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Tuesday 26 May 2026

Dear Mr Davies,

South Brooks Solar Farm: section 46 notification under Planning Act 2008

Overview

The Secretary of State is hereby notified in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Act”), of our¹ intention to submit a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed South Brooks Solar Farm (the “Proposed Development”). We intend to make this application in Q1 2027.

We have previously provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that the Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as defined by those regulations and as such, an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

The submission of the application will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the “APFP Regulations”), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The consultation will commence on Thursday 28 May 2026 and all feedback must be provided by the close of consultation at 11.59pm on Thursday 09 July 2026.

Summary of the Proposed Development

The Application is for the construction and operation (including maintenance and decommissioning) of South Brooks Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”) on the Dungeness Peninsula, nearest to the settlements of Lydd, Camber, New Romney, Old Romney and Greatstone (“the Site”) and located within the administrative

¹Blue Planet Limited (company No.12326987), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (referred to in this document as South Brooks).



boundaries of Folkestone and Hythe District Council, Rother District Council, Kent County Council and East Sussex County Council. The Proposed Development would cover an area of approximately 1208 hectares.

The proposed DCO would authorise:

- construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.
- other associated and ancillary works including up to two project substations, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect to the Project substation(s) to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as offices and welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the Site used for landscaping which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures, amenity improvements and fencing.
- the permanent compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- offsite highway works (if required).
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient for the purposes of the Proposed Development.

Consultation documents

Please find enclosed the information that is being sent to the section 42 consultees:

- A covering letter sent to consultees identified pursuant to section 42(1)(a) and section 42(1)(b), a cover letter sent to categories 1 and 2 consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d), and a cover letter sent to category 3 consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d), which includes a copy of the plan showing the site boundary of the Proposed Development.
- Notice of the proposed application which has been publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

The Applicant will publish consultation materials including documents (such as a consultation booklet), plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, a consultation questionnaire to gather feedback on the Proposed Development, Preliminary Environmental Information (including a non-technical summary) and Statement of Community Consultation. The consultation materials will be available free of charge online at <https://southbrookssolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/> and to view at deposit points in the local area from the start of the consultation period on 28 May 2026.

A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request. If, however, the Secretary of State requires the material in an alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition to these documents, there will be information on the project website, <https://southbrookssolarfarm.co.uk>. There will also be a series of public events held in the area around the Site to enable anyone to find out more about the Proposed Development and share their views, as well as online technical webinars on key topics held via Zoom. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@southbrookssolarfarm.co.uk or 0800 038 3486 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5:30pm).

Yours sincerely,



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