<p>The Applicant has undertaken a series of defined stages of consultation during the pre-application period, to allow for iterative involvement, engagement feedback throughout the development of the proposals.</p> <p>This included a non-statutory Phase One consultation on early-stage proposals, held over six weeks between 23 October and 6 December 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant's strategy of undertaking an iterative consultation process allowed for feedback to inform the Scheme in a timely manner, including reporting back to consultees at an interim stage.</p> <p>The Applicant has actively sought and had regard to feedback provided by stakeholders on its approach to community consultation and has made changes where possible as document in the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>Consultation responses to each stage of consultation have been carefully documented and considered as part of the iterative progress of the Scheme, with stakeholders playing a key role in the design of the proposals.</p> <p>The Applicant's approach to consultation was set out in the SoCC, which in turn was informed through consultation with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council,</p>

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	<p>Large, more complex applications are likely to warrant going beyond the statutory 28-day minimum timescales for consultation laid down in the Planning Act 2008 to ensure enough time for consultees to understand project proposals and formulate a response.</p> <p>Once applicants have completed the consultation process set out in the SoCC, where a proposed application is amended in light of responses to the consultation then, unless those amendments materially and substantially change the proposed application or materially changes its effects as a whole, the amendments themselves should not trigger a need for further consultation. The amendments can be reported as part of the Consultation Report submitted within the application.</p> <p>Only where the project taken as a whole changes very significantly, and to such a large degree that what is being taken forward is fundamentally different from what was previously consulted on, should re-consultation on the proposed application as a whole be considered.</p> <p>For any material change to be part of the proposed application where the project as a whole is not fundamentally changed, for example in the case of linear aspects where new information leads to a new alignment for a particular section of the proposal, a bespoke and targeted approach to further consultation can be adopted, which can address the specific consultation obligations arising proportionately.</p> <p>Targeted consultation can be statutory or non-statutory or a combination of the two depending on whether new persons needed to be consulted under section 42 of the Planning Act have been identified, but such targeted consultation will not require the production of PEI provided proportionate and appropriate information on environmental implications of any changes, where necessary, is provided.</p>	<p>as described in Chapter 7: Preparation for Section 47 Consultation, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>All defined consultation periods (both statutory and non-statutory) for the Scheme have exceeded 28 days.</p> <p>The key stages of pre-application consultation undertaken by the Applicant are set out in Table 2-2 (Pre-application consultation activities undertaken) of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>Following the close of Phase Two statutory consultation, the Applicant continued to refine the proposals for the Scheme in preparation for submitting an application for development consent.</p> <p>This refinement was informed by further design work and due diligence, consideration of consultee feedback, and responding to the results and data from environmental assessments.</p> <p>This resulted in a series of specific changes to the Scheme boundary (as presented in the PEIR Order Limits) consulted on during the Phase Two statutory consultation.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook a Targeted Consultation on these specific changes to ensure communities and consultees had an opportunity to comment on the full Order Limits prior to a DCO application being submitted.</p> <p>This consultation ran for five weeks between 22 October and 26 November 2025. Further details can be found in Chapter 11: Targeted Consultation, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>Prior to the start of this targeted consultation, the Applicant shared a document describing its approach to the consultation, which was shared with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council for review and comment. No written comments were provided by either local authority. A copy of this document can be found in Consultation <b>Report Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.10]</b>.</p>
<b>Paragraph 022</b>	<b>How can applicants consult communities effectively?</b>	The Applicant engaged relevant local authorities prior to undertaking a non-statutory stage of consultation, as described

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	<p>It is good practice for applicants to work with local stakeholders in the formative stages of the project, through early engagement. This can help inform the Programme Document that they later take to the Inception Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate. Early engagement with local authorities, parish and town councils can help applicants to ensure they find the best approach to engage the relevant communities in the most effective and proportionate way.</p> <p>Local communities may need support to help them to input to the NSIP consenting process. Independent community liaison chairs or forums can be used to provide support to local communities and non-statutory consultees to enable them to provide an effective input to the pre-application process. Applicants will want to consider whether these should be used, not least to assist an applicant's own assessment of potential examination issues in preparing their Programme Document and SoCC.</p>	<p>in Chapter 5: Phase One non-statutory Consultation (October – December 2024) of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>Early pre-consultation engagement with representative stakeholders and relevant local authorities was designed to help inform the consultation process. Further details on this can be found in Chapter 4: Introduction of the Scheme to Consultees, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook its Phase One non-statutory community consultation on early-stage proposals from 23 October to 6 December 2024. This consultation included inviting feedback on the methods of consultation. An overview of Phase One consultation is detailed in Chapter 5: Phase One non-statutory consultation (October – December 2024), of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant reflected on this feedback, alongside the level of engagement, when preparing the SoCC, and the subsequent methods used at Phase Two statutory consultation. Further details regarding the Applicant's preparation for Phase Two Statutory consultation can be found in Chapter 7: Preparation for Section 47 Statutory Consultation, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant noted this updated guidance. The Applicant has sought to ensure consultation activities are accessible and were open to engagement requests.</p> <p>The Applicant's SoCC (section 7.15) states:</p> <p><i>"The Applicant's consultation methodology (see Section 9) has been developed to communicate as effectively as possible with these groups so they can have their say. Requests for specific consultation activity to cater for these groups will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This will then be agreed and planned with the requesting organisations."</i></p> <p>A copy of the Applicant's published SoCC is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.6]</b>.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 024</b></p>	<p><b>What do applicants have to do to consult people with an interest in land?</b></p>	<p>The Applicant has sought to identify and consult with those with an interest in the land.</p>

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	<p>Where an applicant proposes to compulsorily acquire an interest or take temporary possession of land it does not own in order to implement a proposed NSIP, under section 42 of the Planning Act they must identify and consult people, including those who own, occupy or have another interest in the land in question.</p> <p>It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate at submission of the application to the Planning Inspectorate that due diligence has been undertaken in identifying all land interests. Applicants must ensure that the Book of Reference (which records and categorises those land interests) is sufficiently up to date at the time of submission (acknowledging the timescales for preparing and updating it) and fully meets the requirements of Regulations 5 and 7 of the APFP Regulations 2009.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Applicants should explain in the Consultation Report how they have dealt with any new interests in land emerging after conclusion of their statutory consultation having regard to their duties to consult and take account of any responses.</p>	<p>The Applicant sought to identify the section 42(1) (d) consultees (referred to as 's44 consultees') by undertaking diligent inquiry before the Phase Two statutory consultation commenced. This included reviewing publicly available data (for example, the Land Registry), sending out Land Interest Questionnaires, undertaking site visits and erecting site notes.</p> <p>The Applicant notified 1,800 s44 consultees by post on or before 18 June 2025. These consultees were informed of a response deadline of 6 August 2025, exceeding the statutory requirement of 28 days.</p> <p>The Applicant provided the statutory requirement of 28 days to s44 consultees who were identified after 18 June 2025.</p> <p>Where owners, lessees, tenants, or occupiers were unknown, the Applicant placed notices detailing the consultation at the relevant locations around the Site.</p> <p>A list of all land interests consulted to date is presented in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.8]</b>. This appendix details the date on which they were notified of consultation and the deadline provided to them for responding.</p> <p>All persons listed in the <b>Book of Reference [EN0110014/APP/4.4]</b>, which is up to date at the time of submitting the DCO application, were consulted under s42 (1) (d). It is noted that the list of persons with an interest in land is subject to change over time, as a result of changes to landownership.</p> <p>This is described in Chapter 9: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 025</b></p>	<p>What is the early adequacy of consultation milestone?</p> <p>The Programme Document will enable the Planning Inspectorate to determine at the Inception Meeting that the proposed consultation arrangements are adequate for the level of complexity of the proposed project. The Programme Document should also identify an appropriate milestone during the preapplication stage to enable the Planning Inspectorate to test the progress of the consultation.</p>	<p>The latest version of the Programme Document was shared with PINS in October 2025.</p> <p>The Programme Document was prepared in accordance with the guidance set out in PINS' Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-Application Prospectus.</p> <p>The Programme Document has also been prepared to identify the engagement and preparation activities that have been carried</p>

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		<p>out by the Applicant during the pre-application process.</p> <p>Since October 2024, the Applicant has hosted the Programme Document on its website. The Programme Document was subsequently updated in May 2025 and October 2025. These revised versions were shared with Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk Council, the Environment Agency and Anglian Water.</p>
	<p>This adequacy of consultation milestone should be early enough to enable applicants to consider how to undertake any additional engagement that may be needed, but sufficiently towards the end of the pre-application stage to assess the adequacy of the consultation that has been done. It is likely therefore to be no later than around 3 months before the intended date of submission of the application.</p> <p>The adequacy of consultation milestone should be recorded by the applicant and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as a short statement of the elements of consultation which have been carried out compared with the components set out in the Programme Document and the SoCC. The statement should include the views and any relevant supporting material from local authorities if available.</p> <p>The adequacy of consultation milestone is an informal but nonetheless important opportunity to check that the pre-application programme is on track, and if it is seriously adrift the Planning Inspectorate will advise the applicant about the steps necessary to enable the application to be submitted having fulfilled the statutory requirements. Inevitably this could mean a renegotiation of the expected date of submission, with the objective of avoiding the prospect of an application not being accepted for examination.</p>	<p>Prior to submitting a DCO application, the Applicant prepared a written statement in response to the government's guidance regarding an early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone. A copy of this written statement is appended to this document [<b>Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110014/APP/5.2]</b>].</p> <p>The Applicant submitted their written statement of the adequacy of consultation undertaken to the Planning Inspectorate in January 2026. This was to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the Applicant, prior to the Acceptance stage of a DCO application.</p> <p>Consistent with guidance, the Applicant shared a draft version of the written statement with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council for review and comment in November 2025. The Applicant received comments on the draft written statement from Norfolk County Council on 27 November 2025, and from South Norfolk Council on 31 December 2025. The Applicant's correspondence and consideration of comments received is included in this appendix [<b>Consultation Report Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110014/APP/5.2]</b>].</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 026</b></p>	<p><b>What is the Consultation Report and how should applicants respond to consultees?</b></p> <p>[The Consultation Report] should not include an excessively detailed description of every element of the consultation programme. The main objective should be to provide clarity not just on what consultation has been done but, crucially how the applicant has taken it into account. It should therefore:</p>	<p>The Applicant has prepared a <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> consistent with this guidance.</p> <p>Relevant sections of the Consultation Report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 1: Introduction, which sets out the Applicant's approach to consultation and includes Table 1-1: Pre-application stages of consultation activities undertaken, setting out the pre-application</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide a general description of the consultation process undertaken including the timeline;</li> <li>• set out specifically what the applicant has done to comply with the statutory requirements of the Planning Act, including advice issued under section 51 of the Planning Act, relevant secondary legislation and this guidance;</li> <li>• set out how the applicant has complied with the requirements to consult local communities described in the SoCC;</li> <li>• set out any relevant responses to consultation (but not a complete list of responses);</li> <li>• provide a description of how the proposed application for submission has been informed and influenced by taking account of those responses, showing any significant changes made as a result;</li> <li>• provide an explanation as to why any responses advising on changes to a proposed project, including advice from statutory consultees and local authorities on effects, were not followed; and</li> <li>• be expressed in terms sufficient to enable the Planning Inspectorate to understand fully how consultation has been undertaken, and how the issues raised through consultation have been addressed or responded to.</li> </ul>	<p>stages and consultation undertaken in chronological order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110014/APP/5.2]</b> sets out how the Applicant has complied with relevant legislation and guidance.</li> <li>• Chapter 7: Preparation for Statutory Consultation Under Section 47 of the PA2008, sets out how the Applicant consulted relevant local authorities to inform the SoCC, including comments received and consideration given to these.</li> <li>• Table 7-5 of the Consultation Report details how the Applicant complied with the commitments set out in the published SoCC.</li> <li>• Chapter 12: Account of Feedback and the Applicant’s Response to the Statutory Consultation, provides a summary of responses received to s47 and s42 consultation and the Applicant’s consideration of these responses. This chapter is supported by <b>Appendix 10: Section 47 Applicant Response Table [EN0110014/APP/5.11]</b> and <b>Appendix 11: Section 42 Applicant Response Table [EN0110014/APP/5.12]</b>.</li> </ul>
	<p>It is good practice that those who have contributed to the consultation are informed of the results. The Consultation Report may not be the most appropriate format in which to respond to the points raised by various consultee groups and bodies. Applicants should therefore consider producing a summary note in plain English for the local community setting out headline findings and how they have been addressed, together with a link to the full Consultation Report for those interested.</p>	<p>The Applicant’s website continued to be available for any interested parties to access Scheme information, including updates on proposals, latest documentation and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).</p> <p>Following the review and consideration of feedback received to the Phase One non-statutory consultation in Winter 2024, the Applicant prepared a Phase One Consultation Summary Report to share details of the level engagement, themes of responses received, and updates regarding the Applicant’s consideration of feedback and next steps for the Scheme.</p> <p>To publicise the availability of the Phase One Consultation Summary Report, the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notified identified key stakeholders (including MPs, councillors, and</li> </ul>

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		<p>parish councils) and individuals who had registered to be kept informed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uploaded the report to the website; and</li> <li>• Extended invitation to meet with representative stakeholders (including MPs, councillors and parish councils) on the contents of the report.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the Phase One Consultation Summary Report is captured in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 4: Phase One Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.5]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant also prepared a Community Update regarding the changes made to the design of the Scheme following Phase Two statutory consultation, which was published in January 2026. This update included details of the level of engagement received to the statutory consultation, themes of responses received, and updates regarding the Applicant's consideration of feedback, and next steps for the Scheme.</p> <p>To publicise the availability of the Community Update, the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notified identified key stakeholders (including MPs, councillors, and parish councils) and individuals who had registered to be kept informed;</li> <li>• Uploaded the Community Update to the website; and</li> <li>• Extended invitations to meet with representative stakeholders (including MPs, councils and parish councils) on the contents of the Community Update.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the Community Update is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.10]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant's full response to relevant feedback is presented in <b>Consultation Appendix 10: Section 47 Applicant Response Table [EN0110014/APP/5.11]</b> and <b>Consultation Appendix 11: Section 42 Applicant Response Table [EN0110014/APP/5.12]</b>. A summary of how the Applicant has responded to the s42 and s47 statutory consultation can be found in <b>Chapter 12: Account of feedback and the Applicant's Response to Statutory</b></p>

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		<p><b>Consultation, of the Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1].</b></p> <p>Furthermore, following the DCO application submission, the Applicant will continue to host up-to-date information on its dedicated website and will consider publishing a public summary of the DCO application proposals and how these have been informed by pre-application consultation.</p>
<p><b>Paragraph 032</b></p>	<p><b>How should applicants engage with local authorities?</b></p> <p>The Planning Act recognises the role that local authorities play as bodies with expert knowledge of the local community, business and other interests as well as their responsibility for development of the local area. They can support applicants in developing proposals, ensuring local issues are understood and taken into account.</p> <p>The particular functions that local authorities have in the pre-application process include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consultation about the SoCC under section 47 of the Planning Act which sets out how an applicant will consult with the people living in the vicinity of the land for their proposed development; their role as a statutory consultee under section 42 of the Planning Act for any proposed application in or adjacent to their area (as defined by section 43 of the Planning Act) which they must be consulted on by the applicant; their role as a relevant consultation body in relation to EIA scoping opinions;</li> <li>although not a statutory requirement, a SoCG between the applicant and local authorities is now a well-established practical part of the process;</li> <li>initial preparation stages of the Local Impact Report (LIR) setting out the local authority's views on the likely impact of the proposed development on their local area and communities; and</li> <li>responses and engagement in relation to the adequacy of consultation milestone.</li> </ul>	<p>The Applicant recognises the important role of local authorities.</p> <p>Prior to launching Phase One non-statutory consultation, the Applicant shared a document setting out its approach to community consultation with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council for review and oversights. The details of this can be found in Chapter 5: Phase One non-statutory consultation (October – December 2024), of the <b>Consultation Report [EN011014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>The Applicant met with the local planning officers of both Norfolk County Council on a regular basis (quarterly and, when available, monthly) from before the introduction of the Scheme to consultees in September up until February 2026, before the DCO application submission. Details of these meetings can be found in the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>.</p> <p>As described in Chapter 7: Preparation for Statutory Consultation under Section 47 of the PA2008, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>, the Applicant formally consulted with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on the contents of the draft SoCC between 4 April and 6 May 2025.</p> <p>Before this, the Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC for comment with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on 4 March 2025, and asked for any initial comments by 18 March 2025. Norfolk County Council's comments on the early working draft SoCC and the Applicant's response is presented in Table 7-1 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>. South Norfolk Council did not provide written comments on the early working draft SoCC.</p> <p>Table 7-2 and Table 7-3 in the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> details the comments received by Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on the</p>

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	<p>Applicants are required to consult the local authority in whose area a proposed NSIP project lies (the 'host' local authority). They are also required to identify and consult the neighbouring local authorities under the requirements of section 43(2) and (2A) of the Planning Act. This explains how lower tier or unitary authorities adjacent to the host authority, and upper tier authorities adjacent to the upper tier authority within which the proposal is located, should be consulted. Determining which neighbouring authorities should be involved can only be done on a case-by-case basis. If the boundaries of the proposed applications change, applicants will need to consider whether there are any changes to the local authorities they need to consult.</p> <p>Applicants need to appreciate the range of local government structures in England particularly, and the meaning of 'local authority' in section 43(3) of the Planning Act for the purposes of consultation under the section 42 of the Planning Act. Where a combined authority or combined county authority is in place, applicants are recommended to review whether the relevant legislation which established those authorities brings them within scope of the consultation requirements under the Planning Act. Unless functions of county, district or unitary authorities have been specifically transferred by legislation, then these type of government bodies would not be a 'local authority' under these sections of the Planning Act. However, it is good practice for applicants to work with the constituent local authorities to consider how a combined authority could best support development of the application.</p> <p>Depending on the nature and scale of the NSIP, and the extent to which a particular authority is affected, Planning Performance Agreements or mechanisms that provide cost recovery may be appropriate. This should be set out in the applicant's Programme Document for discussion and agreement with the Planning Inspectorate at the Inception Meeting.</p>	<p>draft SoCC and how the Applicant has considered these comments.</p> <p>Chapter 9 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> details how the relevant local authorities identified as being statutory consultees by the Applicant. Table 8-1 of this chapter sets out how the Applicant has defined these authorities according to s43 of the PA2008, and the dates within which they were consulted.</p> <p>The Applicant submitted a written statement on the adequacy of pre-application consultation undertaken to PINS in December 2025. As host local authorities, Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council were provided an opportunity to comment on this statement. The draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document which was shared with host local authorities in November 2025 is appended to this document (<b>Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110014/APP/5.2]</b>) as well as the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone, published by PINS on 14 January 2026.</p> <p>The Applicant is continuing its discussion with Norfolk County Council on a PPA and has a service agreement with South Norfolk Council.</p>
Paragraph 034	<p><b>Where projects affect multiple local authority areas what considerations arise?</b></p> <p>In preparing a SoCC under section 47 of the Planning Act, applicants may need to consult with a number of different local authorities. This may particularly be the case for long, linear projects. In this situation, the local authorities in question</p>	<p>As described in Chapter 7: Preparation for Statutory Consultation under Section 47 of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>, the Applicant formally consulted with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on the contents of the SoCC between 4 April and 6 May 2025.</p> <p>Table 7-2 and Table 7-3 in the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b> details the</p>

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	<p>should, as far as practicable, co-ordinate their responses to the applicant. This will ensure that the consultation proposals set.</p>	<p>comments received by Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on the draft SoCC and how the Applicant has considered these comments.</p> <p>As described in Chapter 11: Targeted Consultation, of the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>, the Applicant was keen to provide an opportunity for host local authorities to understand and comment on its proposed approach to engagement and consultation prior to commencing targeted consultation activities. The Applicant shared a document describing its approach to the targeted consultation with the local authorities. No written comments were provided to the Applicant on this document. The document is provided in <b>Consultation Report Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials [EN0110014/APP/5.10]</b>.</p>
<p>Paragraph 035</p>	<p><b>What is the role of local authorities in adequacy of consultation?</b></p> <p>When an application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, local authorities affected by a proposed NSIP are invited by the Planning Inspectorate under section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act to confirm whether the consultation has been adequate in meeting the expectations set out in the SoCC.</p> <p>It is therefore vital that local authorities have been fully engaged during the consultation process undertaken by the applicant during the pre-application stage so that they are fully informed and able to respond authoritatively within tight deadlines in order that a decision on whether the application to proceed to examination can be made within 28 days. Accordingly, local authorities are advised to prepare their adequacy of consultation responses in advance of the acceptance stage, and to raise any concerns with applicants ahead of submission, and as part of the early adequacy of consultation milestone.</p>	<p>As described in the <b>Consultation Report [EN0110014/APP/5.1]</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council were consulted on an early working draft of the SoCC ahead of the formal consultation on the SoCC. The Applicant provided this early working draft to both host authorities for review on 4 March 2025, and asked for initial comments to be received by 18 March 2025. Norfolk County Council's initial comments on the early working draft SoCC and the Applicant's response can be found in Table 7-1;</li> <li>Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council were consulted on a draft of the SOCC prior to the document being finalised and statutory s47 consultation commencing, as described in Chapter 7: Preparation for Statutory Consultation under Section 47;</li> <li>Relevant local authorities were identified according to s43 of the PA2008 and were consulted, as described in Chapter 9: Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008;</li> <li>Both Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council (as host local authorities) were invited to comment on the Applicant's proposed approach to Targeted Consultation, as described in Chapter 11: Targeted Consultation; and</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="970 327 1412 571">• The Applicant submitted a written statement on the adequacy of pre-application consultation undertaken, which was submitted to PINS in December 2025. As host authorities, Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council were provided an opportunity to comment on this statement.</li></ul>

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- Ref 2 The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. Available at:  
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/2264/schedule/1/made> [Accessed 3 November 2025]
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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/environmental-impact-assessment> [Accessed 3 November 2025]
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## 2 Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document



## **East Pye Solar**

**Adequacy of Consultation Milestone**

**Guidance: Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects**

**December 2025**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 This Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) document has been prepared by East Pye Solar Limited ('the Applicant') in preparation for its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for East Pye Solar ('the Scheme').
- 1.1.2 In the first half of 2024, the Government introduced new guidance relevant to the application for a DCO:
- Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects<sup>1</sup> ('the Guidance') (published 30 April 2024); and
  - Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus<sup>2</sup> ('the Prospectus') (published 16 May 2024).
- 1.1.3 In setting out the requirements and expectations for the preparation of an application for a DCO, both the Guidance and the Prospectus introduced an early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM).
- 1.1.4 The purpose of the AoCM is to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the Applicant, prior to the acceptance stage of a DCO application.
- 1.1.5 The Applicant is providing this document to the Planning Inspectorate to demonstrate how it has complied with the consultation and publicity requirements prescribed by Sections 42, 46, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), associated provisions of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('the EIA Regulations') and The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('the APFP Regulations') (as amended) and how the Applicant has had regard to government guidance.
- 1.1.6 The Prospectus states: *"This adequacy of consultation milestone should be early enough to enable applicants to consider how to undertake any additional engagement that may be needed, but sufficiently towards the end of the pre-application stage to assess the adequacy of the consultation that has been done. It is likely therefore to be no later than around 3 months before the intended date of submission of the application."*
- 1.1.7 *"The adequacy of consultation milestone should be recorded by the applicant and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as a short statement of the elements of consultation which have been carried out compared with the components set out in the Programme Document and the SoCC. The statement should include the views and any relevant supporting material from local authorities if available."*

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<sup>1</sup> Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>)

<sup>2</sup> Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-2024-pre-application-prospectus>)

- 1.1.8 The Applicant notes that this AoCM is being prepared and submitted no later than three months of the intended DCO application submission date. This approach is referenced in the Applicant's Programme Document (published on 31 October 2024, updated versions published on 30 May 2025 and 22 October 2025<sup>3</sup>).
- 1.1.9 The Applicant has carried out pre-application consultation for the Scheme in accordance with relevant legislation, as set out in **Table 2**. This will be further evidenced in the full Consultation Report to be submitted as part of the DCO application.

## 1.2 East Pye Solar

- 1.2.1 The Scheme comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station with a total capacity exceeding 100 megawatts (MW) and associated development including a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), up to three 132kV and up to three 400kV Project Substations and Grid Connection Infrastructure including a new National Grid Substation.
- 1.2.2 The Scheme would allow for the generation and export of approximately 500 megawatts (MW) of Alternating Current (AC) of renewable energy, connecting to the National Electricity Transmission System at the existing 400kV overhead line that runs north to south between Norwich Main substation and Bramford substation.
- 1.2.3 The Site is located entirely within the administrative boundary of Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council. The land currently being considered for the Scheme consists of multiple land parcels, totalling 1,089.5 hectares (ha) in area, excluding the Cable Route Corridor (CRC) and small areas of land to facilitate the delivery of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL), during the construction process. The Solar photovoltaic (PV) Sites are concentrated east of Long Stratton, with an additional cluster located south of Great Moulton. The Solar PV Sites will be connected with a CRC. At present, the Solar PV Sites, the CRC and AIL land cover an area in total of 1,249.80ha.

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<sup>3</sup> East Pye Solar Programme Document October 2025  
(<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/66bdc824a78f475ab65a5bd1/t/68f8ac84f7b162288293b5b7/1761127556051/East+Pye+DCO+Programme+Document+Update+October+2025.pdf>)

## 2 Pre-application consultation

### 2.1 Overview

2.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements set by the PA2008.

2.1.2 In accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA2008, the Applicant has undertaken pre-application consultation on the Scheme ahead of submission of the Application to the Secretary of State with the following consultees:

- Prescribed bodies (in accordance with Section 42(1)(a));
- Local authorities (in accordance with Section 42(1)(b) and as set out in Section 43(1));
- Those with an interest in the land (in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) and as set out in Section 44);
- Community and other organisations in the “vicinity” of the Scheme who may be affected both directly and indirectly by the Scheme (in accordance with Section 47); and
- Wider communities and organisations (local, national and regional) in order to seek their comments on the Scheme proposals (in accordance with Section 48).

### 2.2 Stages of consultation undertaken

2.2.1 The key stages of pre-application consultation undertaken by the Applicant are set out in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1: Pre-application stages of consultation activities undertaken**

	Date	Consultation undertaken
1	July to October 2024	<p>Scheme introduction and ongoing engagement and consultation with local authorities and political stakeholders.</p> <p>Introductory information about the Scheme became available on 10 September 2024. To publicise the launch, the Applicant sent a postcard introducing the Scheme and publicising its website to over 7,800 addresses near the vicinity of the Scheme boundary. The postcard included details of how to contact the Applicant, including the free-to-use communication channels (phone, post and email). The Scheme website included information on the proposed site location, anticipated timescales and engagement opportunities.</p> <p>Prior to the launch of the Scheme in September, and the start of non-statutory consultation in October and December 2024, the Applicant commenced early engagement with consultees including Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk</p>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<p>Council, MPs and Parish clerks. This engagement was organised to introduce the Scheme, and engagement with these bodies has been ongoing throughout the pre-application period. The Applicant’s team has met with planning officers from Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on a quarterly basis since August 2024.</p> <p>The Applicant also commenced engagement with locally elected members and representatives including ward and parish councillors and Members of Parliament (MPs) through briefing meetings. For example, the Applicant introduced the proposals to parish councils and elected ward members by issuing digital communications to them on 10 September 2025 describing the Scheme and providing advance notice of the upcoming consultation. This also included holding the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 July 2024 – Norfolk County Council (Planning Officers), East Pye Solar project team and The Drovers Solar Farm project team. A joint meeting to discuss the upcoming launches of the projects, timescales and early-stage proposals.</li> <li>• 15 October 2024 – Norfolk County Council Transport Officers. Meeting to discuss early-stage proposals for transport and access.</li> <li>• 19 November 2024 – Norfolk County Council Cabinet Members. Meeting chaired by the Scheme’s project team to discuss Phase One consultation and answer questions.</li> <li>• 27 May 2025 – Meeting with South Norfolk Council members to discuss the upcoming Phase Two statutory consultation and to provide further information on the updated Scheme proposals.</li> <li>• 22 July 2025 – Meeting with Norfolk County Council Transport Officers to discuss Phase Two statutory consultation and PEIR proposals.</li> <li>• 3 October 2025 – Meeting with Norfolk County Council Transport and Landscape Officers to discuss landscape mitigation and public rights of way (PRoWs) impacts.</li> <li>• 11 November 2025 – Meeting with South Norfolk Council Technical Officers to discuss air quality, noise, ground conditions, traffic and construction.</li> <li>• 11 November 2025 – Meeting with South Norfolk Council Heritage Officer to discuss heritage proposals and mitigation.</li> </ul>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26 November 2025 – Meeting with Norfolk County Council Highways Officer to discuss transport and access proposals and mitigation.</li> <li>• 10 December 2025 – Meeting with Norfolk County Council Local Lead Flood Authority to discuss hydrology and mitigation measures.</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant approached MPs by email on 10 September 2024 to offer a briefing and has continued to engage with MPs throughout the pre-application process. This includes the follow meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 October 2024 – Meeting with Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk) to discuss Phase One consultation and early-stage proposals.</li> <li>• 1 July 2025 – Meeting with Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk) to discuss Phase Two statutory consultation.</li> <li>• 5 November 2025 – Meeting with Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk) to discuss targeted consultation and consideration of Phase Two statutory consultation feedback.</li> </ul> <p>As part of the Applicant’s pre-application consultation, in-person meetings with affected residents (‘near neighbours’), landowners, and local interest groups — including the Wildlife Trust, Reclaim the Rain, Seething Airfield, and Norfolk Gliding Club — have helped shape the Scheme, with several proposals revised in response to feedback. This includes holding the following meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 August 2024 – Briefing with Site Landowners to discuss the early-stage proposals, timescales and approach to consultation and engagement.</li> <li>• 14 November 2024 – Meeting with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to discuss Phase One consultation and early-stage proposals</li> <li>• 10 January 2025 – Meeting with National Gas Transmission plc to discuss Scoping Report submission and Scheme proposals.</li> <li>• 23 January 2025 – Meeting with Tibenham Airfield (Norfolk Gliding Club) to discuss glint and glare impacts.</li> <li>• 31 January 2025 – Near neighbour site visit (Hempnall and Lundy Green)</li> <li>• 6 February 2025 – Meeting with Environment Agency to discuss Scoping Report submission and Scheme proposals</li> </ul>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 February 2025 – Near neighbour site visit (Brooke)</li> <li>• 5 March 2025 – Meeting with Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service to discuss Scheme proposals</li> <li>• 27 March 2025 – Meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss ground conditions impacts.</li> <li>• 7 April 2025 – Meeting with Anglian Water to discuss Scoping response and Scheme proposals.</li> <li>• 11 April 2025 – Near neighbour site visits (Brooke)</li> <li>• 29 April 2025 – Meeting with Environment Agency to discuss water impacts.</li> <li>• 8 May 2025 – Meeting with Reclaim the Rain project team to discuss water impacts and opportunities.</li> <li>• 3 July 2025 – Near neighbour site visit (Fritton)</li> <li>• 12 August 2025 – Near neighbour site visit (Brooke)</li> <li>• 14 August 2025 – Meeting with National Gas Transmission plc to discuss protected provisions and Phase Two statutory consultation feedback</li> <li>• 19 September 2025 – Meeting with Seething Airfield to discuss glint and glare, and mitigation measures</li> <li>• 17 October 2025 – Meeting with Historic England to discuss PEIR outcomes and viewpoints.</li> <li>• 11 November 2025 – Meeting with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) to discuss targeted consultation</li> <li>• 27 November 2025 – Meeting with National Highways to discuss targeted consultation and provide an update ahead of DCO application submission.</li> <li>• 9 December 2025 – Meeting with NGET following close of targeted consultation.</li> </ul> <p>The Scheme also held fortnightly calls with The Drove Solar Farm project team to discuss ongoing engagement with consultees. These meetings took place from 18 February to 14 October 2025.</p>
2	23 October – 6 December 2024	<b>Phase one community consultation (non-statutory)</b>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<p>The Applicant held its phase one non-statutory consultation for just over six weeks (45 days) from 23 October to 6 December 2024.</p> <p>The aim of this initial consultation was to introduce the Scheme, present early-stage proposals for the Scheme and give individuals and interested parties the opportunity to share their views.</p> <p>During this non-statutory consultation period, the Applicant held six in-person information events and one online webinar, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 7 November 2024 – 15:30 – 19:30 – Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall, Steward Close, Saxlingham Nethergate, NR15 1AN</li> <li>• Friday 8 November 2024 – 15:30 – 19:30 – Seething and Mundham Village Hall, Wheelers Lane, Seething, NR15 1EJ</li> <li>• Saturday 9 November 2024 – 11:30 – 15:30 – Hempnall Village Hall, Bungay Road, Hempnall, NR15 2NG</li> <li>• Wednesday 13 November 2024 – 15:30 – 19:30 – Aslacton and Great Moulton Coronation Hall, Carr Lane, Great Moulton, NR15 2LA</li> <li>• Thursday 14 November 2024 – 13:30 – 18:30 – Long Stratton Village Hall, Ipswich Road, Long Stratton, NR15 2TA</li> <li>• Friday 15 November 2024 – 14:00 – 18:30 – Woodton Village Hall, Hempnall Road, Woodton, Bungay, NR35 2NG</li> <li>• Wednesday 20 November 2024 – 18:00 – 19:30 – Community Webinar (Zoom)</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant publicised the information events and consultation information by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributing a consultation postcard to over 8,400 local homes and businesses; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For this round of community consultation, the Applicant distributed the postcard to a Core Consultation Zone of 8,400 properties, which is defined as a 2km radius from the Site Boundary and was extended, where proportionate and reasonable, to include host parish council boundaries and natural and geographical boundaries. This led to an increase in approximately 600 properties being included in the CCZ for Phase One consultation compared to the distribution zone for the launch of the Scheme in September 2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising the information events across 2 local newspapers – the Eastern Daily Press (on 23 October and 6 November 2024) and the Diss Express (on 1 November 2024);</li> <li>• Distributing posters to identified local information points for them to display;</li> <li>• Providing details of the information events on the Scheme website;</li> <li>• Wider publicity via a press release, which was sent to 22 local publications;</li> <li>• Contacting identified stakeholders which included:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Members of Parliament representing the host constituencies (“Host MPs”) – Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk) and Adrian Ramsay MP (Waveney Valley);</li> <li>- Norfolk County Council Local Planning Officers and Members</li> <li>- South Norfolk Council Local Planning Officers and Members</li> <li>- Host and neighbouring parish councils</li> <li>- Near neighbours (properties within 100m of the red line boundary)</li> <li>- Gateway organisations and seldom heard groups</li> <li>- Local community groups; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sending emails to notify the launch of the consultation to the 208 registrants.</li> </ul> <p>Full details of these activities will be set out in the Consultation Report.</p>
3	15 January 2025	<p><b>Scoping Report submitted</b></p> <p>The Applicant submitted a Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 15 January 2025. Through this report, the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate that it intended to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Scheme pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations.</p>
4	25 February 2025	<p><b>Scoping Opinion</b></p> <p>A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 25 February 2025 and included the list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations.</p>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
5	4 March – 18 March 2025	<p><b>Feedback sought on early working draft of Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</b></p> <p>The Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on 4 March 2025, and provided a two-week window for any initial comments on the Applicant’s approach to statutory consultation. The contents of the early working draft SoCC was discussed during the Applicant’s monthly meeting with both councils on 5 March 2025.</p> <p>At the same time, feedback was also sought by the Applicant from Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on a draft list of gateway organisations and local groups for inclusion in the SoCC.</p>
6	19 March 2025	<p><b>Phase One Consultation Summary Report</b></p> <p>The Applicant published a Phase One Consultation Summary Report to summarise the feedback received during the Phase One consultation and how this feedback was being considered to inform the Scheme.</p> <p>The Phase One Consultation Summary Report was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared by email and/or post with key stakeholders (including MPs, councillors, parish councils) and individuals who had registered to be kept informed; and</li> <li>• Uploaded to the Scheme website.</li> </ul>
7	4 April – 6 May 2025	<p><b>Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) with local authorities under Section 47 of the PA2008</b></p>
8	4 June 2025	<p><b>Publication of SoCC in accordance with Section 47 of the PA2008</b></p>
9	17 June 2025	<p><b>Notification to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, under Section 46 of the PA2008</b></p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate confirmed receipt of the Section 46 Notice on 26 June 2025.</p>
10	18 June – 6 August 2025	<p><b>Phase Two Consultation – Section 42 and Section 48 of the PA2008 and publication of Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary</b></p> <p>The Applicant published a PEIR on 18 June 2025 to be consulted upon as part of a statutory consultation under Section 42, 47 and 48 of the</p>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<p>PA2008 with prescribed consultees and the community (Phase Two consultation).</p> <p>The Applicant undertook consultation on the PEIR from 18 June to 6 August 2025 (providing a 50-day consultation response period and therefore exceeding the 28-day requirement). Section 42 consultees were formally notified of the commencement of statutory consultation on or before 18 June 2025 by written letter and/or email.</p> <p>The consultation documents provided to Section 42 consultees comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A covering letter, including a link to the consultation documents; and</li> <li>• A copy of the notice publicising the application under Section 48 of the PA2008 (including details of the information events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge).</li> </ul> <p>Notices were published in accordance with Section 48 of the PA2008 and further details are set out in <b>Table 2</b>.</p> <p>The PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) was made available to Section 42 consultees and the community as part of the Phase Two consultation via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scheme website;</li> <li>• In hard copy form at the information events (for inspection only); and</li> <li>• In hard copy form at the Community Access Point (CAP) sites (for inspection only), which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long Stratton Library, The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ</li> <li>- Loddon Library, 31 Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX</li> <li>- Bungay Community Library, Wharton Street, Bungay, NR35 1EL</li> <li>- Poringland Library, Overtons Way, Poringland, NR14 7WB</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Details of how to access the PEIR and PEIR NTS were provided via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scheme website;</li> <li>• The Community Consultation Postcard, which was distributed to 8,486 properties within the vicinity of the Scheme (the Core Consultation Zone)</li> </ul>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet;</li> <li>• The Section 42 letter; and</li> <li>• The Section 48 Notice.</li> </ul> <p>Details of how to obtain hard copies of the consultation documents, including requests for 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, were also provided.</p>
11	18 June – 6 August 2025	<p><b>Phase Two Consultation - Section 47 of the PA2008</b></p> <p>During Phase Two consultation the Applicant held six in-person information events, and one online webinar as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 02 July 2025 – 14:30 – 19:30 – Aslacton and Great Moulton Coronation Hall, Carr Lane, Great Moulton, Norwich, NR15 2LA</li> <li>• Thursday 03 July 2025 – 14:30 – 19:30 – Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall, Steward Close, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AJ</li> <li>• Thursday 10 July 2025 – 14:00 – 19:00 – Long Stratton Village Hall, Ipswich Road, Long Stratton, Norwich, NR15 1AB</li> <li>• Friday 11 July 2025 – 14:30 – 19:30 – Brooke Village Hall, Norwich Road, Brooke, Norwich, NR15 1AB</li> <li>• Saturday 12 July 2025 – 11:00 – 15:00 – Hempnall Village Hall, Bungay Road, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG</li> <li>• Tuesday 15 July 2025 – 14:30 – 19:30 – Seething and Mundham Village Hall, Wheelers Lane, Seething, Norwich, NR15 1EJ</li> <li>• Monday 21 July 2025 – 18:30 – Community Webinar (Zoom)</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant publicised the information events and consultation information by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributing a community consultation postcard to 8,486 local homes and businesses;</li> <li>• Distributing a press release containing details of the consultation to 22 regional media publications (as listed in the SoCC, including BBC Look East, Eastern Daily Press and Norfolk News);</li> </ul>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributing posters to identified local information points for them to display (as listed in the SoCC, including village halls and community centres);</li> <li>• Distributing hard copies of consultation documents to the four CAP sites:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Long Stratton Library</li> <li>- Loddon Library</li> <li>- Poringland Library</li> <li>- Bungay Community Library</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Providing details of the public information events on the Scheme website; and</li> <li>• Contacting identified key stakeholders (including MPs, councillors and parish councils), community and wider interest groups, and individuals who had registered to be kept informed.</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant invited feedback from the community via a paper feedback form, an online feedback form, and feedback to the Scheme communication channels over a stated 50-day response period.</p> <p>Further details on how the Applicant complied with the SoCC are set out in <b>Table 6</b>.</p>
12	22 October – 26 November 2025	<p><b>Targeted Consultation (non-statutory)</b></p> <p>The Applicant held a targeted consultation on a series of specific changes to the Scheme in Autumn 2025. This consultation ran for five weeks and focused on a series of changes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional small areas of land adjacent to and to the northwest to Site 1; and to the southwest of Site 1, both of which being associated with the works connecting the new National Grid Substation to the existing overhead transmission electric lines.</li> <li>• Additional small areas of land throughout the Scheme associated with updates to highway visibility splays.</li> <li>• Additional small areas of land throughout the Scheme to accommodate Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) that could result in highway works, temporary removal of street furniture (benches, bins, bollards, etc.) and/or vegetation removal.</li> <li>• Confirmation of the preferred location of the new National Grid substation, which is proposed to be located within Site 1B.</li> </ul>

	Date	Consultation undertaken
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation of the location and size of the proposed project substation in Site 1B (which is proposed to increase from 132kv to 400kv); and</li> <li>An area within Site 7D where additional solar PV panels have been included.</li> </ul> <p>Prior to this, the Applicant shared an ‘Approach to Targeted Consultation’ document with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council to invite comments on the Applicant’s approach to consultation. Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council did not respond any comments on the proposed approach.</p> <p>Further details of the targeted consultation, including details of the feedback received and how it has been considered, will be included in the Consultation Report.</p>

### 3 Compliance with the PA2008

#### 3.1 Overview

- 3.1.1 The Applicant undertook consultation consistent with the commitments set out in the published SoCC, shown in Appendix 1, in accordance with Section 47(7) of the PA2008.
- 3.1.2 **Table 2** describes how the Applicant’s pre-application consultation activities have complied with these requirements in the PA2008.

**Table 2: Consultation compliance checklist with the PA2008**

Section	Requirement	Compliance
<b>Section 42 (The applicant must consult the following about the proposed application)</b>	(a) such persons as may be prescribed,	<p>The Applicant consulted all relevant prescribed consultees as defined in Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations and the APFP Regulations.</p> <p>A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 25 February 2025 and included the list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations. The Applicant consulted with all of these bodies.</p>
	(aa) the Marine Management Organisation, in any case where the proposed development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any of the areas specified in subsection (2)	<p>The Applicant did not consult the Marine Management Organisation as the Scheme is not sited in areas specified in subsection (2) of Section 42 of the PA2008.</p>

Section	Requirement	Compliance
	(b) each local authority that is within section 43	<p>The Applicant consulted each relevant local authority as defined within Section 43 of the PA2008. These are listed below:</p> <p><i>'A' Authorities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Yarmouth Borough Council</li> <li>• Norwich City Council</li> <li>• East Suffolk Council</li> <li>• Broadland District Council</li> <li>• Breckland District Council</li> <li>• Mid Suffolk District Council</li> <li>• Broads Authority</li> <li>• Suffolk County Council</li> <li>• Cambridgeshire County Council</li> <li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li> </ul> <p><i>'B' Authorities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norfolk County Council</li> <li>• South Norfolk Council</li> </ul>
	(c) the Greater London Authority if the land is in Greater London, and	Not applicable.
	(d) each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44	The Applicant consulted each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in Section 44.
<b>Section 45 (Timetable for consultation under section 42)</b>	(1) The applicant must, when consulting a person under section 42, notify the person of the deadline for the receipt by the applicant of the person's response to the consultation.	The Applicant notified all those consulted under Section 42 of the deadline in writing by email and/or post.
	(2) A deadline notified under subsection (1) must not be earlier than the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.	The Applicant undertook consultation on the PEIR from 18 June 2025 to 6 August 2025 which was a period of 49 days. All consultees had received the consultation documents on or before 18 June 2025.
	(3) In subsection (2) “the consultation documents” means the documents supplied to the person by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the person.	<p>The consultation documents provided to Section 42 consultees comprised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A covering letter, including a link to the consultation materials;</li> <li>• A copy of the notice publicising the application under Section 48 of the PA2008 (including details of the public information events and the locations</li> </ul>

Section	Requirement	Compliance
		where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge); and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Site Location Map Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Section 46 (Duty to notify Commission of proposed application)</b>	(1) The applicant must supply the Secretary of State with such information in relation to the proposed application as the applicant would supply to the Secretary of State for the purpose of complying with section 42 if the applicant were required by that section to consult the Secretary of State about the proposed application.	The Applicant notified the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, in writing under Section 46 of the PA2008 on 17 June 2025 that it was intending to commence consultation under Section 42 of the PA2008 on the PEIR commencing on 18 June 2025 and closing on 6 August 2025.  The Applicant included the following consultation documents with this notification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A covering letter;</li> <li>Example copies of the Section 42 and Section 44 covering letters (including examples for prescribed consultees, the MMO, local authorities and landowners);</li> <li>A copy of Section 47 and Section 48 Notices (including details of the public information events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge); and</li> <li>The Site Location Plan (PEIR Figure 1.1)</li> </ul>
	(2) The applicant must comply with subsection (1) on or before commencing consultation under section 42.	The Applicant complied with subsection (1) on 17 June 2025, prior to commencing consultation on 18 June 2025.
<b>Section 47 (Duty to consult the local community)</b>	(1) The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.	The Applicant prepared and published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) that set out how the Applicant proposed to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.
	(2) Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement.	To inform the preparation of the statement, the Applicant consulted Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council (the local authorities that are within Section 43(1) on the content of the SoCC).
	(3) The deadline for the receipt by the applicant of a local authority's response to consultation under subsection (2) is the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day after the day on which the local authority receives the consultation documents.	The Applicant then formally consulted with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on the draft SoCC between 4 April and 6 May 2025.  Before this period, the Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC with both councils on 4 March, receiving comments back from Norfolk County Council on 18 March 2025. South Norfolk Council did not provide comments in writing on the early working draft SoCC.
	(4) In subsection (3) "the consultation documents" means the documents supplied to the	The consultation documents supplied by the Applicant included a covering letter and email, a summary of how feedback received to the early working draft SoCC had

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	<p>local authority by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the local authority under subsection (2).</p>	<p>been considered by the Applicant (see Appendix 2 of this document), and the draft SoCC.</p>
	<p>(5) In preparing the statement, the applicant must have regard to any response to consultation under subsection (2) that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by subsection (3).</p>	<p>The Applicant had regard to all relevant responses to the draft SoCC. The Applicant shared a response table with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council to explain how their comments had been considered, as shown in Appendix 2 of this document.</p>
	<p>(6) Once the applicant has prepared the statement, the applicant must — make the statement available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land, (a) publish, in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land, a notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected, and (b) publish the statement in such manner as may be prescribed.</p>	<p>The final SoCC was publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the PA2008 on 4 June 2025.</p> <p>The SoCC was uploaded to a dedicated page on the Scheme’s website and made available to view from the four CAP sites listed in the document and accompanying notice.</p> <p>Notices were published in the Eastern Daily Press on 4 June 2025 and the Diss Express on 6 June 2025 to publicise the SoCC and its availability.</p> <p>The publication of the SoCC was also communicated through emailing identified key stakeholders and any party that had registered to be kept informed of Scheme updates.</p>
	<p>(7) The applicant must carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.</p>	<p>The Applicant undertook consultation under Section 47 of the PA2008 in accordance with the SoCC. This is evidenced in the accompanying table and will be further detailed in the Consultation Report.</p>
<p><b>Section 48 (Duty to publicise)</b></p>	<p>(1) The applicant must publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner.</p>	<p>The Applicant prepared and publicised the application in the prescribed manner set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 by publishing a Section 48 Notice.</p> <p>The Section 48 Notice was published in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diss Express on 6 and 13 June 2025;</li> <li>• Eastern Daily Press on 11 and 18 June 2025;</li> <li>• The Guardian on 16 June 2025; and</li> <li>• London Gazette on 18 June 2025.</li> </ul>
	<p>(2) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) must, in particular, make provision for publicity under subsection (1) to include a deadline for receipt by the applicant of responses to the publicity.</p>	<p>The Section 48 Notice included a deadline of 6 August 2025 for receipt of responses to the publicity.</p> <p>The final notice was published on 18 June 2025, which clearly stated the consultation start (18 June 2025) and end dates (6 August 2025), therefore exceeding the 28 days statutory minimum response time.</p>

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<p><b>Section 49 (Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity)</b></p>	<p>(1) Subsection (2) applies where the applicant — (a) has complied with sections 42, 47 and 48, and (b) proposes to go ahead with making an application for an order granting development consent (whether or not in the same terms as the proposed application).</p> <p>(2) The applicant must, when deciding whether the application that the applicant is actually to make should be in the same terms as the proposed application, have regard to any relevant responses.</p> <p>(3) In subsection (2) “relevant response” means— (a) a response from a person consulted under section 42 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by section 45 in that person’s case,</p> <p>(b) a response to consultation under section 47(7) that is received by the applicant before any applicable deadline imposed in accordance with the statement prepared under section 47, or</p> <p>(c) a response to publicity under section 48 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed in accordance with section 48(2) in relation to that publicity.</p>	<p>The Applicant is reviewing all relevant responses made pursuant to Section 42, Section 47 and Section 48 in accordance with Section 49.</p> <p>In reviewing the responses, the Applicant is cognisant of its duty to have regard to any relevant responses.</p> <p>A summary of relevant responses received and how the Applicant has considered these will be provided in the Consultation Report submitted with the DCO application.</p>
<p><b>Section 50 (Guidance about pre-application procedure)</b></p>	<p>(1) Guidance may be issued about how to comply with the requirements of this Section.</p> <p>(2) Guidance under this section may be issued by the Planning Inspectorate or the Secretary of State.</p> <p>(3) The applicant must have regard to any guidance under this section.</p>	<p>In carrying out both Phase One Non-Statutory Consultation and the Phase Two (Statutory) Consultation, the Applicant had regard to the “the Guidance.”</p> <p>Full details will be set out in the Consultation Report.</p>

## 4 Statement of Community Consultation

### 4.1 Overview

- 4.1.1 In accordance with Section 47 of the PA2008, a draft SoCC was prepared, consulted on with the host local authorities, finalised and published ahead of commencing statutory consultation on the Scheme. The SoCC set out that the Scheme is an EIA development, complying with the requirements of Regulation 12(1) EIA Regulations.
- 4.1.2 Section 47(2) of the PA2008 states that before preparing the SoCC, an applicant must consult each local authority that is within Section 43(1) in regard to the content of the SoCC.
- 4.1.3 The Applicant consulted with the following authorities on the content of the SoCC:
- South Norfolk Council; and
  - Norfolk County Council.
- 4.1.4 The finalised SoCC was shared with each authority, alongside a table explaining how each of their comments on the draft had been considered and whether it informed a change to the document content.
- 4.1.5 The Applicant considered all comments made by South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council, before publishing the SoCC in accordance with Section 47(6) of the PA2008, as described below. A copy of the final SoCC can be seen in Appendix 3 of this document.
- 4.1.6 The Applicant has subsequently undertaken consultation consistent with the principles and commitments set out in the publicised SoCC, in accordance with Section 47(7) of the PA2008, as set out in **Table 6** of this document.

### 4.2 Consultation on the SoCC

- 4.2.1 The Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC with South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council on 4 March 2025 for any initial comments. A meeting was held with both local authorities on 5 March 2025 to discuss the contents of the early working draft and the Applicant's approach to consultation. The Applicant's consideration of initial comments on the early working draft can be found in **Table 3**.
- 4.2.2 The Applicant formally provided a draft SoCC to South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council for consultation on 4 April 2025. This was provided alongside a covering email and letter to explain the purpose of the draft SoCC, the response process and deadline for comments.
- 4.2.3 The Applicant stated a response deadline of 6 May 2025. This provided a consultation period of 32 days therefore exceeding the requirement to set in Section 47(3) to provide a period of 28 days.
- 4.2.4 South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council provided comments in response to consultation on the draft SoCC. The responses received from South Norfolk Council

and Norfolk County Council to this consultation on the draft SoCC were considered by the Applicant when finalising the SoCC prior to publication.

4.2.5 The feedback submitted to the consultation on the draft SoCC and how this was considered by the Applicant, is described in **Table 4** and **Table 5**.

**Table 3: The Applicant's consideration of Norfolk County Council's initial comments on the early working draft SoCC, received on 18 March 2025**

Feedback on the early working draft SoCC	Applicant response and amendments to final SoCC
<b>Section 8: When we will consult</b>	
<p>Consultation period - where possible, the County Council would ask this is extended to 8-10 weeks to allow adequate time for the County Council to fully assess its statutory functions as the Highway Authority, Lead Local Flood Authority, Public Health, Mineral and Waste Planning, Economic Development, Historic Environment etc.</p>	<p>The Applicant is committed to holding a statutory consultation that exceeds the statutory requirement (under the PA2008) – as is considered best practice as deployed on other similar solar NSIP projects.</p> <p>In response to the request to consider a longer consultation period, the Applicant has extended the statutory consultation period from six (as reflected in the draft SoCC) to seven weeks – meaning that the consultation will run from Wednesday 18 June until Wednesday 6 August 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant will work with Norfolk County Council to determine whether any specific extensions would be required for the County Council to fully assess its statutory functions.</p> <p>The Applicant is also committed to continuing to engage with Norfolk County Council, such as through the monthly project team meetings, to discuss any comments it has on the ongoing design process of the scheme and opportunities</p>
<b>Section 9: What we will consult on</b>	
<p>Where possible the County Council requests early sight of consultations such as the PEIR and NTS ahead of the formal consultation, to allow as much time as possible to assess the documents, prepare its response and go through the County Council’s reporting mechanisms. The County Council would be willing to sign non-disclosure agreement (NDA) where appropriate.</p>	<p>The Applicant will aim to provide Norfolk County Council with early sight of the Scheme’s Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) ahead of the start of the statutory consultation.</p> <p>Where the full text of the PEIR and PEIR NTS is not available, the Applicant will work with the County Council to determine which chapters would be of interest, such as those necessary for the Highway Authority, Local Flood Authority, Public Health, Mineral and Waste Planning, Economic Health and Planning officers.</p>
<b>Section 10: How we will consult</b>	
<p>Member briefing – this should be arranged and booked in ahead of the formal public consultation to ensure availability. The invitee</p>	<p>The Applicant is committed to engaging with Norfolk County Council members before and during the statutory consultation. The Applicant has continued to work with Norfolk County Council, through the approved invitee list, to arrange a briefing and was</p>

Feedback on the early working draft SoCC	Applicant response and amendments to final SoCC
list will be the same as the member briefing session for the non-statutory consultation.	available for a meeting with council members before, during and after statutory consultation. The Applicant did not receive a response after several invitations and follow-ups to the council regarding a meeting before, during or after statutory consultation. The Applicant is still available to meet with members to discuss the proposals.

**Table 4: Norfolk County Council's feedback on draft SoCC and Applicant response, received 6 May 2025**

Feedback on the SoCC	Applicant response and amendments to final SoCC
<b>Section 3: The Scheme</b>	
<p>The scheme overview in section 2 does not adequately identify the location of both the proposed solar farm project and the communities affected. The scheme centres around a number of villages such as Hempnall, Woodton, and Brooke, yet they are not mentioned as locational references; the scheme is described in section 2.1 as being south of Norwich and north of Harleston which covers an area of over 32km. Whilst the communities are identified later in the document, section 2 is not consistent with the rest of the document and the County Council would suggest a better description of the scheme location is provided.</p>	<p>Noted. The Scheme description used in the draft SoCC has been updated to include the villages and parishes that the Scheme Site covers.</p> <p><b><i>“3.2 The Scheme (including the Sites, sub-Sites and the CRC [Cable Route Corridor] covers approximately 2,232 hectares (‘ha’) of land south of Norwich and north of Harleston. The total area of the Sites and Sub-Sites is approximately 1,097 ha. The Site covers the following areas:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Hempnall</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Morningthorpe and Fritton</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Woodton</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Saxlingham Nethergate</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Shotesham</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Brooke</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Kirstead</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Seething</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Hedenham</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Tasburgh</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Tivetshall</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Great Moulton</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Shelton and Hardwick</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Wacton</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Long Stratton</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Tharston and Hapton</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Pulham Market”</i></b></li> </ul>
<p>It would helpful if an extra key could be added to the figure 1 site location plan to indicate the reasoning for grouping together the different</p>	<p>Noted. The plan presented in the draft SoCC was the Scoping Report Figure 1: Site Location Plan, which</p>

Feedback on the SoCC	Applicant response and amendments to final SoCC
<p>solar farm parcels, as indicated on the map by black dashed lines.</p>	<p>was used as a placeholder while the Site was updated ahead of the publication of the SoCC.</p> <p>We have removed the black dashed lines across each of the Sites on the map in our finalised SoCC, Phase Two Consultation materials, and in the figures accompanying the Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The reason the Sites were grouped at Phase One consultation and Scoping was to show the sub-Sites.</p> <p>In the PEIR, the ‘Site’ is defined as:</p> <p><i>“The Site comprises approximately 2,223 hectares of land located to the east of Long Stratton in Norfolk. The Site includes 10 individual Sites, which are further sub-divided into sub-Sites (which host the generating stations; including solar PV and other Associated Development, Substations, Mitigation and Enhancement Areas, Highway Works and Ancillary Infrastructure); the National Grid Substation site (including Grid Connection Infrastructure); Battery Energy Storage System Site; and Cable Route Corridor (CRC).”</i></p> <p>Sub-sites are defined as:</p> <p><i>The Scheme includes a number of Sites, numbered 1 - 10 which host the generating stations; including Ground Mounted PV Modules and other Associated Development, Conversion Units Substations (where necessary), Mitigation and Enhancement Areas, Highway Works and Ancillary Infrastructure. Within these Sites, there are a number of separate sub-Sites which have been sub-numbered e.g. 2A, 2B, 2C.</i></p>
<p><b>Section 6: Method of Consultation</b></p>	
<p>The County Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft SoCC and broadly welcomes the suggested consultation approach. The County Council recognises the positive actions that Island Green are planning to take to engage with local communities across Norfolk.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><b>Section 8: When we will consult</b></p>	
<p>The County Council would like to see the consultation period, currently listed as 6 weeks, extended to an 8–10 - week period to allow adequate time for the County Council to fully assess the PEIR documentation in terms of its statutory functions covering: the Highway Authority; Lead Local Flood Authority; Public Health; Minerals and Waste Planning; Economic Development; Environment and Historic Environment.</p>	<p>Noted. The Applicant has now defined its consultation period for Phase Two consultation, which has been updated with the final wording for SoCC to state:</p> <p><b><i>8.1 The Applicant will hold its Phase Two consultation for a period of <del>just over six weeks</del> seven weeks (49 days) from Wednesday 18 June to Wednesday 6 August 2025. This consultation period exceeds the minimum period of 28 days required by the PA2008.”</i></b></p>

Feedback on the SoCC	Applicant response and amendments to final SoCC
	<p><i>“8.2 This is consistent with the approach taken to the non-statutory Phase One consultation and exceeds the statutory requirement of 28 days.”</i></p> <p>The Applicant will also work with Norfolk County Council to determine whether any specific extensions would be required for the County Council to fully assess its statutory functions.</p> <p>The Applicant provided Norfolk County Council with early sight of the PEIR documents (1 day before publication). The Applicant also provided a 1–2-week extension for Norfolk County Council’s response to the statutory consultation</p>
<b>Section 9: How we will consult</b>	
<p>The County Council is pleased a non-technical (NTS) summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will be available.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>The County Council welcomes the number and location of consultation events proposed.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Where possible, the County Council requests early sight of consultation materials, such as the PEIR and NTS ahead of the formal consultation, to allow as much time as possible to assess the application, prepare its response and go through the County Council’s reporting mechanisms with elected members. The County Council would be willing to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) where appropriate.</p>	<p>The Applicant will aim to provide Norfolk County Council with early sight of the Scheme’s Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS).</p> <p>Where the full text of the PEIR and PEIR NTS is not available, the Applicant will aim to provide chapters of the consultation documents relevant to Norfolk County Council, such as those necessary for the Highway Authority, Local Flood Authority, Public Health, Mineral and Waste Planning, Economic Health and Planning officers.</p> <p>The Applicant does not believe the use of a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) is appropriate and aims to share PEIR chapters and PEIR NTS with the County Council before the start of statutory consultation on 18 June 2025.</p>

**Table 5: South Norfolk Council's feedback on the draft SoCC and Applicant response, received 24 April 2025**

Feedback on the SoCC	Applicant response and amendments to final SoCC
<b>Section 8: When we will consult</b>	
<p>Only comment I would make is to highlight the timings of the consultation June – August, during summer holiday period, harvest time and when many Parish Councils do not formally meet, which will make it difficult for our residents, business and Parish Council’s to</p>	<p>The Applicant notes the timings of consultation may conflict with events, such as recognised school and public holidays.</p> <p>The Applicant has amended Section 8: Who we will consult of the SoCC in response to this feedback. The</p>

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<p>engage and submit formal comments with their views regarding the project.</p>	<p>Phase Two (statutory) consultation period has been extended to seven weeks from the initial period (as set out in the draft SoCC) of six weeks and two days.</p> <p>The Applicant has now defined its consultation period for Phase Two consultation, and will update the wording of the SoCC to state:</p> <p><i>“8.1 The Applicant will hold its Phase Two (statutory) consultation for a period of <del>just over six weeks</del> <b>seven weeks (49 days) from Wednesday 18 June to Wednesday 6 August 2025. This consultation period exceeds the minimum period of 28 days required by the PA2008.</b>”</i></p> <p><i>“<del>8.2 This is consistent with the approach taken to the non-statutory Phase One consultation and exceeds the statutory requirement of 28 days.</del>”</i></p> <p>The Applicant is also seeking to raise awareness of the consultation in advance of the consultation period, including publication and issue of communications regarding the SoCC – which is being issued to parish councils and wider stakeholders, including those who have registered to receive updates.</p> <p>The Applicant will also consider individual requests for extensions to the consultation period, which may allow additional time for consultees to provide their feedback.</p>

### 4.3 Publication and publicity of the SoCC

- 4.3.1 The final SoCC was published in accordance with Section 47(6) of the PA2008 on 4 June 2025.
- 4.3.2 The SoCC was uploaded to the document library of the Scheme’s website and made available to view and collective from the public venues (Community Access Points) listed in the document and accompany notices.
- 4.3.3 Notices were published in the Eastern Daily Press on 4 June 2025 and in the Diss Express on 6 June 2025 to publicise the SoCC and its availability.
- 4.3.4 The publication of the SoCC was also communicated through emailing identified key stakeholders and any party that had registered to be kept informed about the Scheme.

## 4.4 Targeted consultation

- 4.4.1 Following the close of Phase Two consultation, following refinements to the proposals, the Applicant identified a series of minor amendments to the Site boundary, compared to the boundary presented for Phase Two consultation.
- 4.4.2 The Applicant decided to undertake a targeted consultation on these changes.
- 4.4.3 The published SoCC states that *“If, as a result of feedback, our proposals change to the extent we consider it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.”*
- 4.4.4 Based on this, the Applicant shared an Approach to Targeted Consultation Document with Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council on 15 October 2025 for comment. This document can be found in Appendix 4 of this document.
- 4.4.5 No comments were received regarding the Approach to Targeted Consultation Document from Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council.
- 4.4.6 The Targeted Consultation was carried out in accordance with the approach set out in the Approach to Targeted Consultation Document, which is appended in Appendix 4 of this document.
- 4.4.7 The feedback received to the Targeted Consultation and the Applicant’s response to this will be set out in the Consultation Report.

## 4.5 Compliance with the SoCC

- 4.5.1 The Applicant undertook consultation consistent with the commitments set out in the published SoCC, in accordance with Section 47(7) of the PA2008.
- 4.5.2 **Table 6** describes how the Applicant has complied with commitments set out within the published SoCC.

**Table 6: SoCC commitments and Applicant compliance**

Section	Commitment	Compliance
<b>1. Introduction</b>	<p>1.6. This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 ‘Duty to consult local community’ of the PA2008; its purpose being to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the land that is needed for the Scheme; including explanation of the consultation we will carry out before submission of our DCO application. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A description of the consenting process we must follow</li> <li>• What we will be consulting on</li> </ul>	<p>The final SoCC was publicised in accordance with Section 47(6) of the PA2008 on 4 June 2025, two weeks before the launch of statutory consultation on 18 June 2025.</p> <p>The SoCC included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A description of the consenting process (Section 4: The DCO consenting process)</li> <li>• What we will be consulting on (Section 5: Our public consultation process and Section 10: Environmental information)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who we will be consulting</li> <li>• How people can respond to the consultation</li> <li>• How we will use feedback to the consultation</li> </ul> <p>1.7. The SoCC will be published on Wednesday 4 June 2025 ahead of the start of the Phase Two consultation.</p> <p>1.8. As required by Section 47(6) of the 2008 Act we will publish a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers for one week to advertise that the SoCC has been published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Daily Press – Wednesday 4 June 2025</li> <li>• Diss Express – Friday 6 June 2025</li> </ul> <p>1.9. Phase Two consultation is taking place over a period of seven weeks from Wednesday 18 June and running until Wednesday 6 August 2025. This would see the statutory period exceed the minimum period of 28 days as required by the 2008 Act. The deadline for receipt of feedback to the Phase Two consultation is 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025</p> <p>1.10. The SoCC is available to view and download from the Applicant’s website, and printed reference copies will be made available from Community Access Points (CAPs) (see Table 3). Printed reference copies will also be available to view at in-person consultation events being held during statutory consultation (see Table 2).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who we will be consulting (Section 6: Method of consultation and Section 7: Who we will consult)</li> <li>• How people can respond to the consultation (Section 9: How we will consult)</li> <li>• How we will use feedback to the consultation (Section 12: Next steps and contact details).</li> </ul> <p>Notices were published in the and Eastern Daily Press on 4 June 2025 and the Diss Express on 6 June 2025 to publicise the SoCC and its availability.</p> <p>Phase Two consultation took place for seven weeks (49 days) between Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 6 August 2025.</p> <p>The SoCC was uploaded to the document library on the Scheme’s website and printed reference copies were made available to view from the four CAP sites listed in the document as well as the accompanying Section 47 Notice. Printed reference copies were also available to view at the in-person information events held during statutory consultation.</p>
<p><b>4.The DCO consenting process</b></p>	<p>4.6 South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk County Council, as host local authorities, have been consulted on the contents of this SoCC as required by Section 47 (2) of the PA2008. We have had regard to feedback provided by both authorities, with it having been considered and used to inform this final version.</p>	<p>The Applicant shared an early working draft of the SoCC for Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council to review on 4 March 2025 prior to commencing formal consultation on the draft SoCC. The Applicant received comments from Norfolk County Council on the early working draft SoCC, which were considered by the Applicant (as evidenced in Table 3 of this document). South Norfolk Council did not provide comments on the early working draft SoCC.</p>

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		<p>The Applicant formally provided a draft SoCC for review to both councils on 4 April 2024. Tables 4 and 5 of this document shows how the Applicant considered comments from local authorities in preparing the final SoCC for publication.</p>
<p><b>5. Our public consultation process</b></p>	<p>5.4. Phase Two consultation will be held for seven weeks between Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 6 August 2025 to provide further information on:</p> <p>5.4.1. Our proposals for the Scheme, including a Site Location Plan indicating the proposed layout.</p> <p>5.4.2. Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which sets out a preliminary assessment of likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme.</p> <p>5.4.3. Potential opportunities for community benefits associated with the Scheme.</p> <p>5.4.4. Anything else consultees and communities would like us to consider as part of our proposals for the Scheme.</p> <p>5.8 The Applicant published a Phase One Consultation Summary Report ('CSR') in March 2025. The purpose of the CSR is to present the feedback received at Phase One consultation and explain how this is being considered by the project team. The CSR is available to view on our website via the Document Library: <a href="http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents">www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents</a> and its availability was publicised through notifying key stakeholders and community members. The information gathered during the first phase of consultation has also informed the preparation of this SoCC and Phase Two consultation, which is being held for seven weeks between Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 6 August 2025.</p>	<p>The Applicant undertook consultation with local communities, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the Scheme under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA2008 for seven weeks between Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 6 August 2025.</p> <p>The Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet provided information on what the Applicant was consulting on, including the proposals for the Scheme, the PEIR, and opportunities for benefits associated with the Scheme. The Phase Two Consultation Feedback Form included questions on these areas and asked for any general comments respondents had on the Scheme.</p> <p>The PEIR was published on Wednesday 18 June 2025 and provided a preliminary assessment of likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme.</p> <p>A suite of consultation materials was published on 18 June 2025 to provide appropriately detailed information that is clear and accessible. Materials were published online and also available in printed format (to inspect and/or take away) at the four CAP sites, as stated in the SoCC.</p> <p>Materials also clearly signposted how people could get involved in the Phase Two consultation, including a series of in-person and online information events and different methods to provide feedback.</p> <p>Materials included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A PEIR and accompanying Non-Technical Summary, including technical maps and plans;</li> <li>• A Community Consultation Postcard (distributed to local homes and businesses);</li> <li>• A Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet, including illustrative plans showing the nature of the Scheme;</li> <li>• Event displays; and</li> <li>• A paper and online feedback form to encourage responses.</li> </ul> <p>The CSR remained on the Scheme website to download and view during the Phase Two</p>

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		consultation and was available in hard copy upon request.
<p><b>7. Who we will consult</b></p>	<p>7.6 Information about the Scheme will be communicated directly to properties within the Core Consultation Zone including residents, local businesses and community organisations (including parish councils) to raise awareness and encourage participation in the consultation through a range of communication channels (see Section 9).</p>	<p>The Applicant issued a Community Consultation Postcard to all properties identified (around 8,486) within the defined Core Consultation Zone to publicise and encourage responses to the Phase Two consultation.</p> <p>The postcard notified consultees of the consultation dates and provided information relating to the consultation process and where information about how to take part and what was being consulted on could be found using a range of communication methods. A copy of this postcard was available to view and download from the Applicant’s website.</p> <p>A wider audience was notified of the launch of the consultation via email. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who had registered to be kept up to date on the Scheme (328 registrants);</li> <li>• Host MPs – Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk) and Adrian Ramsay MP (Waveney Valley);</li> <li>• Norfolk County Council Local Planning Officers and Members;</li> <li>• South Norfolk Council Local Planning Officers and Members;</li> <li>• Host and neighbouring parish councils;</li> <li>• Community interest groups; and</li> <li>• Seldom heard and gateway organisations</li> </ul> <p>The Applicant wrote to over 300 identified properties within 100m to the Site’s Red Line Boundary (known as ‘near neighbours’), notifying them of the launch of statutory consultation and how they can provide feedback on the updated proposals.</p> <p>The Applicant updated its website on 18 June 2025 to include information regarding the updated proposals, consultation timescales, the information event programme, as well as all necessary consultation materials which were available to view and download from the website’s Documents page.</p>
	<p>7.10 To give those individuals and organisations the opportunity to participate in the Phase Two consultation, we will raise awareness in the following ways:</p>	<p>Detailed under sections 7.10.1 – 7.10.5.</p>

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	7.10.1 Directly notify any individual who has registered to receive information about the Scheme.	The Applicant sent digital notifications to individuals who had registered to receive updates on the Scheme. This notification – via email – was sent to 328 registrants on Wednesday 18 June.
	7.10.2 Advertise the consultation in local media outlets reaching audiences.	The Applicant placed advertisements in the Diss Express on Friday 27 June and Friday 4 July to publicise the consultation.
	7.10.4 Publish consultation materials so they are available to view online.	The Applicant hosted all consultation materials on its website (www.eastpyesolar.co.uk) from 18 June 2025. The materials were hosted on the Document’s page of the Scheme’s website, and were available to view, download and print.
	7.10.5 Fulfil requests for copies of the consultation materials through the Scheme communication channels.	<p>The Applicant received and fulfilled two requests to send hard copies of the consultation materials through the Scheme communication channels.</p> <p>The Applicant publicised the consultation by publishing a Section 48 Notice in the local and national press and London Gazette. The notice was published in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diss Express - 6 June 2025 and 13 June 2025;</li> <li>• Eastern Daily Press - 11 June 2025 and 18 June 2025;</li> <li>• The Guardian - 16 June 2025; and</li> <li>• London Gazette - 18 June 2025.</li> </ul>
	<p>7.11 In addition to publicising a Section 48 Notice in the local and national press and London Gazette, as stated under Section 48 of the PA2008, we will also engage those parties representing the interests of those communities which lie beyond the Core Consultation Zone including:</p> <p>7.11.1 Members of Parliament representing the host constituencies: Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk) and Adrian Ramsay MP (Waveney Valley)</p> <p>7.11.2 Norfolk County Council electoral division members (councillors)</p> <p>7.11.3 South Norfolk Council ward members (councillors)</p> <p>7.11.4 Parish councils that are within the Scheme Boundary (see Section 7.2)</p>	<p>The Applicant notified host MPs of the launch of Phase Two consultation via email on 18 June 2025. The notification included an invitation for a briefing, and the Applicant met with Ben Goldsborough MP on 1 July 2025. Representative of Adrian Ramsay met with the Applicant at the Great Moulton information event on 2 July 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant also notified Norfolk County Council Local Planning Officers and electoral division members on the launch of consultation on 18 June 2025.</p> <p>South Norfolk Council Local Planning Officers and members were also notified on 18 June 2025. A briefing with members took place ahead of the launch of Phase Two consultation on 27 May 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant notified 18 host parish councils and eight neighbouring parish councils of the launch of Phase Two consultation via email on 18 June 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant issued email communications to community interest groups and gateway organisations on 18 June 2025 to provide notice of</p>

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	7.11.5 Gateway organisations and community groups (see Appendix 1)	the statutory consultation period an overview of the proposals and overall approach to consultation (inc. information event details). The Applicant also contacted such groups on 6 August 2025 to confirm the close of the consultation period.
	7.15 The Applicant’s consultation methodology (see Section 9) has been developed to communicate effectively as possible with these groups (seldom heard and hard to reach groups) so that they can have their say. Requests for specific consultation activity to cater for these groups will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This will then be agreed and planned with the requesting organisations.	<p>The Applicant developed a list of gateway organisations and bodies representing the interests of under-represented or seldom heard groups, which was included as Appendix 1 of the SoCC.</p> <p>On 18 June 2025, the Applicant issued email communication to the gateway organisations and bodies identified to share details of the consultation (including dates), to offer direct engagement and invite suggestions on alternative ways of engaging with the groups/interests they represented.</p> <p>No responses or requests were received from the gateway organisations and bodies contacted for additional information and/or delivery of specific consultation activity to best meet the needs of the groups they represented.</p> <p>The Applicant also issued digital communications to these organisations on 6 August 2025, to confirm the statutory consultation period had come to an end and provide information on next steps.</p>
<b>8. When we will consult</b>	8.1 The Applicant will hold its Phase Two consultation for a period of seven weeks (49 days) from Wednesday 18 June to Wednesday 6 August 2025. This consultation period exceeds the minimum period of 28 days as required by PA2008.	<p>The Applicant undertook a seven-week consultation period, beginning Wednesday 18 June to Wednesday 6 August 2025. This exceeded the 28 days as required by PA2008.</p> <p>The Applicant held six in-person information events and one online webinar; all of which were outside of the school holidays.</p>
	8.2 Please see section 9.26 for a list of public information events. While the proposed consultation period overlaps with the start of the summer holiday period for schools, all information events will be held before the school holidays begin on 22 July 2025.	
<b>9. How we will consult</b>	<b>9.2 Scheme website</b>	
	9.3 A dedicated Scheme website (www.eastpyesolar.co.uk) was launched in September 2024 to host Scheme information and will be updated to include the latest information regarding the Phase Two consultation.	The Scheme website was updated on 18 June 2025 to provide full information about Phase Two consultation. All materials were also hosted on the website from this date: <a href="http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents">www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents</a>

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	<p>9.4 All of the consultation materials will be available to view and download, free of charge, from Wednesday 18 June 2025 on the Scheme website via the Documents page: www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents</p>	<p>All consultation materials were available to view and download, free of charge, from the Applicant's website.</p>
	<p>9.5 It will be possible to submit a response to the consultation via the website using a dedicated online feedback form during the consultation period.</p>	<p>The Applicant hosted an online feedback form on the Scheme website, which replicated the contents of the paper feedback form. The online form was accessible until 23:59 on 6 August 2025.</p>
	<p>9.6 The website will also allow people to register their contact details with the Scheme so they can receive future updates after the consultation period.</p>	<p>The Scheme website continues to remain active and host the latest Scheme information. This includes a 'Register for updates' page: <a href="https://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/register-for-updates">https://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/register-for-updates</a></p>
	<p><b>9.7 Direct communications</b></p>	<p>The Applicant issued a Community Consultation Postcard to all properties identified (8,486) within the defined Core Consultation Zone to publicise and encourage response to the Phase Two consultation.</p>
	<p>9.8 Direction communications – via a community consultation postcard – will be issued to all properties within the Core Consultation Zone (see Figure 2) and to any other parties who registered to be kept informed about the Scheme by post.</p>	<p>The postcard provided full information about the Scheme and Phase Two consultation. It was printed and posted prior to the Phase Two consultation period commencing.</p>
	<p>9.9 This community consultation postcard will notify local residents and businesses of the consultation period, opportunities to find out more information (including details of public information events), how to provide feedback, and the response deadline for comments to be submitted.</p>	<p>The Applicant sent digital notifications (emails) to identified key stakeholders and 328 registrants to the Applicant's 'keep informed list'. This email contained information about the consultation period, opportunities to find out more information, how to provide feedback and the response deadline for comments to be submitted.</p>
	<p>9.10. It will be printed and posted prior to the Phase Two consultation period commencing.</p>	<p>The Applicant also wrote to over 300 identified properties that are within 100m of the Site's Red Line Boundary to notifying them about the upcoming consultation.</p>
	<p>9.11. Identified key stakeholders and those that have registered to be kept informed with the Scheme will also be notified on the day of the Phase Two consultation launch via email. The email will include information about the consultation period, opportunities to find out more information, how to provide feedback and the response deadline for comments to be submitted.</p>	

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	<p><b>9.12 Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet</b></p> <p>9.13 A Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet will be published on the Scheme website at the start of the Phase Two consultation. This will provide a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, details of how people can take part in the consultation, how feedback will be considered and used to inform proposals, and how we will provide information on the outcome of the consultation.</p> <p>9.14 Printed copies of this document will be available to take away at in-person information events and Community Access Points (CAPs). Copies will also be made available on request in digital or hard copy format, free of charge.</p>	<p>A Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet was published on the Scheme website and in printed format to take away at the in-person information events and at the four CAP sites from 18 June 2025.</p>
	<p><b>9.15 Feedback Form</b></p> <p>9.16 A feedback form will be made available to enable people to provide feedback on the proposals. Specific questions will be included on particular areas on which we are seeking comment; however, no questions will be mandatory, and all comments made on the form will be accepted.</p> <p>9.17 An online version of the feedback form will be hosted on the Scheme website so that feedback can be provided electronically.</p> <p>9.18 Hard copy forms will be available at in-person public information events and at CAPs. An online PDF version of the feedback form will also be available to download from the Scheme website from the start of the consultation period. Copies of the feedback form will also be made available on request in digital or hard copy format, free of charge.</p> <p>9.19 While the feedback form is intended to encourage and support the provision of feedback, we recognise some people may prefer to provide written comments outside</p>	<p>A feedback form was produced and made available for the Phase Two consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In printed format at the four CAP sites, at in-person information events and on request from the project team from 18 June 2025;</li> <li>• Online via the Scheme website (as a downloadable PDF) from 18 June 2025; and</li> <li>• As an online form on the Scheme website, which could be access from 18 June until at least 23:59 on 6 August 2025.</li> </ul> <p>Completed forms and freeform feedback could be returned by post (FREEPOST East Pye Solar), in-person at information events, or by email to the project team.</p> <p>The Applicant also provided digital and/or hard copy versions feedback form when requested. This was a free of charge service.</p>

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	<p>of set questions. All written comments will be accepted and can be submitted during the Phase Two consultation period by email to <a href="mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk">info@eastpyesolar.co.uk</a> or by post to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp or further address details required).</p>	
	<p>9.20 Feedback submitted to the consultation by email must be received by 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025. Written feedback sent to the freepost address which is received after this deadline will be accepted subject to the postmark date being no later than the prescribed deadline of 6 August 2025.</p>	
	<p><b>9.21 Technical documents, maps and plans</b></p>	<p>All technical documents – including the PEIR and accompanying NTS and maps and plans – were made available on the Scheme website from 18 June 2025. Printed copies of these documents were also available to inspect (but not take away) from this date at CAP sites.</p>
	<p>9.22 We will publish all the technical documents we have produced which describe and evaluate our proposals for the Scheme on the Scheme website when consultation launches on 18 June 2025. These comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PEIR. Please see Section 10 of this SoCC for further details.</li> <li>• A Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR.</li> <li>• Maps and plans at appropriate scales.</li> </ul>	<p>All consultation documents were made available as stated in the SoCC. Stock levels (at CAP sites and in-person information events) were monitored on a regular basis and replenished as necessary.</p> <p>A hard copy of the PIR was available on request for a charge of £750 (to cover the cost of printing and delivery). This cost was confirmed in the Section 48 Notice and was included in text on the 'Consultation Overview' page on the Applicant's website.</p>
	<p>9.23 The full PEIR will be available to view and download, free of charge, on the Scheme website and will be available to view in printed format at public information events and at the Long Stratton Library (see section 9.35 for further details).</p>	<p>No requests were received for hard copy, large print, audio or braille formats of the SoCC, Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet, Feedback Form or PEIR NTS. The Applicant will still fulfil requests for these documents.</p>
	<p>9.24 A hard copy of the PEIR can be provided on request, though there will be a cost associated with this. The cost of printing the PEIR will be confirmed on the Scheme website prior to the start of consultation period.</p>	
	<p>9.25 The SoCC, Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet, Feedback Form and PEIR NTS can</p>	

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	<p>be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge, on request using the dedicated communication channels (please see the back page of this SoCC).</p>	
	<p><b>9.26 Information events</b></p>	<p>The Applicant held a total of six in-person information events and one online webinar across the consultation period (as listed in Table 2).</p>
	<p>9.27 During our Phase Two consultation, we will hold seven public information events – six in-person and one online. These events will be held towards the start of the consultation period and will be held prior to the start of the school summer holidays, in line with Norfolk County Council’s term times<sup>4</sup>. It also allows time for the events to be effectively publicised and for consultees to access and consider consultation information before attending, while allowing time after events for attendees to prepare and submit feedback ahead of the response deadline.</p>	<p>Events were held on a range of dates and times throughout the week, including in the afternoon, evening and at weekends to encourage attendance from all consultees.</p> <p>The information events were held prior to the start of the summer holidays (which started on Tuesday 22 July 2025. The Applicant’s last event was held Monday 21 July 2025).</p> <p>The first information event was held on Wednesday 2 July 2025, two weeks after the launch of statutory consultation on Wednesday 18 June 2025, providing time for attendees to view information about the consultation before attending the events.</p> <p>The last information event was held on Monday 21 July 2025, providing over two weeks for attendees to prepare and submit feedback ahead of the response deadline on Wednesday 6 August 2025.</p>
	<p>9.28 Events will be held across different days of the week and cover a range of times to accommodate different working hours to promote accessibility and attendance. This will include holding an event on a Saturday and events running into the evening. In-person events will be ‘drop-in’ style events, where attendees can attend at any time within the advertised hours.</p>	<p>Information event locations and timings were advertised in advance, including an opening and closing time. The Applicant invited interested parties to attend at any point between these times.</p>
	<p>9.29 The full programme of events being held is set out in Table 2 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 2 July, 14:30-19:30 - Great Moulton and Aslacton Coronation Hall, Carr Lane, Great Moulton, Norwich, NR15 2LA</li> <li>• Thursday 3 July, 14:30-19:30 - Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall, Steward Close,</li> </ul>	

<sup>4</sup> Norfolk County Council Term dates and School Holidays 2024-2025 (<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38213/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2024-2025>)

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	<p>Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AJ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 10 July, 14:00-19:00 - Long Stratton Village Hall, Ipswich Road, Long Stratton, Norwich, NR15 2TA</li> <li>• Friday 11 July, 14:30-19:30 - Brooke Village Hall, Norwich Road, Brooke, NR15 1AB</li> <li>• Saturday 12 July, 11:00-15:00 - Hempnall Village Hall, Bungay Road, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG</li> <li>• Tuesday 15 July, 14:30-19:30 - Seething and Mundham Village Hall, Seething, Norwich, NR15 1EJ</li> <li>• Monday 21 July, 18:30-20:00 - Community Webinar via Zoom</li> </ul>	
	<p>9.30 At events, attendees will be able to find out information about the Scheme and what we are consulting on. Members of the project team will be present to discuss the proposals and answer questions.</p>	<p>Several members of the project team were in attendance at the information events, including representatives from IGP and a wide range of planning, land, technical and environmental impact assessment disciplines.</p>
	<p>9.31 In-person information events will be held at venues within the Core Consultation Zone (see Section 7) that are publicly accessible and accommodate the needs of individuals with limited mobility.</p>	<p>All venues were located within the Scheme’s Core Consultation Zone and were selected based on their accessibility (to affected communities) and health and safety/capacity requirements. All venues had disabled access.</p>
	<p>9.32 Information available at these events will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This SoCC (for reference only).</li> <li>• Event display panels and boards (for viewing only).</li> <li>• Maps of the Scheme (for viewing only).</li> <li>• Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet (for reference and to take away).</li> <li>• Feedback Form (for reference and to take away).</li> <li>• The PEIR and accompanying NTS (for reference only).</li> </ul>	<p>All consultation documents were made available as stated in the SoCC. Stock levels at in-person information events were monitored on a regular basis and replenished as necessary.</p>
	<p>9.33 The Applicant will also hold one online information event</p>	<p>The Applicant held one online webinar via Zoom. Details were publicised in the consultation</p>

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	<p>(webinar) via Zoom. The webinar will be held for anyone to join via telephone or the internet. Attendees will be required to register for the online information event in advance via the automated registration form on the Zoom website. A link to the registration form for the webinar will be available on the Scheme website.</p>	<p>materials and wider publicity. Consultees could sign up to attend via a link on the Scheme website or by getting in touch with the project team.</p>
	<p>9.34 The format of this webinar will involve the presentation of information consistent with that made available at in-person events by representatives from the project team, followed by a moderated questions and answer session. Participants will be invited to submit questions during the webinar. A recorded version of the webinar will be made available on the Scheme website after the session.</p>	<p>Webinars included a live presentation, which covered information consistent with materials presented at the in-person information events, and a Q&amp;A with the project team. Questions could be submitted and answered live via a ‘Q&amp;A’ box.</p> <p>A webinar recording was uploaded to the Scheme website after the event and both webinar and project team registrants were issued digital notification on the day of publication. Responses to questions that remained outstanding following each session were published in writing via the Scheme website and the Applicant issued notifications to both webinar and project team registrants following publication.</p>
	<p><b>9.35 Community Access Points</b></p>	<p>Hard copies of the SoCC and relevant Phase Two consultation materials were distributed ahead of the start of statutory consultation to the following local information points:</p>
	<p>9.36 Community Access Points (CAPs) are deposit locations where we will make hard copies of the SoCC, and relevant Phase Two consultation materials will be made available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bungay Community Library</li> <li>• Poringland Library</li> <li>• Long Stratton Library</li> <li>• Loddon Library</li> </ul>
	<p>9.38 The materials include:</p> <p>9.38.1 Copies of this SoCC for reference only. This will be available at CAPs before the Phase Two consultation commences;</p> <p>9.38.2 Copies of the Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet for reference and for taking away;</p> <p>9.39.3 Copies of the Feedback Form for reference and taking away; and</p> <p>9.38.4 A copy of the PEIR Non-Technical Summary for reference only.</p>	<p>A hard copy of the PEIR was available to view at Long Stratton Library for the duration of the consultation period.</p> <p>All documents were available online via a computer at each library. While access to computers at the libraries is free, a membership for the library may be required.</p>

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	9.39 A copy of the PEIR will be available at Long Stratton Library for reference only.	
	9.40 All CAPs host computers with internet access to enable access to the full PEIR via the Scheme website. While access to computers at the libraries is free, a membership for the library may be required.	
	<b>9.43 Availability of materials</b>	All Phase Two consultation materials were available for download via the Scheme website and signposted under the ‘Documents’ section of the website: <a href="http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents">www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents</a>
	9.44 Table 4 below summarises the availability of consultation materials during the Phase Two consultation period.	
	<b>9.45 Providing feedback</b>	<p>A feedback form was produced and made available for the Phase Two consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In printed format at the four CAP sites, at in-person information events and on request from the project team from 18 June 2025;</li> <li>• Online via the Scheme website (as a downloadable PDF) from 18 June 2025; and</li> <li>• As an online form on the Scheme website, which could be accessed from 18 June 2025 until at least 23:59 on 6 August 2025.</li> <li>• Completed forms and freeform feedback could be returned by post (FREEPOST East Pye Solar), in-person at information events, or by email to the project team.</li> </ul> <p>Written feedback was also accepted via the email, sent to the Scheme’s email address (<a href="mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk">info@eastpyesolar.co.uk</a>) and via letter (to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR).</p>
	9.46 The Scheme communication channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. Outside the Phase Two consultation period, stakeholders may speak to a member of our Scheme community relations team.	
	<p>9.47 During the consultation period, written feedback can be provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitting an online feedback form through the Scheme website;</li> <li>• Completing a PDF version of the hard copy feedback form and submitting via email: <a href="mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk">info@eastpyesolar.co.uk</a>;</li> <li>• Completing a printed copy of the feedback form and submitting it at an in-person information event or returning it to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp required);</li> <li>• Sending an email to: <a href="mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk">info@eastpyesolar.co.uk</a>; and</li> <li>• Providing comments in writing and posting them to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp required).</li> </ul>	
	9.48 Feedback must be received by 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025. Responses received after that date may not be considered.	

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	<p>9.49 Questions and requests for information can be made using the communication channels above and by calling the Scheme’s freephone line 0808 281 3175 (open 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday, with a voice message service operating outside of these hours so a callback can be made if requested).</p>	<p>The Applicant accepted questions and requests for information during the Phase Two consultation period and beyond.</p> <p>The Scheme’s freephone line (0808 281 3175) remained open (from 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday) and was managed during these hours, with a voicemail service operating outside of these hours.</p>
	<p>9.50 By appointment with the project team, it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Scheme’s freephone 0808 281 3175. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the team via Scheme-dedicated freepost, email address or telephone number described above.</p>	<p>By exception (to the stated feedback methods), the Applicant accepted verbal feedback via the Scheme freephone. No representations were received via this method.</p>
	<p><b>9.51 Section 47 Notice</b></p>	<p>The Section 47 Notice was published in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Daily Press – 4 June 2025; and</li> <li>• Diss Express – 6 June 2025.</li> </ul>
	<p>9.52 Alongside the publication of the SoCC on the Scheme website, the Phase Two consultation will be publicised through a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Scheme.</p>	
	<p>9.53 The Section 47 Notice will appear in the Eastern Daily Press on 4 June 2025 and the Diss Express on 6 June 2025.</p>	
	<p><b>9.54 Section 48 Notice</b></p>	<p>The Section 48 Notice was published in the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diss Express - 6 June 2025 and 13 June 2025;</li> <li>• Eastern Daily Press - 11 June 2025 and 18 June 2025;</li> <li>• The Guardian - 16 June 2025; and</li> <li>• London Gazette - 18 June 2025.</li> </ul>
	<p>9.55 As required by Section 48 of the PA2008, we will publish a Section 48 Notice advertising our intention to submit a DCO application and the Phase Two consultation in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Scheme for two consecutive weeks, and a national newspaper and the London Gazette for one week.</p>	
	<p>9.56 A list of the newspaper outlets and dates when the Section 48 Notice will appear is set out in Table 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diss Express - 6 June 2025 and 13 June 2025</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Daily Press - 11 June 2025 and 18 June 2025</li> <li>• The Guardian - 16 June 2025</li> <li>• London Gazette - 18 June 2025</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>9.57 Media, advertising and publicity</b></p>	<p>The Applicant issued a series of media releases to local/regional publications at the start and after the close of the Phase Two consultation, including:</p>
	<p>9.58 To raise awareness about the Scheme and consultation within and beyond the Core Consultation Zone, we will issue a media release to local and trade press at the start of the consultation to provide an overview of the Scheme, why we are consulting</p> <p>and how people can access information about the Scheme, including dates of information events (online and in-person) and the deadline for receipt of responses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A press release on 18 June 2025, announcing the start of Phase Two consultation, a list of in-person and online information events and where people could view more information; and</li> <li>• A press release on 6 August 2025, announcing the close of the consultation, a summary of consultation activities undertaken and thanking stakeholders for their engagement.</li> </ul>
	<p>9.59 A further media release will be issued at the close of consultation.</p>	
	<p>9.60 In addition to publishing a formal Section 48 Notice in local and national newspapers, we will place advertisements in local media to publicise the consultation and information events taking place (online and in-person).</p>	<p>The Applicant placed an additional advertisement in the Diss Express on 27 June 2025 and 4 July 2025.</p> <p>Press releases were also issued to 22 local and regional media outlets as set out in Table 6 of the SoCC.</p>
	<p>9.61 A list of local and regional media outlets to whom media releases will be issued, and at least one round of advertising place with, is set out in Table 6.</p>	
	<p>9.62 Posters publicising the consultation will be issued to information event venues, and the clerks of parish councils for display on local parish notice boards. They will also be made available to other community venues and local information points within the Core Consultation Zone. The posters will be displayed at the discretion of the community venue or local information point.</p>	<p>The Applicant issued posters to 71 community venues, local information points, as noted in Appendix 3 of the SoCC to advertise the Phase Two consultation from 18 June 2025. Posters included a list of in-person and online information events. Host parish councils were included in this list of 71 community venues.</p>
	<p><b>9.63 Changes to consultation activities</b></p>	<p>No changes to consultation activities were required.</p>

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	<p>9.64 Should any change to our consultation activities be required due to circumstances outside our control, details will be publicised in line with the methods set out in this SoCC to the extent it is reasonable and proportionate to do so.</p>	
	<p><b>9.65 Coordination with other NSIP developers</b></p>	<p>The Applicant has and will continue to work closely with The Drovers Solar Farm development team, another IGP solar and BESS project in Norfolk. The Applicant will continue to engage with other developers in South Norfolk and Norfolk.</p> <p>No other in-person information events for solar NSIP projects took place at the same time as the Applicant’s in-person events. RWE’s High Grove Solar (located within Breckland District, Norfolk) in-person information events ended on Friday 30 May 2025 and IGP’s The Drovers Solar Farm in-person information events ended on Friday 20 June 2025. The Applicant’s in-person events took place between Wednesday 2 July and Tuesday 15 July 2025.</p>
	<p>9.66 The Applicant recognises that there are a number of other NSIPs in the South Norfolk District and Norfolk County. Ahead of the Phase Two consultation, the Applicant will seek to engage with third-party developers to determine the timing of any defined consultation periods and activities, including when in-person events will be taking place. Where practicable, the Applicant will try to ensure that in-person events do not take place on the same days to ensure all stakeholders can take part in the consultations for all projects.</p>	
<p><b>10. Environmental Information</b></p>	<p>10.3 We will consult on the PEIR, which will allow consultees to consider and provide feedback on preliminary EIA information.</p>	<p>The PEIR and accompanying NTS were made available on the Scheme website and in hard copy (for inspection only) as CAP sites from 18 June 2025.</p> <p>Hard copies were also available at the in-person information events, and at Long Stratton Library. The feedback form was designed to include questions targeted at specified areas of the scheme, including requesting comments on the contents of the PEIR and NTS.</p>
<p><b>12. Next steps and contact details</b></p>	<p><b>12.1 Consultation responses</b></p> <p>12.2 Consultation responses must be submitted in writing or online by 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025, unless agreed otherwise with us directly. Responses received after that date may not be considered.</p> <p>12.3 When a respondent submits feedback to the consultation (via the online feedback form or via email) an automated acknowledgement to confirm receipt will be issued.</p> <p>12.4 Any person submitting feedback online who is concerned</p>	<p>Respondents received an automated acknowledgement to confirm receipt of feedback via the online feedback form. If submitted by email, respondents would receive an automated reply, noting that the email had been received by the project team.</p>

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	<p>that they have not received acknowledgement of receipt is advised to contact the community relations team using the communication channels.</p>	
	<p><b>12.5 Information services</b></p>	<p>The communications channels were accessible for stakeholders throughout the consultation period and remained open throughout the pre-application stage.</p>
	<p>12.6 The community relations team is available to provide people with assistance in finding out about the Scheme and our Phase Two consultation.</p>	
	<p>12.7 You can get in touch with the Scheme community relations team using any of the communication channels listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email: info@eastpyesolar.co.uk</li> <li>• Freephone: 0808 281 3175 (09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays, with a voicemail service to take messages outside of these hours)</li> <li>• Post: FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp required)</li> </ul>	
	<p>12.8 These communication channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. This is to enable engagement between consultees, communities and the project team to continue outside of the consultation period. The Scheme website may also be updated with relevant information as it becomes available.</p>	
	<p><b>12.9 Ongoing engagement and potential further consultation</b></p>	
	<p>12.10 If, as a result of feedback, our proposals change to the extent we consider it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.</p>	<p>Any targeted consultation will take place, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.</p>

## 5 Consideration of feedback

### 5.1 Overview

- 5.1.1 The Applicant recognises their duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity, in accordance with Section 49 of the PA2008.
- 5.1.2 The Applicant is preparing a full Consultation Report to be submitted as part of the DCO application in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the PA2008.
- 5.1.3 In doing so, the Applicant's Consultation Report will demonstrate how consultation responses have been taken into account during the preparation of the application, including comments received at Targeted Consultation.
- 5.1.4 The Applicant has considered feedback received to consultation, alongside the results of environmental assessments, to inform the design evolution of the Scheme, including mitigation proposals.
- 5.1.5 The Applicant notes that many consultation responses included broader concerns regarding the efficiency of solar technology, the need for solar generally and in this location, the scale of the Scheme, and the location of the new National Grid Substation and BESS. Interested parties will have the opportunity to engage on these topics throughout the Examination Process.
- 5.1.6 The Applicant is continuing its technical engagement with stakeholders in evolving the design of the Scheme.
- 5.1.7 To date, there are changes that have been adopted following the consideration of statutory consultation feedback. These include:
- Alterations to proposed accesses to the Sites and the CRC to provide improved visibility splays.
  - The preferred location of the new National Grid Substation at Site 1.
  - The reduction in width of the CRC.
  - Removal of Site 3A from the Scheme.
  - The reduction in the extent of areas for development of the solar PV panels in some Sites.
- 5.1.8 The Applicant intends to provide an update to the community in early 2026 on how the above changes to the design of the Scheme have been influenced by consultation feedback. The purpose of this community update is to provide reassurance to the community that feedback is a central component in the design evolution of the Scheme, and that further changes will be evidenced in the Consultation Report.

### 5.2 Next steps

- 5.2.1 The Applicant is currently considering the responses (and suggestions where possible and appropriate) from local councils as part of the ongoing design process and assessing how potential impacts of the Scheme can be avoided, managed or

mitigated, and how this mitigation should be secured through requirements in the DCO application.

- 5.2.2 The Applicant notes the procedural objection of the PEIR raised by the 'Block East Pye Solar' opposition group, which relates to the adequacy of the environmental information presented during the statutory consultation.
- 5.2.3 In addition, responses from South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council have highlighted concerns regarding the statutory consultation process, primarily citing insufficient information within the PEIR.
- 5.2.4 The EIA Regulations requires preliminary environmental information to be consulted on to develop an informed view of the likely significant effects and help to inform consultation responses.
- 5.2.5 PINS' Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - Advice Note Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: Process, preliminary environmental information and environmental statements<sup>5</sup> ('Advice Note Seven') advises that preliminary environmental information is not expected to replicate or be a draft of the ES and acknowledges the level of detail and type of information may vary.
- 5.2.6 A PEIR was provided as part of the statutory consultation. This information was 'preliminary' upon which the Applicant has sought consultee's comments. In accordance with Advice Note Seven, the PEIR clearly states that the information is 'preliminary'.
- 5.2.7 The EIA is ongoing and will have regard to comments received through the statutory consultation and targeted consultation, to inform the design of the Scheme, where possible. The findings of the EIA will be presented in the ES that will be submitted with the DCO application to PINS. The ES will be undertaken in accordance with the EIA Regulations and be 'based upon' the Scoping Opinion.
- 5.2.8 The Applicant has complied with both the EIA Regulations and Advice Note Seven by providing preliminary environmental information which outlines the likely significant effects of the Scheme. The Applicant is continuing to consider statutory consultation feedback, as well as feedback received during the targeted consultation, which will be considered and responded to in the Consultation Report.

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<sup>5</sup> Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects – Advice Note Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: process, preliminary environmental information and environmental statements (published 1 June 2020) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-note-seven-environmental-impact-assessment-process-preliminary-environmental-information-an>)

## Appendix 1: Applicant’s correspondence with host local authorities on draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document

### A.1 Norfolk County Council

## Caitlin Hughes

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Thank you for sharing the above AoCM report.

The County Council as Host Authority will need to thoroughly assess whether it considers the consultation overall for this project has been adequate when we are consulted by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) once the DCO Application is formally submitted, which I understand will be in February 2026. As such the comments below are made on a without prejudice basis and the County Council reserves the right to make further comments to PINS when formally consulted on the Adequacy of Consultation.

As you will be aware the County Council has in responding back to the statutory Consultation (Phase 2 consultation – Section 42 of the Planning Act) in August 2025, raised an objection to the Project given the seriousness of detailed strategic concerns being identified at that time; and concerns surrounding the adequacy of the consultation. I have attached the County Council's response to the Phase 2 Consultation for your information (see Recommendation 1).

The issue relating to adequacy was addressed in paragraph 4.11 of the attached report, which indicated:

The County Council as Highway Authority has serious concerns about the construction of the project as there has been inadequate engagement to date with either the Applicant or their Highway Consultant on construction traffic management matters. This could lead to unsuitable roads being used to for construction traffic and potentially effect emergency response times for the Blue Light Services. An Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) is needed as part of any ES to demonstrate how construction traffic will be managed during the construction Phase; as well as an Outline Traffic Management Plan (OTMP) covering the operational phase of the Solar Farm taking into account maintenance traffic for both the Solar Farm and the National Grid Infrastructure. Furthermore, the OTMP will need to address emergency response by Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service to any potential incident associated with the Solar Farm; BESS; and / or grid connection (Substation) infrastructure.

The County Council is aware that as part of the Targeted Consultation the applicant has had further discussions and engagement with the County Council's Highway team.

The County Council is also aware that some local residents; and the local Campaign Group (Block East Pye Solar) have raised procedural concerns regarding the adequacy of the consultation.

On a point of detail while the County Council's NSIP team have had a series of meetings with the applicant, I cannot reconcile the meetings on page 4 of the AoCM Report with the meeting I attended. It would be useful for clarification purposes if the meetings identified on page 4 could indicate who EPS met on the respective dates (i.e. NSIP Team; Highways Team; LLFA Team etc).

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted],

We hope you are well.

**Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document**

As per the guidance that was introduced by the Government in 2024, we have been preparing a draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document for East Pye Solar, a proposed 500 MW utility scale solar and battery energy storage system project located near Long Stratton in Norfolk.

Ahead of sharing this document with Planning Inspectorate (PINS), we are sharing this with you as an identified local authority under Section 43 (Section 42(1)(B)) of the Planning Act 2008 to seek any comments on the document regarding the adequacy of consultation for the Scheme. A draft version of this document for you to comment on is attached above.

The purpose of the draft Adequacy of Consultation document is to set out to PINS the consultation undertaken during the pre-application phase, how this aligned with the approaches set out in the SoCC, and how responses to consultation are being considered in the preparation of the DCO application for the Scheme. We have also included the tables summarising how your feedback (as well as comments received from South Norfolk Council) on the draft SoCC and how this was considered when preparing the published SoCC (Tables 3, 4 and 5).

**We would kindly ask if you could confirm whether you are able to comment on this document before the end of the year.** The stated guidance advises three months for the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone, ahead of a project's DCO submission. Please do let us know of any comments on the document so that we can consider this before the submission date (due in February 2025).

It would be valuable to hear any views you have on the consultation undertaken for the Scheme, especially any comments or materials you think should be included in the statement that we plan to submit to PINS. Your feedback is important to us, and we want to ensure that the statement reflects any comments you may have.

**Please note that the document is in draft form and is not intended for wider circulation.**

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of the document further during our meeting scheduled for this week.

### **Targeted consultation**

We would also like to remind you that from Wednesday 22 October 2025, we have been carrying out a targeted consultation for the Scheme, lasting for five weeks until Wednesday 26 November. As an identified organisation under Section 42, you will have received postal and email communications and invited to comment on the targeted consultation. Further information about the targeted consultation can be found on our website: [www.eastpyesolar.co.uk](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Kind regards,



**Community Relations Team**



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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for getting back to us with your initial comments on the draft Adequacy of Consultation Document.

We note that you will be reserving your comments on the adequacy of the Scheme’s consultation activities for during the Acceptance period.

**NCC meetings**

We’ve provided further details regarding the meetings that have been held with Norfolk County Council and the East Pye Solar team below.

We’ve updated the draft AoCM to reflect this (attached to this email), with meeting attendees and discussions topics added to provide further information.

Date	Attendees	Items for discussion
24 July 2024	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers ([REDACTED]) East Pye Solar project team The Drovers Solar Farm project team	A joint meeting to discuss the upcoming launches of the projects, timescales and early-stage proposals.
19 August 2024	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers	Meeting to discuss approach to Phase One non-statutory consultation and early-stage proposals.
15 October 2024	Norfolk County Council Transport Officers	Meeting to discuss early-stage proposals for transport and access.
6 November 2024	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers ([REDACTED])	Meeting to discuss Phase One non-statutory consultation, meetings with technical officers and potential members briefing.
19 November 2024	Norfolk County Council Members and Cabinet	Meeting chaired by the Scheme’s project team to discuss Phase One consultation and answer questions.
4 December 2024	Norfolk County Council ([REDACTED]) and South Norfolk Council ([REDACTED]) Planning Officers	Meeting to discuss feedback from Phase One consultation.
22 January 2025	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers ([REDACTED])	Meeting to discuss Scoping Report submission, engagement with Norfolk

		County Council members and cumulative developments.
5 March 2025	Norfolk County Council ( [REDACTED] ) and South Norfolk Council [REDACTED] Planning Officers	A joint meeting to discuss the early working draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), engagement with council members and cumulative developments.
8 April 2025	Norfolk County Council [REDACTED] and South Norfolk Council Planning Officers [REDACTED] )	A joint meeting to discuss the draft SoCC, council member briefings and community benefit fund.
7 May 2025	Norfolk County Council [REDACTED] and South Norfolk Council Planning Officers [REDACTED] )	A joint meeting to discuss the draft SoCC and upcoming Phase Two statutory consultation
22 July 2025	Norfolk County Council Transport Officers ( [REDACTED] )	Meeting to discuss Phase Two statutory consultation and PEIR proposals.
3 September 2025	Norfolk County Council (S [REDACTED] ) and South Norfolk Council ( [REDACTED] ) Planning Officers	A joint meeting to discuss Phase Two statutory consultation, the Scheme's programme, targeted consultation and cumulative developments.
3 October 2025	Norfolk County Council Landscape Officer ( [REDACTED] )	Meeting to discuss landscape mitigation and public rights of way (PRoWs) impacts.
9 October 2025	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers ( [REDACTED] )	Meeting to discuss approach to targeted consultation
5 November 2025	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers ( [REDACTED] )	Meeting to discuss targeted consultation and upcoming DCO application submission.
26 November 2025	Norfolk County Council Highways Officer	Meeting to discuss transport and access proposals and mitigation.
3 December 2025	Norfolk County Council Planning Officers ( [REDACTED] )	Meeting to provide an update on the Scheme, ongoing engagement with technical officers and upcoming DCO application submission.
10 December 2025	Norfolk County Council Local Lead Flood Authority	Meeting to discuss hydrology and mitigation measures.

Please do let us know if you do have any further comments on the adequacy of the Scheme's pre-application consultation or if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Account Manager [REDACTED]

## A.2 South Norfolk Council

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## Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Planning Act 2008 National Grid Electricity Transmission East Pye Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone**

We note that the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone was introduced in 2024 and it is a written submission to the Planning Inspectorate to allow for early consideration of the adequacy of consultation carried out at pre-application stage to whether the applicant has complied with, in relation to its proposed application, the applicants duties under sections 42 consult with prescribed consultees, 47 consult with the community and 48 publicise the proposed application.

East Pye have requested that South Norfolk Council as Host Local Authority reviews the table provided by the end of the year which sets out the commitments made in the Statement of Community Consultation and how they have been complied with, in relation to the consultations undertaken to date.

Concerns were initially raised under South Norfolk Council's response to the statutory consultation in August 2025 as below:

*The Council raises significant objection at this stage due to the lack of clarity and accessibility in the PEIR with key technical appendices (on ecology, cumulative impacts, landscape impact etc) either incomplete or insufficiently detailed at this stage. The technical assessment that follows sets out some of the issues with the level of information and therefore the extent to which the applicant has sufficiently grappled with these issues and therefore engaged us and the community on these at this stage.*

*The Council considers that there has been inadequate consultation and engagement to date, there has been no topic/thematic/technical workshops/meetings with our technical specialists for example, the contact has been via emails and limited, which is strikingly different from the Council's experience with other NSIP developer at pre-application stage. This together with the level of information available has meant that the Council considers at this point in time that the applicant has failed to meet the statutory requirements under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.*

South Norfolk Council maintained this view in the submission of the response to the targeted consultation in November 2025 as below:

*The technical specialist's comments made below are given on a without prejudice basis and South Norfolk Council's comments made in its previous formal response to the Statutory Consultation still stand. It is noted that there has been no further meaningful information provided to address the issues and concerns raised by the Council at the Statutory consultation.*

*Given that East Pye have now confirmed the proposed location of the new National Grid substation within site 1B and the size of the project substation in Site 1B (which is proposed to increase from 132kv to 400kv) it is*

considered that updated information should have been provided as part of this targeted consultation (which is expanded upon below in the technical comments).

Whilst the Council does not necessarily dispute that the commitments set out in the Statements of Community Consultations, specifically in relation to the delivery of the Statement of Community Consultation, have been accorded with in, terms of the public consultation events, provision of materials, press notices for example consideration also needs to be given to meaningful and effective consultation. The Council has raised as set out above, in its responses to the Statutory consultation and target consultation, the engagement failures. Equally, our communities have continued to raise directly with the Council that they consider there has been a lack of information and updates to the PEIR in relation to the cumulative, safety and environmental impacts of the Project as part of the consultation processes and thereby they would question the meaningfulness and effectiveness of the pre-application consultation. Due regard should be given by East Pye to the guidance on consultation in the PPG and the Gunning principles.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** East Pye Solar - Draft Adequacy of Consultation Document

Dear [REDACTED],

We hope you are well.

### **Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document**

As per the guidance that was introduced by the Government in 2024, we have been preparing a draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document for East Pye Solar, a proposed 500 MW utility scale solar and battery energy storage system project located near Long Stratton in Norfolk.

Ahead of sharing this document with Planning Inspectorate (PINS), we are sharing this with you as an identified local authority under Section 43 (Section 42(1)(B)) of the Planning Act 2008 to seek any comments on the document regarding the adequacy of consultation for the Scheme. A draft version of this document for you to comment on is attached above.

The purpose of the draft Adequacy of Consultation document is to set out to PINS the consultation undertaken during the pre-application phase, how this aligned with the approaches set out in the SoCC, and how responses to consultation are being considered in the preparation of the DCO application for the Scheme. We have also included the tables summarising how your feedback (as well as comments received from Norfolk County Council) on the draft SoCC and how this was considered when preparing the published SoCC (Tables 3, 4 and 5).

**We would kindly ask if you could confirm whether you are able to comment on this document before the end of the year.** The stated guidance advises three months for the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone, ahead of a project's DCO submission. Please do let us know of any comments on the document so that we can consider this before the submission date (due in February 2025).

It would be valuable to hear any views you have on the consultation undertaken for the Scheme, especially any comments or materials you think should be included in the statement that we plan to submit to PINS. Your feedback is important to us, and we want to ensure that the statement reflects any comments you may have.

**Please note that the document is in draft form and is not intended for wider circulation.**

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of the document further during our meeting scheduled for this week.

### **Targeted consultation**

We would also like to remind you that from Wednesday 22 October 2025, we have been carrying out a targeted consultation for the Scheme, lasting for five weeks until Wednesday 26 November. As an identified organisation under Section 42, you will have received postal and email communications and invited to comment on the targeted consultation. Further information about the targeted consultation can be found on our website:

[www.eastpyesolar.co.uk](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Kind regards,



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13 January 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

**Re: East Pye Solar – South Norfolk Council Response to the Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Report**

We refer to South Norfolk Council's email dated 31 December 2025 in response to the draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (AoCM) document, shared with the Council on 4 November 2025.

Thank you for confirming that South Norfolk Council considers that the Phase Two Statutory Consultation for the Scheme was undertaken in accordance with the approach set out in the published Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Recognising the number of other comments made in South Norfolk Council's response, this letter provides a response to those points below.

**Adequacy of Statutory Consultation Materials**

We note that South Norfolk Council, both on behalf of themselves and their constituents, have raised concerns regarding the extent of information available in the consultation materials for the Phase Two statutory consultation. In particular, the level of detail included in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) regarding the likely significant effects of the Scheme.

We prepared the PEIR for Phase Two statutory consultation in accordance with applicable legislation and guidance. Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) sets out the requirements for the PEIR:

[...]

*(2) In this regulation, "preliminary environmental information" means information referred to in regulation 14(2) which—*

*(a) has been compiled by the applicant; and*

*(b) is reasonably required for the consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant effects of the development (and of any associated development).*

In the Government Guidance "Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects" (April 2024), it is recognised that the information required for the PEIR "*will be different from different types and sizes of projects*". As confirmed in the Planning Inspectorate's guidance titled "Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects – Advice Note Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: process, preliminary environmental information and environmental statements" (March 2025), there is no prescribed format for the PEIR, and it is "*not expected to replicate or be a draft ES*." The level of detail may vary "*depending on at what stage in the design process the consultation is carried out*."

The East Pye Solar PEIR presented a preliminary assessment of the likely significant effects of the development. The process of environmental assessment is iterative, and full details are not typically available at the time of the production of PEIR, given that surveys are ongoing. However, we consider that sufficient information was provided to consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant effects of the Scheme.

The conclusions of the environmental assessment will be set out, in full, in the Environmental Statement for the Scheme submitted as part of the DCO Application. Should the Planning Inspectorate accept the DCO Application for Examination, the Environmental Statement will then be available for South Norfolk Council to review and respond to.

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### **Engagement with Technical Officers**

We note your comments reiterating feedback made during the statutory consultation in August 2025, which we have continued to take on board.

We wanted to use this opportunity to list the meetings that have taken place since our statutory consultation and welcome any further meetings with technical officers before our anticipated submission date in February 2026. This includes discussion and consideration of any feedback submitted to the targeted consultation.

- Meetings held on the below dates with [REDACTED], South Norfolk Council Senior Heritage and Design Officer to discuss heritage and archaeological matters, setting assessment and planting proposals.
  - 11 November 2025
  - 12 December 2025
- Meeting held with [REDACTED], South Norfolk Council Environmental Management Officer, on 11 November 2025 to discuss Site layout and noise mitigation, air quality monitoring, water supplies, vibration, and transport.

The project team has met with South Norfolk Council Planning Officers on a regular basis (ranging from monthly to quarterly) to provide updates on the Scheme and present further information on consultation and engagement approaches. We've engaged with planning officers on a regular basis since August 2024. A list and summary of these meetings can be provided on request.

### **Compliance with relevant sections under the Planning Act 2008**

As noted in the draft AoCM document, and will be clarified further in the Consultation Report, we are confident that our pre-application consultation has complied with all relevant sections of the Planning Act 2008.

### **Engagement outside the SoCC Commitments**

We also note your final point around meaningful and effective consultation and how communities have raised lack of information and updates to the PEIR. As noted previously, we will provide further and more detailed environmental information – including in relation to cumulative, safety and environmental impacts of the Scheme – in due course as part of the Environmental Statement (ES) submitted with the DCO Application. As part of the iterative design process for the Scheme, the Consultation Report and ES chapters will demonstrate how consultee feedback has been considered in the updated design of the Scheme

The Consultation Report will also demonstrate how we have had regard to relevant guidance on consultation and how we deem the pre-application consultation meaningful and effective. This includes compliance with commitments set out in the SoCC and additional activities beyond these, including continued community and wider consultee updates.

We are committed to engaging openly with communities leading up to and following the submission of the DCO Application. We encourage any consultees or members of the local community to get in touch with us, including those who may have concerns about the statutory consultation.

We trust the above addresses the comments raised in your response to the draft Adequacy of Consultation Milestone document, but we would be happy to discuss any of the points raised in more detail if needed.

Your sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Project Development Manager for East Pye Solar

## Appendix 3: Statement of Community Consultation – June 2025

# Statement of Community Consultation

**June 2025**



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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. East Pye Solar Limited ('we' or 'the Applicant') is publishing this Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in connection with its application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') for a solar photovoltaic ('PV') electricity generating station and other associated development comprising a battery energy storage system ('BESS') substations, a new National Grid substation and associated grid connection infrastructure, and other infrastructure known as East Pye Solar ('the Scheme'), located on land near Long Stratton in South Norfolk.
- 1.2. The Scheme will deliver approximately 500 megawatts ('MW') of electricity, operating for up to 60 years. Clean electricity generated by the Scheme will be supplied to the National Grid at a new substation located in the southwestern part of the Scheme site. The Scheme will provide enough energy to power approximately 115,000 homes annually.
- 1.3. The Scheme, via the new National Grid substation, would connect to the existing National Electricity Transmission System 400kV overhead line, which runs north to south between Norwich Main and Bramford substations.
- 1.4. As the Scheme's anticipated generation capacity exceeds 50 MW it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP'). This means the Scheme requires a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 ('PA2008'), which will be determined by the Secretary of State (SoS). The PA2008 requires promoters of NSIPs to carry out statutory consultation, referred to as a 'Phase Two consultation', to take place over a minimum of 28 days.
- 1.5. An application for a DCO for the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of the Scheme will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS'), who will carry out an Examination of the DCO application. PINS will then make a recommendation to the SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero who will decide whether to grant the DCO for the Scheme.
- 1.6. This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 'Duty to consult local community' of the PA2008; its purpose being to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the land that is needed for the Scheme; including an explanation of the consultation we will carry out before submission of our DCO application. It includes:
- A description of the consenting process we must follow
  - What we will be consulting on
  - Who we will be consulting
  - How people can respond to the consultation
  - How we will use feedback to the consultation
- 1.7. The SoCC will be published on Wednesday 4 June 2025 ahead of the start of the Phase Two consultation.
- 1.8. As required by Section 47(6) of the 2008 Act we will publish a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers for one week to advertise that the SoCC has been published as follows:
- Eastern Daily Press – Wednesday 4 June 2025
  - Diss Express – Friday 6 June 2025
- 1.9. Phase Two consultation is taking place over a period of seven weeks starting from Wednesday 18 June and running until Wednesday 6 August 2025. This would see the statutory period exceed the minimum period of 28 days as required by the 2008 Act. The deadline for receipt of feedback to the Phase Two consultation is 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025.
- 1.10. The SoCC is available to view and download from the Applicant's website, and printed reference copies will be made available from Community Access Points (CAPs) (see Table 3). Printed reference copies will also be available to view at in-person information events being held during the Phase Two consultation (see Table 2).
- 1.11. Phase Two consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the methodology and commitments set out in the final SoCC as published.
- 1.12. Phase One (non-statutory) consultation**
- 1.13. Prior to Phase Two consultation, the Applicant has undertaken a non-statutory phase of consultation and engagement (Phase One consultation) to inform the emerging proposals for the Scheme and shape the ongoing design development. This included a six-week phase of public consultation, which was held from Wednesday 23 October to Friday 06 December 2024.
- 1.14. The aim of Phase One consultation was to introduce the Applicant, present the Applicant's early-stage proposals for the Scheme and give individuals an early opportunity to have their say and share their views and local knowledge.
- 1.15. The Applicant's Phase One consultation involved welcoming over 642 people to six in-person information events and one community webinar, and receiving over 350 pieces of feedback via the feedback form, email and letters. A community consultation postcard was sent to over 7,000 households and businesses within the vicinity of the Scheme, and the Phase One consultation was advertised in the Eastern Daily Press and Diss Express to publicise the opportunities to provide feedback.
- 1.16. Experience from Phase One consultation – and ongoing engagement since its close – have also informed the proposed approach to Phase Two consultation, as set out in this SoCC.

## 2. About us

- 2.1. The DCO application for the Scheme is being prepared by East Pye Solar Limited.
- 2.2. East Pye Solar Limited is a 100 per cent subsidiary of IGP UK Projects Limited, which is in turn a 100 per cent subsidiary of Island Green Power's UK group holding company, Island Green Power Group Limited (IGP). The company is wholly owned by Macquarie Asset Management, via its managed funds.
- 2.3. Established in 2013, IGP has delivered almost 40 solar and battery storage projects worldwide totalling more than two gigawatts of clean, renewable energy. This includes 21 projects in the UK, including the recently consented Cottam Solar and West Burton Solar NSIPs.
- 2.4. IGP specialises in the development of utility-scale solar projects and battery energy storage systems; overseeing the entire development process from start to finish, including sourcing land, securing grid connections and obtaining planning consents. When a project receives consent, it will either be constructed by IGP or sold to a specialist Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor who will build the solar project to be operated and managed by a long-term owner through its lifecycle. When the project reaches the end of operation, it will be decommissioned and land across the site restored to as good if not better quality. For this Scheme, all components will be decommissioned other than the National Grid Substation and the overhead line.
- 2.5. IGP's mission is to help the UK decarbonise and meet net zero goals, increasing solar energy generation and making more renewable energy possible while drastically reducing our carbon emissions.
- 2.6. IGP has appointed a professional project team to provide support and expertise throughout the development process for the scheme. Together, the project team has significant experience working across solar and DCO projects, and in developing plans that are sensitive to the needs of the local community and surrounding environment.

## 3. The Scheme

- 3.1. The Scheme comprises the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station and associated development including a BESS, a number of 33kV and 132kV substations located within the solar array sites, two 400kV substations; and grid connection infrastructure including a new National Grid substation, the relocation of an existing overhead line and new pylons. Underground cables will run between the solar array sites within the cable route corridor (CRC) to connect to the BESS site and the new National Grid Substation Site (the Scheme's Point of Connection).
- 3.2. The Scheme (including the Sites, sub-Sites and the CRC) covers approximately 2,232 hectares ('ha') of land south of Norwich and north of Harleston. The total area of the Sites and Sub-sites is approximately 1,097 ha. The Site covers the following areas:
- Hempnall
  - Morningthorpe and Fritton
  - Woodton
  - Saxlingham Nethergate
  - Shotesham
  - Brooke
  - Kirstead
  - Seething
  - Hedenham
  - Tasburgh
  - Tivetshall
  - Great Moulton
  - Shelton and Hardwick
  - Wacton
  - Long Stratton
  - Tharston and Hapton
  - Pulham Market
- 3.3. The Scheme is grouped into Sites 1 to 10, the National Grid Substation Site and the BESS Site. Sites 3 to 10 are concentrated to the east of Long Stratton, with an additional cluster of land parcels including Sites 1 and 2, and the BESS Site and National Grid Substation Site located south of Great Moulton, approximately 6.5km to the south-west.
- 3.4. The siting of the new National Grid Substation is The National Grid Substation Site and the National Grid Substation Option 2 Site.
- 3.5. Currently, the Scheme includes a CRC. This is the broad area within which the Applicant is seeking to install the cable route connections between the solar PV panels and the new National Grid substation where the Scheme will connect to the National Grid. Through consultation and further design, the CRC has been further refined since Phase One consultation and will be further refined ahead of submitting the DCO application.
- 3.6. The proposed Scheme area (referred to as the 'Site') is shown in Figure 1. This map shows the current extent of land required for the Scheme.
- 3.7. The Scheme is anticipated as being able to deliver approximately 500 MW of renewable electricity to the National Grid and store up to 500 megawatt-hours ('MWh') of energy in the BESS.
- 3.8. The Scheme has the potential to:
- 3.8.1. Power the equivalent of 115,000 homes annually;
  - 3.8.2. Contribute to climate targets and the decarbonisation of our electricity supply;
  - 3.8.3. Boost Norfolk's emerging renewable energy industry, securing clean, affordable energy while providing investment and job opportunities in the county;
  - 3.8.4. Enhance the natural environment by delivering a net gain in biodiversity; and
  - 3.8.5. Provide community and local benefits for the surrounding area, with a commitment to work with the local community to identify and define community benefits.
- 3.9. The operational phase of the Scheme is expected to be 60 years. At the end of this period, a decommissioning plan will be enacted. This plan will require the removal of the solar PV panels, substation(s) and the BESS, and the restoration of the Site to its original use. The new National Grid Substation will be retained as it will form part of the transmission network.



# Scheme location and site boundary

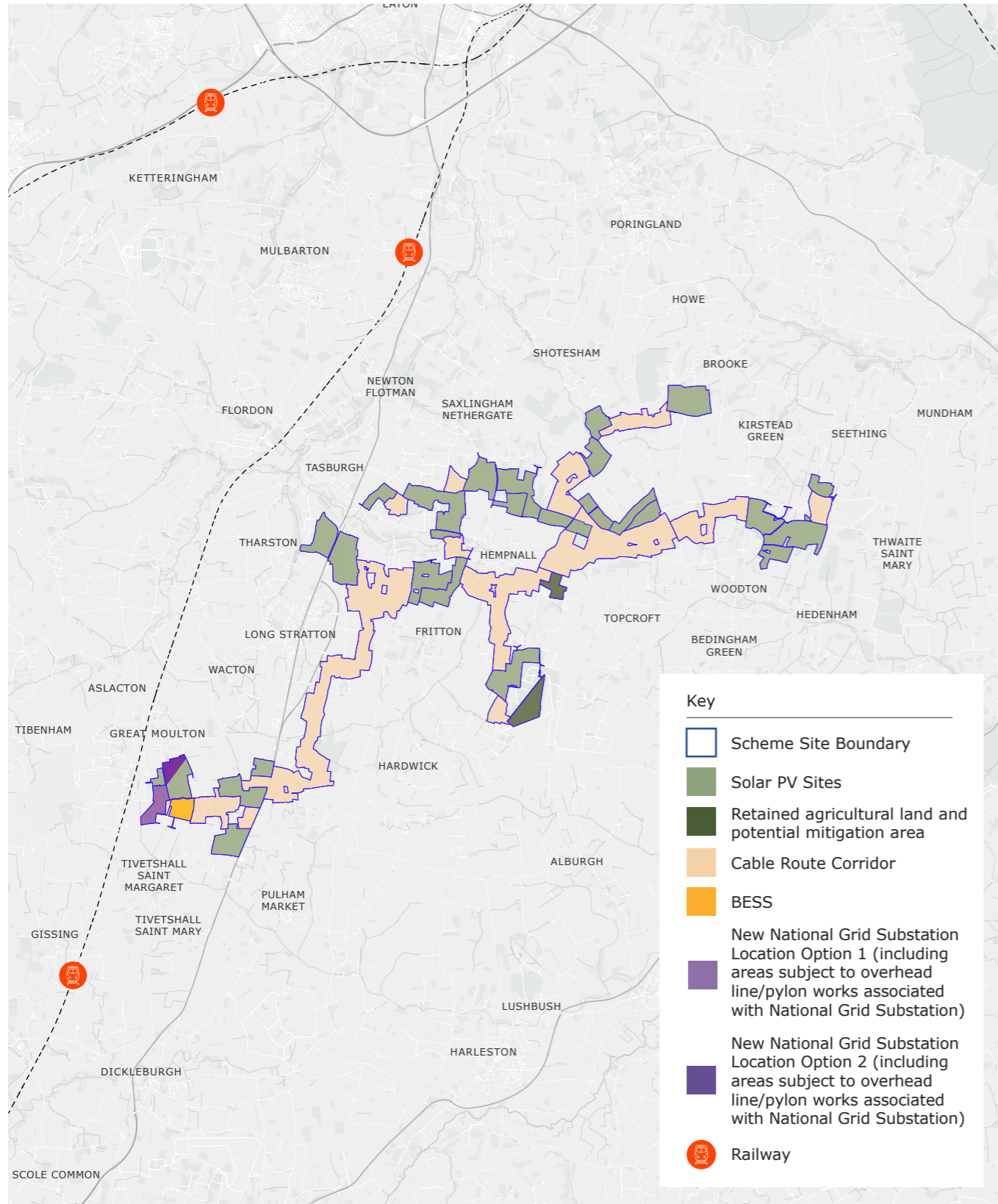


Figure 1: Scheme location map and Site boundary

3.10. The Scheme would comprise the following principal components (an indicative diagram showing the components of a typical solar project is set out in Figure 2):

1. Solar PV panels that convert sunlight into electricity;
2. The Solar PV panels will be attached to mounting structures, which form PV tables and will be arranged in rows;
3. Conversion units comprising inverters, transformers and switchgear – convert the direct current (DC) electricity collected by the Solar PV panels into alternating current (AC) and step up the voltage so it can be exported to the national grid;
4. A battery energy storage system (the BESS) enabling electricity generated by the solar PV panels to be stored on-site and released to the national grid so it can be stored until its needed;
5. A new National Grid Substation to export the electricity generated by the Solar PV Panels to the national grid. The substation will include a control building with welfare facilities;
6. On-site cables connecting the Solar PV panels and BESS to the inverters which, in turn, connect to the transformers;
7. Grid connection cables providing the connection between the substations and the new National Grid Substation;
8. Temporary construction compounds and temporary access tracks to enable access to the land within the Site for the purposes of constructing the Scheme;
9. Fencing comprising wire mesh and wooden posts to enclose operational areas of the Site with pole mounted internal facing CCTV systems around the perimeter; and
10. New planting, landscaping and biodiversity measures across the Site and around the perimeter to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape.

## Components of a typical solar project

1. Solar energy
2. Fencing
3. Solar panels
4. Inverter (DC to AC power converter)
5. Landscape area
6. Substation
7. Battery storage
8. Underground cable

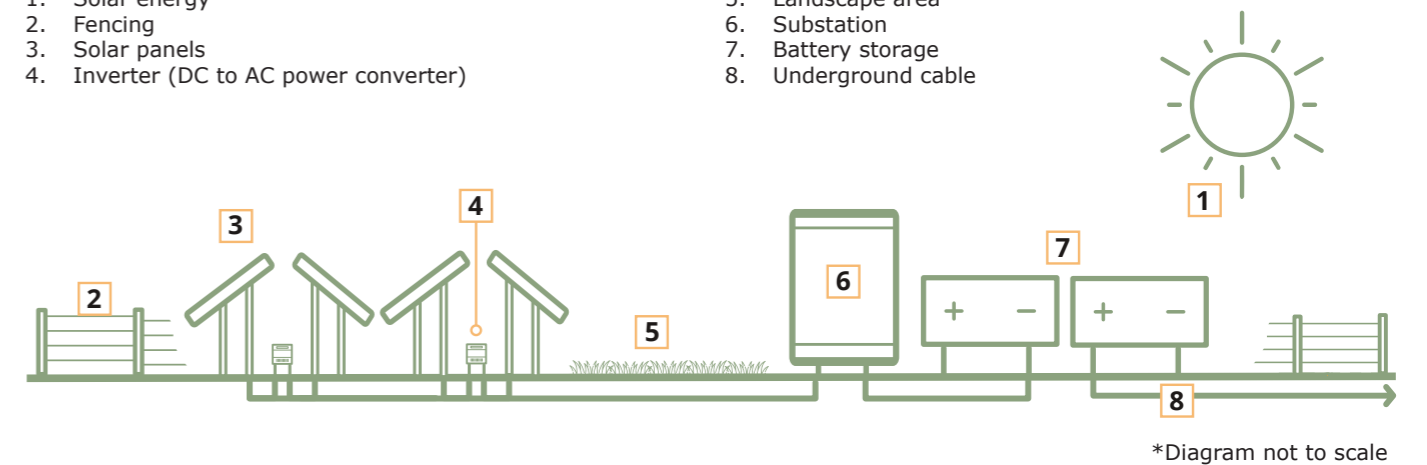


Figure 2: Components of a typical solar project

## 4. The DCO consenting process

- 4.1. The Scheme is classified as a NSIP because it comprises a solar energy generating station with a capacity of over 50MW.
- 4.2. The development consenting regime for an NSIP comes under PA2008 and associated guidance. This means that we need to submit a DCO application for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Scheme to PINS, the body responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs.
- 4.3. Should PINS accept the DCO application, they will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the DCO application. Anyone, including landowners and members of the public, will be able to submit a Relevant Representation to PINS and become an Interested Party. Any Interested Party is then able to participate in the Examination process, for example by attending hearings.
- 4.4. After the Examination period ends, the Examining Authority will make a recommendation to the SoS on whether to grant development consent. The SoS will make the final decision on the DCO application. Table 1 provides an overview of the key stages of the DCO process.
- 4.5. Before submitting an application for development consent, the Applicant must carry out statutory consultation in accordance with PA2008. This document – the SoCC – has been prepared in accordance with Section 47(1) of the PA2008 and associated guidance. It explains how we intend to carry out Phase Two consultation with the local community during the pre-application stage of the DCO process, sharing information about and inviting feedback on the Scheme.
- 4.6. South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk County Council, as host local authorities, have been consulted on the contents of this SoCC as required by Section 47 (2) of the PA2008. We have had regard to feedback provided by both authorities, with it having been considered and used to inform this final version.
- 4.7. We currently anticipate submitting our DCO application to PINS in Winter 2025. Subject to the DCO being granted, the earliest construction would start is 2028 (see timeline in Section 11).
- 4.8. More information about the stages of the DCO application process and how you can have your say can be found on the PINS website<sup>1</sup>.

Stage	Description
1. Pre-application	We, as the Applicant, must consult the community and statutory consultees in compliance with PA2008. To demonstrate this to PINS, in the DCO application we will include a Consultation Report setting out our method for consulting, the feedback received in response to the consultation, and how this has influenced our proposals.
2. Acceptance	PINS, on behalf of the SoS, has 28 days to decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to the Examination. This includes consideration of whether our consultation has been adequate.
3. Pre-Examination	Further to the application being accepted, the Examining Authority will be appointed. Anyone can submit a Relevant Representation to PINS and become an Interested Party, to provide comments at the Examination stage, speak at hearings and hear about events and decisions as well as the progress of the application. The Examining Authority will hold a preliminary meeting and set out the timetable for Examination.
4. Examination	The Examining Authority has up to six months to complete the Examination of the DCO application. This will involve a series of open floor / public hearings, compulsory acquisition hearings and Issue Specific Hearings. This stage will also provide opportunities for Interested Parties to submit your comments in writing or orally at hearings.
5. Decision	A recommendation to the SoS will be issued by the Examining Authority within three months of the close of the Examination. The SoS then has a further three months to issue a decision on whether to grant development consent for the Scheme.

Table 1: DCO application process

<sup>1</sup><https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application%20process/the%20process/>

## 5. Our public consultation process

- 5.1. Pre-application consultation forms an important part of the planning and development process for the Scheme. The statutory requirements for DCO consultation is set out in the PA2008.
- 5.2. The proposed approach is an iterative two-phase consultation process for the Scheme whereby feedback and information received in response to the consultation will inform the refinement of the Scheme design and options.
- This includes:
- 5.3. Phase One (non-statutory) consultation, which was held for over six weeks between 23 October and 6 December 2024 to:**
- 5.3.1. Introduce the proposals and the Applicant;
- 5.3.2. Seek initial feedback on the Scheme to inform design refinements;
- 5.3.3. Identify local schemes or initiatives the Scheme could support or deliver; and
- 5.3.4. Understand any opportunities to improve consultation methods ahead of Phase Two consultation.
- 5.4. Phase Two consultation, will be held for seven weeks between Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 6 August 2025 to provide further information on:**
- 5.4.1. Our proposals for the Scheme, including a Site Location Plan indicating the proposed layout.
- 5.4.2. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which sets out a preliminary assessment of likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme.
- 5.4.3. Potential opportunities for community benefits associated with the Scheme.
- 5.4.4. Anything else consultees and communities would like us to consider as part of our proposals for the Scheme.
- 5.5. In carrying out Phase One consultation on the emerging proposals for the Scheme, the Applicant sought to help stakeholders and local communities understand the Scheme and how they can become involved at the pre-application stage.
- 5.6. Phase One consultation – such as attendance at public information events and the levels and format of feedback received – has also been considered by the Applicant when preparing their proposed approach to Phase Two consultation.
- 5.7. The project team has considered all feedback received during Phase One consultation in depth. This process has informed further updates to the proposals for the Scheme.
- 5.8. The Applicant published a Phase One Consultation Summary Report ('CSR') in March 2025. The purpose of the CSR is to present the feedback received at Phase One consultation and explain how this is being considered by the project team. The CSR is available to view on our website via the Documents Library: [www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents), and its availability was publicised through notifying key stakeholders and community members. The information gathered during this first phase of consultation has also informed the preparation of this SoCC and Phase Two consultation, which is being held for seven weeks between Wednesday 18 June and Wednesday 6 August 2025.
- 5.9. The Applicant is now preparing to undertake a statutory phase of consultation, as described in this SoCC.
- 5.10. Following this, a Consultation Report will be submitted to PINS as part of the DCO application. The Consultation Report will describe and evidence consultation undertaken, the level of engagement with this consultation, and how consideration has been given to feedback received. We intend to submit a DCO application to PINS in Winter 2025.

## 6. Method of consultation

- 6.1. We are committed to good practice in public consultation. Consultation for the Scheme is also informed by the latest government guidance for NSIPs, published in April 2024<sup>2</sup>.
- 6.2. We will employ a variety of consultation methods so that our consultation is appropriate and accessible. The methodology has had regard to the experience of the Phase One (non-statutory) consultation on the Scheme. The Statements of Community Involvement (SCI) adopted by the local authorities have also been reviewed and considered. The methodology utilises a range of tools and techniques to ensure all identified stakeholders are effectively consulted and involved in the Scheme development process.
- 6.3. Consultation and communication methods will include:
- 6.3.1. Dedicated communication channels, such as a freephone number (0808 281 3175), email ([info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk)) and freepost address (FREEPOST East Pye Solar).
- 6.3.2. Scheme website ([www.eastpyesolar.co.uk](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk)).
- 6.3.3. Direct mail of consultation information to properties within the defined core consultation zone (see Section 7.2).
- 6.3.4. Information posters issued for display at public venues within the core consultation zone.
- 6.3.5. Use of local print and online media – editorial and advertising.
- 6.3.6. In-person information events at publicly accessible locations.
- 6.3.7. Virtual webinar format information event.
- 6.3.8. Provision of information in alternative languages and formats on request. For further details please see Section 9 'How we will consult'.
- 6.4. The information and materials we will use to inform the consultation will provide details of:
- 6.4.1. The extent of the land proposed for the Scheme.
- 6.4.2. A PEIR, including results from ongoing assessments, descriptions of potential likely significant environmental effects arising from the Scheme, and proposals for how these could be managed and mitigated.
- 6.4.3. An indicative design at this stage, setting out:
- Areas for solar PV arrays, BESS, Substations, including the potential Sites for the new National Grid Substation
  - Areas subject to overhead line/pylon works associated with National Grid Substation
  - Cable Route Corridor
  - Proposed access points
  - Areas for potential mitigation and enhancement
  - Proposed temporary construction compounds

<sup>2</sup><https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>

## 7. Who we will consult

7.1. We are seeking to engage with a range of individuals and groups and want our consultation to be accessible for everyone to take part. In accordance with Section 47 of the PA2008, the Applicant will consult people living in the vicinity of the land to ensure that communities within the vicinity of the proposals are aware of consultation opportunities.

### 7.2. Core consultation zone

7.3. To determine the core consultation zone, we considered where may be directly or indirectly impacted by the Scheme permanently or temporarily as a result of its construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning.

7.4. Having considered these impacts, we then determined an appropriate core consultation zone by extending a minimum distance of two kilometres ('km') from the site boundaries of the Solar Panel Areas, the BESS and the new National Grid Substation, and 500 metres ('m') from the edge of the Cable Route Corridor.

7.5. The zone has been extended further, where proportionate, to include reasonable consideration of:

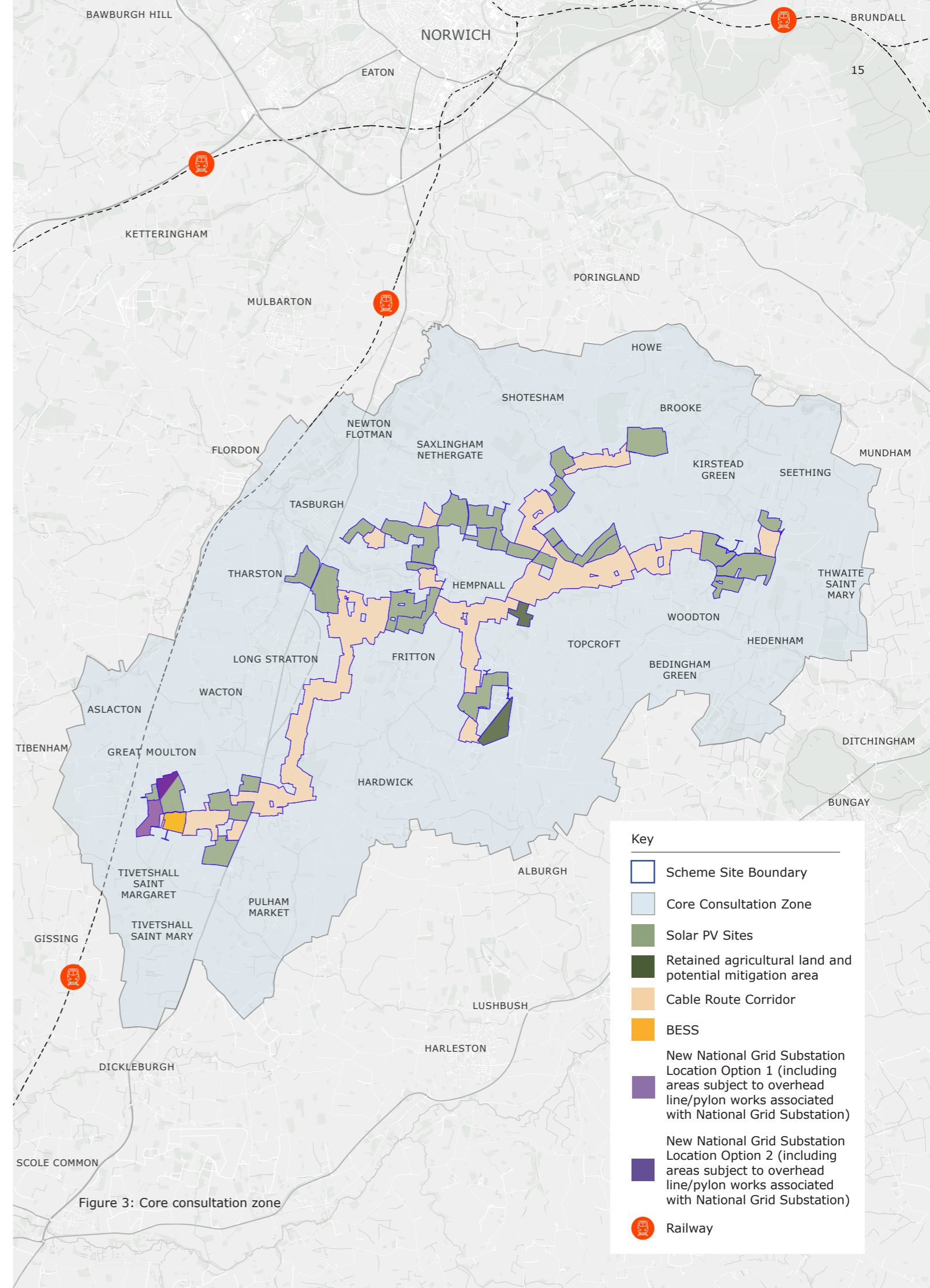
7.5.1. Existing natural and human geographical boundaries, for example, railway lines, A-roads and/or motorways, for example the Great Eastern Main Line between Diss and Norwich, and the A146.

7.5.2. Coverage of the parishes that host any of the Scheme as follows:

- Brooke Parish Council;
- Great Moulton Parish Council;
- Hedenham Parish Meeting;
- Hempnall Parish Council;
- Howe Parish Meeting;
- Kirstead Parish Meeting;
- Long Stratton Town Council;
- Morningthorpe and Fritton Parish Council;
- Pulham Market Parish Council;
- Saxlingham Nethergate Parish Council;
- Seething Parish Council;
- Shelton and Hardwick Parish Council;
- Shotesham Parish Council;
- Tasburgh Parish Council;
- Tharston and Hapton Parish Council;
- Tivetshall Parish Council;
- Wacton Parish Council; and
- Woodton Parish Council.

7.6. Information about the Scheme will be communicated directly to properties within the core consultation zone including residents, local businesses and community organisations (including parish councils), to raise awareness and encourage participation in the consultation through a selection of communication channels (see Section 9).

7.7. The core consultation zone is shown in Figure 3. There are over 8,486 properties within the core consultation zone, which is subject to change based on the Site Boundary for the Scheme and available Royal Mail data.



**7.8. Consulting people beyond the core consultation zone**

- 7.9. We recognise that individuals, groups and organisations who live and work beyond the core consultation zone may have an interest in our proposals and wish to participate in the consultation.
- 7.10. To give these individuals and organisations the opportunity to participate in this Phase Two consultation, we will raise awareness in the following ways:
- 7.10.1. Directly notify any individual who has registered to receive information about the Scheme;
- 7.10.2. Advertise the consultation in local media outlets reaching audiences beyond the core consultation zone;
- 7.10.3. Publish consultation materials so they are available to view online; and
- 7.10.4. Fulfil requests for copies of the consultation materials through the Scheme communication channels.
- 7.11. In addition to publishing a Section 48 notice in the local and national press and London Gazette, as stated under Section 48 of the PA2008, we will also engage those parties representing the interests of those communities which lie beyond the core consultation zone including:
- 7.11.1. Members of Parliament representing the host constituencies:
- Ben Goldsborough MP (South Norfolk); and
  - Adrian Ramsay MP (Waveney Valley).
- 7.11.2. Norfolk County Council electoral division members (councillors).
- 7.11.3. South Norfolk Council ward members (councillors).
- 7.11.4. Parish councils that are within the Scheme Boundary (see section 7.2).
- 7.11.5. Gateway organisations and community groups (see Appendix 1).

**7.12. Consulting with under-represented or seldom heard groups**

- 7.13. The Applicant is committed to ensuring that the consultation process, and associated communications, reach as many parts of the community as practicable. We recognise that there are individuals, groups and communities for whom there may be certain barriers which could prevent them from fully participating in the consultation – or make them less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation techniques.
- 7.14. The Applicant has identified various ‘under-represented’ or ‘seldom-heard’ groups and individuals who may be less likely to engage with, or participate in, consultation. See Appendix 1 for a list of the organisations and community groups we will contact.
- 7.15. The Applicant’s consultation methodology (see Section 9) has been developed to communicate as effectively as possible with these groups so they can have their say. Requests for specific consultation activity to cater for these groups will be considered on a case-by-case basis. This will then be agreed and planned with the requesting organisations.

## 8. When we will consult

- 8.1. The Applicant will hold its Phase Two consultation for a period of seven weeks (49 days) from Wednesday 18 June to Wednesday 6 August 2025. This consultation period exceeds the minimum period of 28 days as required by the PA2008.
- 8.2. Please see section 9.26 for a list of public information events. While the proposed consultation period overlaps with the start of the summer holiday period for schools, all information events will be held before school holidays begin on 22 July 2025.



## 9. How we will consult

9.1. We have identified a number of ways in which people can:

- 9.1.1. Access information about our proposals and their potential effects;
- 9.1.2. Review and comment on consultation documents at a time which is convenient to them; and
- 9.1.3. Express their views regarding the Scheme by submitting feedback to the Phase Two consultation via easy to use and accessible methods.

### 9.2. Scheme website

9.3. A dedicated Scheme website ([www.eastpyesolar.co.uk](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk)) was launched in September 2024 to host Scheme information and will be updated to include the latest information regarding the Phase Two consultation.

9.4. All of the consultation materials will be available to view and download, free of charge, from Wednesday 18 June 2025 on the Scheme website via the Documents page: [www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents)

9.5. It will be possible to submit a response to the consultation via the website using a dedicated online feedback form during the consultation period.

9.6. The website will also allow people to register their contact details with the Scheme so they can receive future updates after the consultation period.

### 9.7. Direct communications

9.8. Direct communications – via a community consultation postcard – will be issued to all properties within the core consultation zone (see Figure 2) and to any other parties who registered to be kept informed about the Scheme by post.

9.9. This community consultation postcard will notify local residents and businesses of the consultation period, opportunities to find out more information (including details of public information events), how to provide feedback, and the response deadline for comments to be submitted.

9.10. It will be printed and posted prior to the Phase Two consultation period commencing.

9.11. Identified key stakeholders and those that have registered to be kept informed with the Scheme will also be notified on the day of the Phase Two consultation launch via email. The email will include information about the consultation period, opportunities to find out more information, how to provide feedback and the response deadline for comments to be submitted.

### 9.12. Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet

9.13. A Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet will be published on the Scheme website at the start of the Phase Two consultation. This will provide a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, details of how people can take part in the consultation, how feedback will be considered and used to inform proposals, and how we will provide information on the outcome of the consultation.

9.14. Printed copies of this document will be available to take away at in-person information events and Community Access Points (CAPs). Copies will also be made available on request in digital or hard copy format, free of charge.

### 9.15. Feedback Form

9.16. A feedback form will be made available to enable people to provide feedback on the proposals. Specific questions will be included on particular areas on which we are seeking comment, however, no questions will be mandatory, and all comments made on the form will be accepted.

9.17. An online version of the feedback form will be hosted on the Scheme website so that feedback can be provided electronically.

9.18. Hard copy forms will be available at in-person public information events and at CAPs. An online PDF version of the feedback form will also be available to download from the Scheme website from the start of the consultation period. Copies of the feedback form will also be made available on request in digital or hard copy format, free of charge.

9.19. While the feedback form is intended to encourage and support the provision of feedback, we recognise some people may prefer to provide written comments outside of set questions. All written comments will be accepted and can be submitted during the Phase Two consultation period by email to [info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk) or by post to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp or further address details required).

9.20. Feedback submitted to the consultation by email must be received by 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025. Written feedback sent to the Project freepost address which is received after this deadline will be accepted subject to the postmark date being no later than the prescribed deadline of 6 August 2025.

### 9.21. Technical documents, maps and plans

9.22. We will publish all the technical documents we have produced which describe and evaluate our proposals for the Scheme on the Scheme website when consultation launches on 18 June 2025. These comprise:

- The PEIR. Please see Section 10 of this SoCC for further details.
- A Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR.
- Maps and plans at appropriate scales.

9.23. The full PEIR will be available to view and download, free of charge, on the Scheme website and will be available to view in printed format at public information events and at the Long Stratton Library (see section 9.35 for further details).

9.24. A hard copy of the PEIR can be provided on request, though there will be a cost associated with this. The cost of printing the PEIR will be confirmed on the Scheme website prior to the start of the consultation period.

9.25. The SoCC, Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet, Feedback Form and PEIR NTS can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge, on request using the dedicated communication channels (please see the back page of this SoCC).

**9.26. Information events**

9.27. During our Phase Two consultation, we will hold seven public information events – six in-person and one online. These events will be held towards the start of the consultation period and will be held prior to the start of the school summer holidays, in line with Norfolk County Council’s term times<sup>3</sup>. It also allows time for the events to be effectively publicised and for consultees to access and consider consultation information before attending, while allowing time after events for attendees to prepare and submit feedback ahead of the response deadline.

9.28. Events will be held across different days of the week and cover a range of times to accommodate different working hours to promote accessibility and attendance. This will include holding an event on a Saturday and events running into the evening. In-person events will be ‘drop-in’ style events, where attendees can attend at any time within the advertised hours.

Date and time	Location
Wednesday 2 July 2025, 14:30 – 19:30	<b>Aslacton and Great Moulton Coronation Hall</b> Carr Lane, Great Moulton, Norwich, NR15 2LA
Thursday 3 July 2025, 14:30 – 19:30	<b>Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall</b> , Steward Close, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich, NR15 1AJ
Thursday 10 July 2025, 14:00 – 19:00	<b>Long Stratton Village Hall</b> Ipswich Road, Long Stratton, Norwich, NR15 2TA
Friday 11 July 2025, 14:30 – 19:30	<b>Brooke Village Hall</b> Norwich Road, Brooke, Norwich, NR15 1AB
Saturday 12 July 2025, 11:00 – 15:00	<b>Hempnall Village Hall</b> Bungay Road, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG
Tuesday 15 July 2025, 14:30 – 19:30	<b>Seething and Mundham Village Hall</b> , Wheelers Lane, Seething, Norwich, NR15 1EJ
Monday 21 July 2025, 18:30 – 20:00	<b>Community Webinar</b> via Zoom (details of how to register for this webinar are available on our website)

Table 2: Programme for Phase Two consultation information events

9.29. The full programme of events being held is set out in Table 2.

9.30. At events, attendees will be able to find out information about the Scheme and what we are consulting on. Members of the project team will be present to discuss the proposals and answer questions.

9.31. In-person information events will be held at venues within the core consultation zone (see Section 7) that are publicly accessible and accommodate the needs of individuals with limited mobility.

9.32. Information available at these events will include:

- This SoCC (for reference only).
- Event display panels and boards (for viewing only).
- Maps of the Scheme (for viewing only).
- Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet (for reference and to take away).
- A BESS Fact Sheet (for reference and to take away).
- Feedback Form (for reference and to take away).
- The PEIR and accompanying NTS (for reference only).

9.33. The Applicant will also hold one online information event (webinar) via Zoom. The webinar will be held for anyone to join via telephone or the internet. Attendees will be required to register for the online information event in advance via the automated registration form on the Zoom website. A link to the registration form for the webinar will be available on the Scheme website.

9.34. The format of this webinar will involve the presentation of information consistent with that made available at in person events by representatives from the project team, followed by a moderated questions and answer session. Participants will be invited to submit questions during the webinar. A recorded version of the webinar will be made available on the Scheme website after the session.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/38213/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2024-2025>

**9.35. Community Access Points**

9.36. Community Access Points (CAPs) are deposit locations where we will make hard copies of the SoCC and relevant Phase Two consultation materials available.

9.37. Table 3 below indicates where the relevant Phase Two consultation materials will be made available.

9.38. The materials include:

- 9.38.1. Copies of this SoCC for reference only. This will be available at CAPs before the Phase Two consultation commences;
- 9.38.2. Copies of the Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet for reference and for taking away;
- 9.38.3. Copies of the Feedback Form for reference and taking away; and
- 9.38.4. A copy of the PEIR Non-Technical Summary for reference only.

9.39. A copy of the PEIR will be available at Long Stratton Library for reference only.

9.40. All CAPs host computers with internet access to enable access to the full PEIR via the Scheme website. While access to computers at the libraries is free, a membership for the library may be required.

9.41. Locations with Open Library Access mean that you can access the library, its computers and spaces even when the building is unstaffed. A membership for the library may be required. Further information can be found at: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/openlibrary](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/openlibrary)

9.42. Opening times and accessibility may vary, so it is advised to check with venues directly for up-to-date information.

Location	Current Opening Times
<b>Long Stratton Library</b> The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2XJ	Monday: 08:00 – 11:00 (Open Library access); 11:00 – 19:00 (staffed hours) Tuesday and Thursday: 08:00 – 11:00 (Open Library access); 13:00 – 19:00 (staffed hours) Wednesday and Friday: 08:00 – 19:00 (Open Library access) Saturday: 10:00 – 11:00 (Open Library access); 11:00 – 16:00 (staffed hours) Sunday: 10:00 – 16:00 (Open Library access)  Telephone: 01508 530797
<b>Loddon Library</b> 31 Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX	Monday, Thursday and Friday: 08:00 – 10:00 (Open Library access); 10:00 – 19:00 (Staffed hours) Tuesday and Wednesday: 08:00 – 19:00 (Open Library access) Saturday: 08:00 – 13:00 (Open Library access); 13:00 – 16:00 (Staffed hours) Sunday: 10:00 – 16:00 (Open Library access)  Telephone: 01508 520678
<b>Bungay Community Library</b> Wharton Street, Bungay, NR35 1EL	Monday: 09:00 – 14:30 Tuesday to Saturday: 09:00 – 17:00 Sunday: Closed  Telephone: 01986 506060
<b>Poringland Library</b> Overtons Way, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7WB	Monday and Friday: 08:00 – 14:00 (Open Library access); 14:00 – 19:00 (Staffed hours) Tuesday and Wednesday: 08:00 – 10:00 (Open Library access); 10:00 – 19:00 (Staffed hours) Thursday: 08:00 – 19:00 (Open Library access) Saturday: 08:00 – 10:00 (Open Library access); 10:00 – 16:00 (Staffed hours) Sunday: 10:00 – 16:00 (Open Library access)  Telephone: 01508 494891

Table 3: Community Access Points

**9.43. Availability of materials**

9.44. Table 4 below summarises the availability of consultation materials during the Phase Two consultation period.

Document	In-person information events	Scheme website*	Hard copy on request	Direct mailed	Community Access Points
<b>Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes (charges apply)	No	Yes (only at Long Stratton Library)
<b>PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes (charges apply)	No	Yes (at all libraries, for reference only)
<b>Community Consultation Postcard</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (to take away)
<b>Feedback Form</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (to take away)
<b>Event Displays and Maps</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (for reference only)

Table 4: Availability of consultation materials

\*Documents and materials will be available as PDFs to view and download free of charge from the 'Documents' section of the Scheme website: [www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/documents)

**9.45. Providing feedback**

9.46. The Scheme communication channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. Outside the Phase Two consultation period, stakeholders may speak to a member of our Scheme community relations team.

9.47. During the consultation period, written feedback can be provided by:

- Submitting an online feedback form through the Scheme website
- Completing a PDF version of the hard copy feedback form and submitting via email: [info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk)
- Completing a printed copy of the feedback form and submitting it at an in-person information event or returning it to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp required)
- Sending an email to: [info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk)
- Providing comments in writing and posting them to FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp required)

9.48. Feedback must be received by 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025. Responses received after that date may not be considered.

9.49. Questions and requests for information can be made using the communication channels above and by calling the Scheme's freephone line 0808 281 3175 (open 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday, with a voice message service operating outside of these hours so a callback can be made if requested).

9.50. By appointment with the project team, it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Scheme's freephone 0808 281 3175. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the team via Scheme-dedicated freepost, email address or telephone number described above.

**9.51. Section 47 Notice**

9.52. Alongside the publication of the SoCC on the Scheme website, the Phase Two consultation will be publicised through a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Scheme.

9.53. The Section 47 Notice will appear in the Eastern Daily Press on 4 June 2025 and the Diss Express on 6 June 2025.

**9.54. Section 48 Notice**

9.55. As required by Section 48 of the PA2008, we will publish a Section 48 Notice advertising our intention to submit a DCO application and the Phase Two consultation in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Scheme for two consecutive weeks, and a national newspaper and the London Gazette for one week.

9.56. A list of the newspaper outlets and dates when the Section 48 Notice will appear is set out in Table 5.

Newspaper outlet	1st publication date	2nd publication date
Diss Express	6 June 2025	13 June 2025
Eastern Daily Press	11 June 2025	18 June 2025
The Guardian	16 June 2025	N/A
London Gazette	18 June 2025	N/A

Table 5: S48 Notices Schedule

**9.57. Media, advertising and publicity**

- 9.58. To raise awareness about the Scheme and consultation within and beyond the core consultation zone, we will issue a media release to local and trade press at the start of the consultation to provide an overview of the Scheme, why we are consulting and how people can access information about the Scheme, including dates of information events (online and in-person) and the deadline for receipt of responses.
- 9.59. A further media release will be issued at the close of consultation.
- 9.60. In addition to publishing a formal Section 48 Notice in local and national newspapers, we will place advertisements in local media to publicise the consultation and information events taking place (online and in-person).
- 9.61. A list of local and regional media outlets to whom media releases will be issued, and at least one round of advertising place with, is set out in Table 6.

- 9.62. Posters publicising the consultation will be issued to information event venues, and the clerks of parish councils for display on local parish notice boards. They will also be made available to other community venues and local information points within the core consultation zone. The posters will be displayed at the discretion of the community venue or local information point.

**9.63. Changes to consultation activities**

- 9.64. Should any change to our consultation activities be required due to circumstances outside our control, details will be publicised in line with the methods set out in this SoCC to the extent it is reasonable and proportionate to do so.

**9.65. Coordination with other NSIP developers**

- 9.66. The Applicant recognises that there are a number of other NSIPs in the South Norfolk District and Norfolk County. Ahead of the Phase Two consultation, the Applicant will seek to engage with third-party developers to determine the timing of any defined consultation periods and activities, including when in-person events will be taking place. Where practicable, the Applicant will try to ensure that in-person events do not take place on the same days to ensure all stakeholders can take part in the consultations for all projects.

**Media releases will be issued to:**

- BBC Look East
- BBC Radio Norfolk
- Beccles and Bungay Journal
- Bury Mercury
- Cambridgeshire Live
- Dereham Times
- Diss Express
- Diss Mercury
- East Anglia Bylines
- East Anglian Daily Times
- Eastern Daily Press
- Your Norfolk
- Fakenham and Wells Times
- Greatest Hits Radio (Norfolk and North Suffolk)
- Inside Out East
- ITV Anglia
- Lynn News
- Norfolk News
- Norwich Evening News
- South Norfolk Life
- Village People (South Norfolk)
- Wymondham & Attleborough Mercury

**Advertisements will be placed with:**

- Diss Express

Table 6: Media outlets

# 10.Environmental information

- 10.1. The Scheme is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The DCO application will therefore require an EIA to be carried out to identify and evaluate the likely significant effects of the Scheme on the environment. The EIA will identify measures to mitigate adverse environmental effects.
- 10.2. The EIA is an iterative process in which the assessment of environmental impacts is carried out in parallel with the Scheme design process.
- 10.3. We will consult on the PEIR, which will allow consultees to consider and provide feedback on preliminary EIA information.
- 10.4. The results of the EIA will be set out in the Environmental Statement ('ES') which will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
- 10.5. Table 7 details the EIA process, including the stages of Scoping, PEIR and ES.

**EIA Scoping**

Our Scoping Report was published on 15 January 2025 and described the Scheme and the assessments of likely significant environmental effects.

In response to the Scoping Report, the Scoping Opinion was issued by PINS on 25 February 2025. The Scoping Report and Scoping Opinion can be viewed on PINS' dedicated webpage for the Scheme: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014/documents>

**Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR')**

The PEIR and NTS of the PEIR will be made available to inform statutory consultation.

The PEIR is a technical document that sets out the initial findings of the EIA to date and identifies proposed mitigation measures to control or reduce environmental effects the Project may have on the environment. It is intended to facilitate consultation on the Project. The NTS will accompany the PEIR and is a non-technical summary of the PEIR assessments.

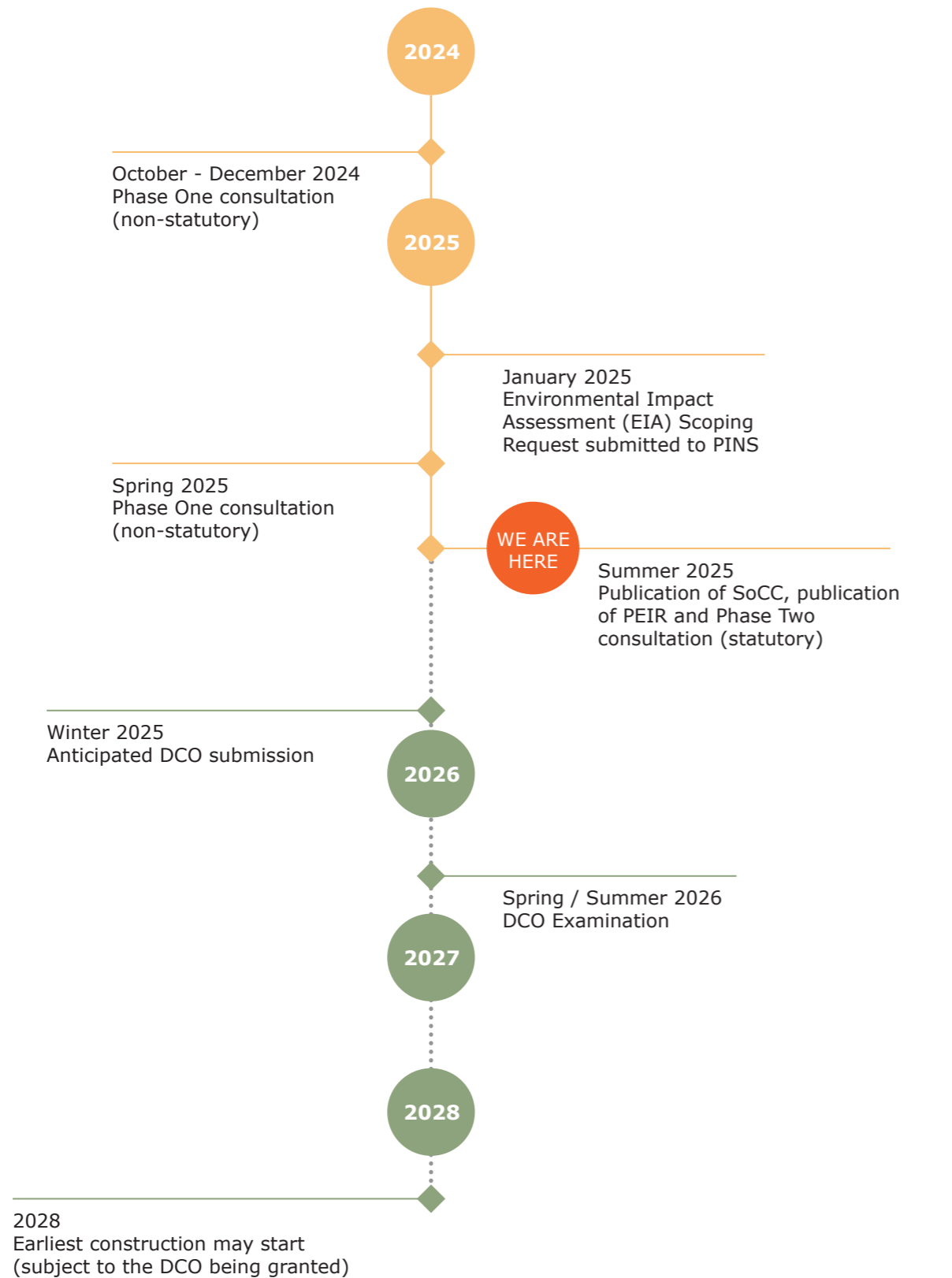
The PEIR is being presented during this Phase Two consultation and enables consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme.

**Environment Statement ('ES')**

The ES will advance the content of the PEIR and continue to incorporate the responses from the Phase Two consultation, stakeholder engagement and results of the surveys undertaken. It will also describe any changes to the Scheme and any mitigation measures. The ES will form part of the DCO application.

Table 7: The EIA process

# 11. Indicative Scheme timeline\*



\*Dates are indicative and could be subject to change

# 12. Next steps and contact details

## 12.1. Consultation responses

- 12.2. Consultation responses must be submitted in writing or online by 23:59 on Wednesday 6 August 2025, unless agreed otherwise with us directly. Responses received after that date may not be considered.
- 12.3. When a respondent submits feedback to the consultation (via the online feedback form or via email) an automated acknowledgement to confirm receipt will be issued.
- 12.4. Any person submitting feedback online who is concerned that they have not received acknowledgement of receipt is advised to contact the community relations team using the communication channels.

## 12.5. Information services

- 12.6. The community relations team is available to provide people with assistance in finding out about the Scheme and our Phase Two consultation.
- 12.7. You can get in touch with the Scheme community relations team using any of the communication channels listed below:
  - Email: [info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk)
  - Freephone: 0808 281 3175 (09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays, with a voicemail service to take messages outside of these hours)
  - Post: FREEPOST EAST PYE SOLAR (no stamp required)

- 12.8. These communication channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. This is to enable engagement between consultees, communities and the project team to continue outside of the consultation period. The Scheme website may also be updated with relevant information as it becomes available.

## 12.9. Ongoing engagement and potential further consultation

- 12.10. If, as a result of feedback, our proposals change to the extent we consider it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

# Appendix 1 Gateway Organisations and Community Groups

Category	Gateway organisations / group
Children and young people	1st Long Stratton Scout Group Brownies and Rainbows Norfolk Girlguiding Girlguiding Norfolk County Ignite Youth Scheme Let's Talk About Loss Loddon Army Cadets MAP MTM Youth Services CIC Norfolk Army Cadets Norfolk Federation of Young Farmers Club Norfolk Youth Advisory Board / South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board Norfolk Youth Parliament  <b>Primary Schools and Pre-Schools</b> Aslacton Primary School Brooke VC Church of England Primary School Carleton Rode CEVA Primary School Hempnall Primary School Manor Field Infant and Nursery Preston Primary School Pulham Primary School Saxlingham Nethergate C of E VC Primary School Seething and Mundham Primary School St Mary's C of E Junior Academy Tivetshall Primary School Woodton Primary School  <b>Secondary and Sixth Form Attached Schools</b> Framingham Earl High School Harleston Sancroft Academy Hobart High School Langley School Long Stratton High School
Lone parents	Family Lives Gingerbread – support for single parents
Older people	Age UK Norfolk Friends of the Elderly Norfolk Older Peoples Partnerships Re-Engage  About With Friends Alzheimer's Society – Norfolk and Suffolk Arts for Health – Creative Arts East Asperger East Anglia Autism Anglia Come Singing Equal Lives Hear for Norfolk

Category	Gateway organisations / group
People with disabilities	Independence Matters MS Society (Norwich and District Group) Norfolk Deaf Children's Society Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD) Stepping Stones The Benjamin Foundation Vision Norfolk West Norfolk Disability Information Service
People with learning difficulties	Affinity Trust ASD Helping Hands Mid MENCAP Norfolk Nansa Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership Norfolk SEN Network Norfolk SENDIASS Opening Doors (People First of Norfolk) SENSational families The Down's Syndrome Association (DSA)
People visiting mental health support groups	Better Together Norfolk Matthew Scheme MensCraft Norwich and Waveney Mind Stand Easy Suffolk Mind You Are Not Alone (YANA)
Black and minority ethnic people	Boloh Helpline New Routes Norfolk African Community Association Norwich InterFaith Link The Bridge Plus The Zainab Scheme
Traveller community	Friends, Families and Travellers National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups One Voice 4 Travellers The Traveller Movement
The military	Bridge for Heroes Help for Heroes Norfolk Army Cadets Op Courage Op Nova Outside the Wire PTSD Resolution SSAFA Norfolk The Royal British Legion – South Norfolk Veterans UK

Category	Gateway organisations / group
Residents who work outside South Norfolk	Federation of Small Businesses – East of England New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership
People who work in South Norfolk but live elsewhere	GMB Norwich
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community	BLAH LGBTQ+ Youth Evolve Norfolk LGBT+ Scheme OASIS Norfolk Proud Canaries The Proud Trust
Carers	Carers Matter Norfolk Caring Friends for Cancer Caring Together Charity Suffolk Family Carers The Carers Room Young Carers Matter Norfolk Your Priority Carers
Community interest groups	British Horse Society – East of England Community Action Norfolk Disabled Ramblers Diss and District Cycling Club (CC) East Anglian CC East of England Local Government Association Gay Outdoor Club – Norfolk Norfolk and Suffolk Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA) Norfolk Community Foundation Norfolk Local Access Forum Ramblers (Norfolk area)
Community interest groups – environmental	Butterfly Conservation Norfolk Climate Norfolk CPRE Norfolk Extinction Rebellion Waveney East Friends of Norfolk's Environment Get Norfolk Greener Greening Wymondham Loddon Young Farmers Club Norfolk and Norwich Bat Group Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership

Category	Gateway organisations / group
Community interest groups – environmental	Norfolk Birding Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Norfolk Coast Partnership Norfolk East Norfolk Conservation Group Norfolk Historic Environment Service Norfolk Rivers Trust Norfolk Wildlife Trust Norfolk Young Farmers Norwich Environmentalist Weekenders Norwich Friends of the Earth Norwich Fringe Group Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association The Broads Authority The Papillion Scheme Toad Watch Wymondham Nature Group Yare Valley Society Young Activist Network – Environmental Campaign Group Young Farmers and National Farmers Union (NFU)
Community interest group – socio-economic	Better Together Norfolk Hope into Action Norwich Norfolk Community Advice Network Norfolk Strategic Housing Partnership Nourishing Norfolk Network Shelter Norwich Solo Housing (East Anglia) St Martins Housing Trust The Edward Gostling Foundation The Feed The Magdalen Group West Norfolk Befriending WI Norfolk Federation Your Own Place



## Appendix 4: Approach to Targeted Consultation Document



## East Pye Solar

### Approach to Targeted Consultation

Date: October 2025

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document explains further targeted consultation that will be undertaken on East Pye Solar prior to a Development Consent Order (DCO) application being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. This document describes the purpose and method of this further targeted consultation, and how it relates to the pre-application already undertaken.

## 2 Approach to pre-application consultation

- 2.1.1 East Pye Solar Limited ('the Applicant') is proposing plans for a utility scale solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) project on land near Long Stratton in South Norfolk. The project is known as East Pye Solar (or 'the Scheme').
- 2.1.2 As described in the Scheme's Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), published in June 2025, the Applicant recognises consultation to be a vital stage in the development of the proposals. Feedback received through Phase One (non-statutory) and Phase Two (statutory) consultation is informing the refinement of the plans for the Scheme, helping the proposals to be developed responsibly and in a manner that recognises local community and stakeholder interests.
- 2.1.3 The published SoCC outlines how the Applicant has consulted with the local community during the 'pre-application stage' before submitting a DCO application for the Scheme to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 2.1.4 Within the published SoCC, it states (within paragraph 12.10) that *"If, as a result of feedback, our proposals change to the extent we consider it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC."*
- 2.1.5 This document sets out how the targeted consultation will be undertaken, ensuring that the activities are relevant and proportionate in respect of the changes being consulted on, and is in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the published SoCC.

## 3 Objective of targeted consultation

- 3.1.1 Following the close of Phase Two consultation, the project team has continued to refine the proposals for the Scheme, in preparation for submitting the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 3.1.2 This progression has been informed by further design work and due diligence, ongoing consideration of consultee feedback, and findings from the environmental impact assessment.
- 3.1.3 This has resulted in a series of minor amendments to the Scheme boundary area, compared to the boundary presented in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and for the Phase Two consultation; and the Scheme design. The changes comprise:

- Small additional parcels of land have been included adjacent and to the northeast of Site 1; and to the south west of Site 1 associated with the works connecting the National Grid Substation to the existing overhead transmission electric lines.
  - Additional small areas of land throughout the Scheme associated with updates to highway visibility splays, have been included.
  - Additional small areas of land throughout the Scheme to accommodate abnormal indivisible loads (AIL) that could result in highway works, removal of street furniture and/or vegetation removal, have been included.
  - Confirmation that the Applicant intends to pursue the new National Grid substation within site 1B, and will not be pursuing the additional option to the south (that was consulted upon at the statutory consultation stage).
  - Confirmation of the location and size of the substation in Site 1B (which is proposed to increase from 132kv to 400kv).
  - An Area within Site 7D where additional solar PV panels have been included.
- 3.1.4 Most of the changes resulting in additional land are temporary during the construction phase. The Applicant is committed to ensuring that relevant stakeholders are consulted on the changes prior to the DCO application being submitted.
- 3.1.5 The Applicant is therefore preparing to undertake a further targeted consultation on the changes referred to above.
- 3.1.6 Through the targeted consultation materials, the Applicant will clearly present each of these changes and explain any updates to the reporting of likely significant environmental effects from those that were identified in the PEIR.
- 3.1.7 In determining how to consult on the localised changes we have had regard to paragraphs 020 of the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application guidance for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Proposed Developments, which sets out as follows:
- 3.1.8 *“For any material change to a part of the proposed application where the project as a whole is not fundamentally changed, for example in the case of linear aspects where new information leads to a new alignment for a particular section of the proposal, a bespoke and targeted approach to further consultation can be adopted, which can address the specific consultation obligations arising proportionately.*
- 3.1.9 *Targeted consultation can be statutory or non-statutory or a combination of the two depending on whether new persons needing to be consulted under section 42 of the Planning Act have been identified, but such targeted consultation will not require the production of PEI provided proportionate and appropriate information on environmental implications of any changes, where necessary, is provided.”*
- 3.1.10 In line with this guidance and the Applicant’s commitments set out in the SoCC, the approach set out below is considered to be proportionate given the scale and nature of each localised change. A full re-consultation (in line with consultation under section 47 and section 48 at Statutory Consultation) is therefore not proposed.

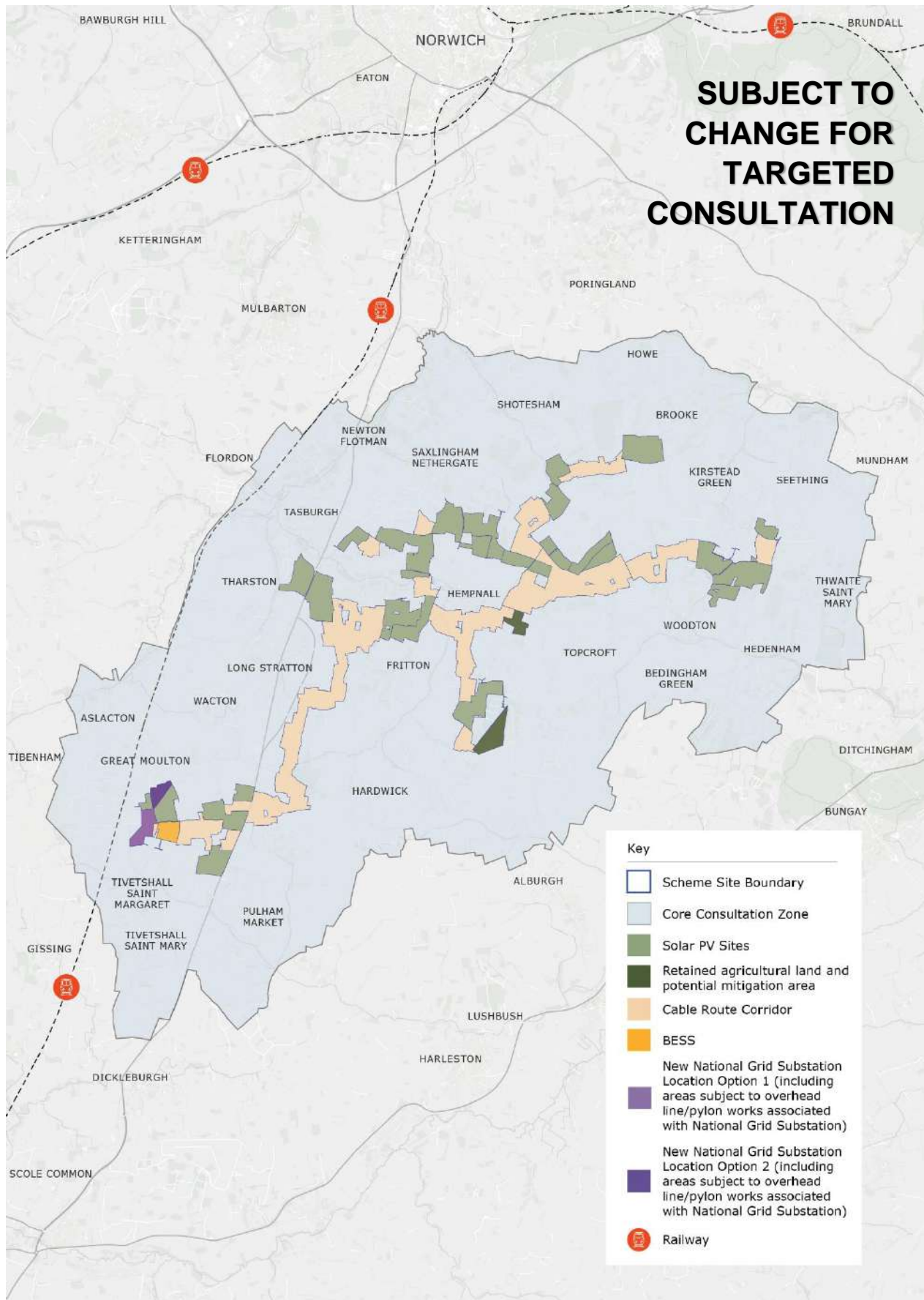
## 4 What we will be consulting on

- 4.1.1 A targeted consultation will be held on the proposed changes set out above in Section 3.1.3.
- 4.1.2 These changes will be identified and numbered in an Information Change Note.
- 4.1.3 This Information Change Note will include a visual indication of each change, accompanied by an explanation of why the change is necessary for the Scheme. Any changes to the environmental impact assessment results presented at Phase Two Statutory Consultation will also be set out in the Note, for each change.
- 4.1.4 Detailed maps of each change, as well as an updated Indicative Masterplan, will be available on the Scheme website for review. Printed copies of the maps will be sent to stakeholders upon request.

## 5 Who will be consulted

- 5.1.1 The targeted consultation will be carried out in accordance with relevant parts of the 2008 Act.
- 5.1.2 The Applicant will notify the following consultees:
  - All prescribed consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act will be notified (via a letter and/or email) and invited to respond.
  - As part of this, all host and neighbouring local authorities will be included in the targeted consultation. This aligns with consultation under section 43 of the 2008 Act.
  - Any new land interests relating to the additional land will be consulted. This aligns with consultation under section 44 of the 2008 Act.
  - Parties representing the interests of localised communities, including relevant ward members, Parish Councils, MPs, community groups and gateway organisations, will be notified. This aligns with consultation under the SoCC and will involve the same list of non-prescribed groups consulted during the Phase Two consultation.
  - The Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) of over 8,400 properties will be notified (via a letter) and invited to respond. This zone will be consistent with the zone presented in Section 7 of the SoCC, with additions to account for the revised boundary. The CCZ (as established for Phase Two consultation) is shown in **Figure 1** on the next page.
  - Any parties that have registered to be kept informed by email and by post.

**Figure 1 Phase Two CCZ**



- 5.1.3 The full list of these consultees can be found in Appendix 1 of this document.
- 5.1.4 Anyone interested in the proposals, and not included within the categories above, will also be able to respond to the targeted consultation. They can participate in the targeted consultation by accessing the Scheme website or free-to-use communications channels such as freephone and freepost.

## 6 How targeted consultation will be undertaken

- 6.1.1 Targeted consultation will be undertaken in a proportionate manner consistent with the principles and methods set out in the published SoCC, considering the specific details being consulted on.
- 6.1.2 The consultation period will exceed the statutory minimum of 28 days and is intended to be held between Wednesday 22 October and Wednesday 26 November 2025 (36 days).
- 6.1.3 This will involve:
  - **Written notification** of the targeted consultation will be provided to consultees identified above.
  - The **Information Change Note** will be made available on the Scheme website and available in hard copy by request.
  - Feedback will be invited through a **Feedback Form** (available online via the Scheme website or in printed format by request), by email ([info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk)), or in writing to the Freepost address (FREEPOST East Pye Solar)
  - By appointment with the project team, it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Scheme’s Freephone 0808 281 3175. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the project team via the Scheme’s email address or telephone number described above.
  - The Scheme **website** will be updated with the latest information, including hosting the Information Change Note.
  - The **Scheme’s dedicated free-to-use communication channels** will remain open and staffed by members of the Community Relations Team on weekdays between the hours of 9am to 5pm (with a voicemail service operating outside of these hours).
  - An **advert** will be placed in the Diss Express on Friday 24 October 2025 to publicise the targeted consultation locally.
  - A **press release** issued to local and regional media outlets to advise them of the targeted consultation, where information about what is consulted on can be found, and details of how views and comments can be submitted.

## A.1 List of parties representing the interests of those communities in vicinity of the changes to whom communications will be issued

Members of Parliament
<p><b>Host MPs</b>            Ben Goldsborough MP, LAB, South Norfolk            Adrian Ramsay MP, GRE, Waveney Valley</p>
<p><b>Local Authorities – Norfolk County Council ('Host')</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet members</b>            Cllr Kay Mason Billig, CON, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Governance            Cllr Andrew Jamieson, CON, Deputy Leader of Council            Cllr Graham Plant, CON, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport            Cllr Bill Borrett, CON, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing            Cllr Margaret Dewsbury, CON, Cabinet Member for Communities and Partnership            Cllr Jane James, CON, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Innovation            Cllr Fabian Eagle, CON, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth            Cllr James Bensly, CON, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste            Cllr Alison Thomas, CON, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care            Cllr Penny Carpenter, CON, Cabinet Member for Children's Services            Cllr Fran Whymark, CON, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing            Cllr Chris Dawson, CON, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</p> <p><b>Host ward members</b>            Cllr Martin Wilby, CON, East Depwade            Cllr Barry Stone, CON, Chair of Council, Clavering            Cllr Kay Mason Billig, CON, Loddon            Cllr Alison Thomas, CON, Long Stratton            Cllr Dr Catherine Rowlett, GRE, West Depwade</p> <p><b>Planning and Highways Delegation Members</b>            Cllr William Nun, CON, Chair of Planning Committee            Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, CON, Vice-Chair of Planning Committee            Cllr Paul Neal, GRE, Nelson            Cllr Steve Riley, LIB DEM, Aylsham            Cllr Mike Sands, LAB, Bowthorpe</p> <p><b>Planning (Regulatory) Committee</b>            Cllr Stephen Askew, CON, Guiltcross            Cllr Alexandra Kemp, IND, Clenchwarton and King Lynn's South            Cllr Brian Long, CON, Fincham            Cllr William Richmond, CON, Dereham North            Cllr Martin Storey, CON, Feltwell            Cllr Anthony White, CON, Downham Market            Cllr Robert Colwell, LIB DEM, Gaywood South            Cllr Graham Carpenter, CON, Yarmouth North and Central</p> <p><b>Planning officers</b>            ██████████, Principal Planner – National Infrastructure Planning Team Leader            ██████████ – Project Manager – Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects            ██████████ – Planning – Sustainability, Infrastructure and Development Group Manager</p>

South Norfolk Council
<p><b>Planning Officers</b>            [REDACTED], Area Planning Manager and Nationally Significant Projects (NSIPS) Lead Officer  <i>All communications to go through Claire Curtis, who will forward to relevant members.</i></p> <p><b>Host SNC members</b>            Cllr Delme Thompson, CON, Beck Vale, Dickleburgh and Scole            Cllr Clayton Hudson, IND, Beck Vale, Dickleburgh and Scole            The Lord Fuller OBE, CON, Brooke            Cllr Suzanne Wateridge, GRE, Bunwell            Cllr Chris Brown, LIB DEM, Ditchingham and Earsham            Cllr Brendon Barnard, LIB DEM, Ditchingham and Earsham            Cllr Martyn Hooton, CON, Hempnall            Cllr John Cook, IND, Newton Flotman            Cllr Jonathan Carver, CON, Stratton            Cllr Georgina Race, LAB, Stratton</p>
Wider community organisations / interest groups
<p><b>Community interest groups</b>            Norfolk Community Foundation            East of England Local Government Association            Community Action Norfolk            Active Norfolk            Ramblers (Norfolk Area)</p> <p><b>Environmental groups</b>            Norfolk Coast Partnership            Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association            Yare Valley Society            Norfolk Rivers Trust            Norfolk East Norfolk Conservation Group            The Broads Authority            Norfolk Wildlife Trust            Norfolk Young Famers            Young Farmers and National Farmers Union (NFU_            Loddon Young Farmers Club            Greening Wymondham            Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership            The Papillion Project            Norfolk Climate Change Partnership            Friends of Norfolk's Environment            Wymondham Nature Group            Norwich Environmental Weekenders            Norwich Fringe Group            Toad Watch            Butterfly Conservation Norfolk            Norfolk Historic Environment Service</p> <p><b>Socio-economic groups</b>            St Martins Housing Trust            Shelter Norwich            Norfolk Community Advice Network</p>

Solo Housing (East Anglia)  
 Better Together Norfolk  
 WI Norfolk  
 West Norfolk Befriending  
 The Feed  
 The Magdalen Group  
 Your Own Place  
 Hope Into Action Norwich  
 The Edward Gostling Foundation

**Gateway Organisations**

**Children and young people**

Norfolk Young Farmers Club (YFC)  
 Norfolk Youth Advisory Board / South Norfolk Youth Advisory Board  
 Norfolk Youth Parliament  
 MTM Youth Services CIC  
 1st Long Stratton Scout Group  
 Girlguiding Norfolk County  
 Loddon Army Cadets  
 Norfolk Army Cadets  
 Ignite Youth Project  
 Let's Talk About Loss  
 MAP

**Primary Schools and Pre-Schools**

Preston Primary School  
 Saxlingham Nethergate C of E VC Primary School  
 Hempnall Primary School  
 Manor Field Infant and Nursery  
 St Mary's C of E Junior Academy  
 Carleton Rode CEVA Primary School  
 Brooke VC Church of England Primary School  
 Woodton Primary School  
 Seething and Mundham Primary School  
 Tivetshall Primary School  
 Aslacton Primary School  
 Pulham Primary School

**Secondary and Sixth Form Attached Schools**

Long Stratton High School  
 Hobart High School  
 Harleston Sancroft Academy  
 Framingham Earl High School  
 Langley School

**Lone Parents**

Gingerbread – support for single parents  
 Family Lives

**Older People**

Age UK Norfolk  
 Norfolk Older Peoples Partnerships  
 Friends of the Elderly

Re-Engage

**People With Disabilities**

Equal Lives  
 West Norfolk Disability Information Service  
 Hear for Norfolk  
 MS Society (Norwich and District Group)  
 Asperger East Anglia  
 Autism Anglia  
 The Benjamin Foundation  
 Vision Norfolk  
 Stepping Stones  
 Norfolk Deaf Children’s Society  
 About With Friends  
 Alzheimer’s Society – Norfolk and Suffolk  
 Come Singing  
 Independence Matters  
 Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD)  
 Blossom

**People With Learning Difficulties**

Affinity Trust  
 Opening Doors (People First of Norfolk)  
 Mid MENCAP Norfolk  
 Norfolk Learning Disability Partnership  
 Norfolk SENDIASS  
 Norfolk SEN Network  
 The Down’s Syndrome Association (DSA)  
 SENSational families  
 Nansa

**People Visiting Mental Health Support Groups**

Norwich and Waveney Mind  
 MensCraft  
 Better Together Norfolk  
 Stand Easy  
 You Are Not Alone (YANA)  
 Just One Norfolk  
 Kooth  
 Suffolk Mind  
 Shout!

**Black And Minority Ethnic People**

Norwich InterFaith Link  
 New Routes  
 The Zainab Project  
 Boloh Helpline  
 The Bridge Plus  
 Norfolk African Community Association

**Traveller Community**

One Voice 4 Travellers  
 Friends, Families and Travellers

<p>The Traveller Movement National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups</p> <p><b>The Military</b> Help for Heroes PTSD Resolution The Royal British Legion – South Norfolk Veterans UK SSAFA Norfolk Op Nova Op Courage Norfolk Army Cadets Bridge for heroes Outside the wire</p> <p><b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Community</b> Norfolk LGBT+ Project BLAH LGBTQ+ Youth The Proud Trust OASIS Norfolk Proud Canaries Norfolk LGBT Meet Up Norwich Mature Gay Community Evolve</p> <p><b>Carers</b> Carers Matter Norfolk Young Carers Matter Norfolk Your Priority Carers Suffolk Family Carers The Carers Room Caring Together Charity</p>
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**A.2 Prescribed statutory bodies under Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms & Procedure) Regulations 2009, pursuant to Section 3 of those Regulations.**

Schedule 1 description	Organisational body or bodies
The Health and Safety Executive	Health and Safety Executive
The National Health Service Commissioning Board and the relevant clinical commissioning group	NHS England
The relevant Integrated Care Board	Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System
Natural England	Natural England
The Forestry Commission	Forestry Commission – East and East Midlands
	Historic England

Schedule 1 description	Organisational body or bodies
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England East of England Regional Office
The relevant fire and rescue authority	Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service
The relevant police authority	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk
The relevant parish council, or where the application relates to land in Wales or Scotland the relevant community council i.e. the relevant 'host' parishes	Dickleburgh and Rushall Parish Council
	Burston and Shimpling Parish Council
	Pulham Market Parish Council
	Fornsett Parish Council
	Aslacton Parish Council
	Tharston and Hapton Parish Council
	Hempnall Parish Council
	Redenhall with Harleston Town Council
	Alburgh Parish Council
	Woodton Parish Council
	Shotesham Parish Council
	Brooke Parish Council
	Seething Parish Council
	Mundham Parish Council
	Bergh Apton Parish Council
	Tivetshall Parish Council
	Gissing Parish Council
	Great Moulton Parish Council
	Wacton Parish Council
	Pulham St Mary Parish Council
Starston Parish Council	
Shelton and Hardwick Parish Council	
Long Stratton Town Council	
Morningthorpe (and Fritton) Parish Council	
Flordon Parish Council	

Schedule 1 description	Organisational body or bodies
	Saxlingham Nethergate Parish Council
	Newton Flotman Parish Council
	Stoke Holy Cross Parish Council
	Denton Parish Council
	Earsham Parish Council
	Topcroft Parish Council
	Ditchingham Parish Council
	Poringland Parish Council
	Aplington with Yelverton Parish Council
	Swainsthorpe Parish Council
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency
Civil Aviation Authority	Civil Aviation Authority
The relevant Highways Authority	Norfolk County Council Highways Department
	National Highways
The Canal and River Trust	The Canal and River Trust
United Kingdom Health Security Agency, an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care	United Kingdom Health Security Agency
The relevant internal drainage board	Broads Internal Drainage Board
	Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board
	Waveney Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board
Secretary of State for Defence	Secretary of State for Defence
Secretary of State for Transport	Secretary of State for Transport
The Crown Estate Commissioners	The Crown Estate
The relevant ambulance service	East of England Ambulance NHS Trust

### A.3 Relevant Statutory undertakers for the purposes of Section 27 of the Planning Act 2008

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation
The Relevant Integrated Care Board	NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board
NHS England	NHS England
The relevant NHS Trust	East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Railways	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd
	National Highways Historical Railways Estate
Civil Aviation Authority	Civil Aviation Authority
Licence Holder (Chapter 1 Of Part 1 Of Transport Act 2000)	NATS En-Route Safeguarding
Universal Service Provider	Royal Mail Group
The relevant Environment Agency	The Environment Agency
The relevant water and sewage undertaker	Anglian Water
The relevant public gas transporter	Cadent Gas Limited
	Northern Gas Networks Limited
	Scotland Gas Networks Plc
	Southern Gas Networks Plc
	CNG Services Ltd
	Energy Assets Pipelines Limited
	ES Pipelines Ltd
	ESP Connections Ltd
	ESP Networks Ltd
	ESP Pipelines Ltd
	Fulcrum Pipelines Limited
	GTC Pipelines Limited
	Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited
	Independent Pipelines Limited
Indigo Pipelines Limited	
Inovyn Enterprises Ltd	

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation
	Last Mile Gas Ltd
	Leep Gas Networks Limited
	Mua Gas Limited
	Quadrant Pipelines Limited
	Stark Works
	National Gas
The relevant electricity distributor with CPO powers	Advanced Electricity Networks Ltd
	Aidien Ltd
	Aurora Utilities Ltd
	Eclipse Power Network Limited
	Energy Assets Networks Limited
	ESP Electricity Limited
	Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited
	Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru Ltd
	Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited
	Independent Distribution Connection Specialists Ltd
	Independent Power Networks Limited
	Indigo Power Limited
	Last Mile Electricity Ltd
	Leep Electricity Networks Limited
	Mua Electricity Limited
	Optimal Power Networks Limited
	Stark Infra-Electricity Ltd
	The Electricity Network Company Limited
	UK Power Distribution Limited
	Utility Assets Limited
Vattenfall Networks Limited	
UK Power Networks Limited	

## Appendix 5: Section 42 Consultee List

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Natural England	Natural England
The Forestry Commission	Forestry Commission – East and East Midlands
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England
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	Redenhall with Harleston Town Council
	Alburgh Parish Council
	Woodton Parish Council
	Shotesham Parish Council
	Brooke Parish Council
	Seething Parish Council
	Mundham Parish Council

Statutory Undertaker	Organisation
The relevant electricity transmitter with CPO Powers	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
	National Grid Electricity System Operation Limited

#### A.4 Local authorities as defined in Section 43(3) of the Planning Act 2008

Local authority
Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Norwich City Council
East Suffolk Council
Broadland District Council
South Norfolk Council
Breckland District Council
Mid Suffolk District Council
Broads Authority
Suffolk County Council
Cambridgeshire County Council
Norfolk County Council
Lincolnshire County Council

Schedule 1 description	Organisational body or bodies
	Bergh Apton Parish Council
	Tivetshall Parish Council
	Gissing Parish Council
	Great Moulton Parish Council
	Wacton Parish Council
	Pulham St Mary Parish Council
	Starston Parish Council
	Shelton and Hardwick Parish Council
	Long Stratton Town Council
	Morningthorpe (and Fritton) Parish Council
	Flordon Parish Council
	Saxlingham Nethergate Parish Council
	Newton Flotman Parish Council
	Stoke Holy Cross Parish Council
	Denton Parish Council
	Earsham Parish Council
	Topcroft Parish Council
	Ditchingham Parish Council
Poringland Parish Council	
Aplington with Yelverton Parish Council	
Swainsthorpe Parish Council	
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency
Civil Aviation Authority	Civil Aviation Authority
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	Scotland Gas Networks Plc
	Southern Gas Networks Plc
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	Green Generation Energy Networks Cymru Ltd
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Norfolk County Council
Lincolnshire County Council