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Planning Inspectorate

National Infrastructure Planning

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4 November 2026

Dear Sir or Madam

Our ref: Castle Way Energy / EN0110037
Notification of proposed application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 – Castle Way Energy

BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd ("the Applicant") intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008, (as amended) ("the Act") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") in respect of the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station known as Castle Way Energy (the "Proposed Development"), on land west of Derby, Derbyshire.

The Applicant, BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd, is incorporated in England and Wales with company number 15467612 and registered office at Lamplighter Works – Third Floor, 49–51 Farringdon Road, London, EC1M 3JB. The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brockwell Energy Ltd.

The Proposed Development

The Proposed Development would comprise a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station capable of generating over 100MW Alternating Current (AC) of electricity with co-location Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The Proposed Development is located within the administrative boundaries of South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council.

The Proposed Development requires development consent under the Planning Act 2008 on the basis that the proposed generating station will constitute a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) under section 14(1)(a) and section 15 of the Planning Act 2008.

It may also require development consent on the basis that elements of proposed overhead electric line may themselves constitute an NSIP under section 14(1)(b) and section 16 of the Planning Act 2008, where it is 132 kV or above and at least 2 km in length. Any overhead lines and/or underground cables that do not themselves constitute an NSIP will instead be included within the DCO as associated development to the NSIP.

The Proposed Development therefore constitutes an NSIP for which development consent is required under section 31(1) of the Act.



The Proposed Development includes the following elements:

- Seven solar development sites (Sites 1a, 1b, 2-6) which will include ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays and inverters;
- A central substation, BESS and associated infrastructure, located in Site 3;
- Underground cables and/or overhead lines to connect the solar development sites, BESS and associated electrical infrastructure to one another, and to the National Grid at the Willington 400kV substation;
- Accesses and internal access tracks required for construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning;
- Temporary construction infrastructure, including construction compounds, laydown areas and staff welfare facilities;
- Fencing and security measures including closed-circuit television (CCTV);
- The intent to provide an area for environmental mitigation and an agrivoltaics research area to be delivered in partnership with an independent scientific research institute.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which EIA is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES). The Secretary of State adopted a Scoping Opinion for the Proposed Development on 28 July 2026.

Information describing the nature and location of the Proposed Development accompanies this notification and the environmental information currently available will be made available on the project website (www.castlewayenergy.co.uk) from 12 November 2026. The Applicant will continue to develop and refine the proposals through environmental assessment, technical design and engagement with key stakeholders.

The Applicant is publicising the Proposed Development under section 48 of the Act concurrently with this notification. A copy of the section 48 notice is enclosed for information. The notice provides further details of the consultation arrangements for the Proposed Development.

Section 46 Notification

This letter represents the Applicant's notification to the Secretary of State and others of the proposed application, pursuant to section 46 'Duty to notify Secretary of State and others of proposed application' of the Act.

Please acknowledge receipt of this notification. Correspondence concerning this notification should be addressed to the Castle Way Energy project team using the following email address: info@castlewayenergy.co.uk or by post to FREEPOST CASTLE WAY ENERGY.

Yours faithfully,



Head of NSIPs

For and on behalf of BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd

Enclosed:
1. Section 48 Notice
2. Plan identifying the proposed development area

SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
REGULATION 4
CASTLE WAY ENERGY
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd (company number 15467612) (the "Applicant"), whose registered office is at Lamplighter Works – Third Floor, 49–51 Farringdon Road, London, United Kingdom, EC1M 3JB, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") authorising Castle Way Energy (the "Proposed Development").

The Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brockwell Energy and was established to develop the Proposed Development.

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Consultation

Alongside publicising its proposed application under section 48 of the Planning Act 2008, the Applicant is consulting on the Proposed Development from **12 November** to **13 December 2026**. Responses must be received by **11:59pm** on **13 December 2026** to ensure that they are considered. Consultation documents, including plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development and an overview of the project and key environmental assessment topics will be available free of charge during the consultation period until at least 11:59pm on 13 December 2026 on the 'Our Proposals' section of the project website (www.castlewayenergy.co.uk) which is maintained on behalf of the Applicant. Physical copies of consultation documents may be requested by contacting the project team at info@castlewayenergy.co.uk. A reasonable charge may apply in respect of any documentation it is requested to provide in hard copy. You can contact the Applicant for enquiries in relation to the documents, plans and maps using the freephone voicemail line on 0800 699 0081. Please leave a message and a member of the project team will call you back (between Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays).

Public consultation events

Members of the public are invited to attend the following in-person consultation events to meet the project team, view the proposals and ask questions:

Date	Time	Location	Venue and address
Friday 20 November 2026	2pm – 5pm	Hilton	Hilton Village Hall Peacroft Lane Hilton DE65 5GH
Saturday 21 November 2026	5pm – 8pm	Hilton	Hilton Village Hall Peacroft Lane Hilton DE65 5GH

Five online consultation webinars will be held on different topics, times and dates, set out below:

Date	Time	Topic
Monday 30 November	6pm – 7pm	General Project Update
Tuesday 1 December	6pm – 7pm	Emissions (Noise, Air Quality and Climate), Socio-Economic Impacts and Health
Monday 7 December	6pm – 7pm	Transport, Access and Public Rights of Way

Monday 7 December	7pm – 8pm	Landscape, Heritage, Archaeology and Visual Impacts
Tuesday 8th December	6pm – 7pm	Natural Environment (Ecology, Ground Conditions, Agricultural Land, Water and Flood Risk)

Registration details are available at www.castlewayenergy.co.uk (from 12 November). If you have not been able to attend or your question was not able to be answered at either the in-person events or webinars, or you would be interested in a follow-up meeting to discuss your feedback, a meeting with the project manager may be available upon request (on a case-by-case basis and subject to availability) using the contact details below.

How to respond

Feedback may be submitted in any of the following ways:

- **Online:** complete the feedback form at www.castlewayenergy.co.uk;
- **Email:** info@castlewayenergy.co.uk;
- **Post:** FREEPOST CASTLE WAY ENERGY (no further address or stamp required)

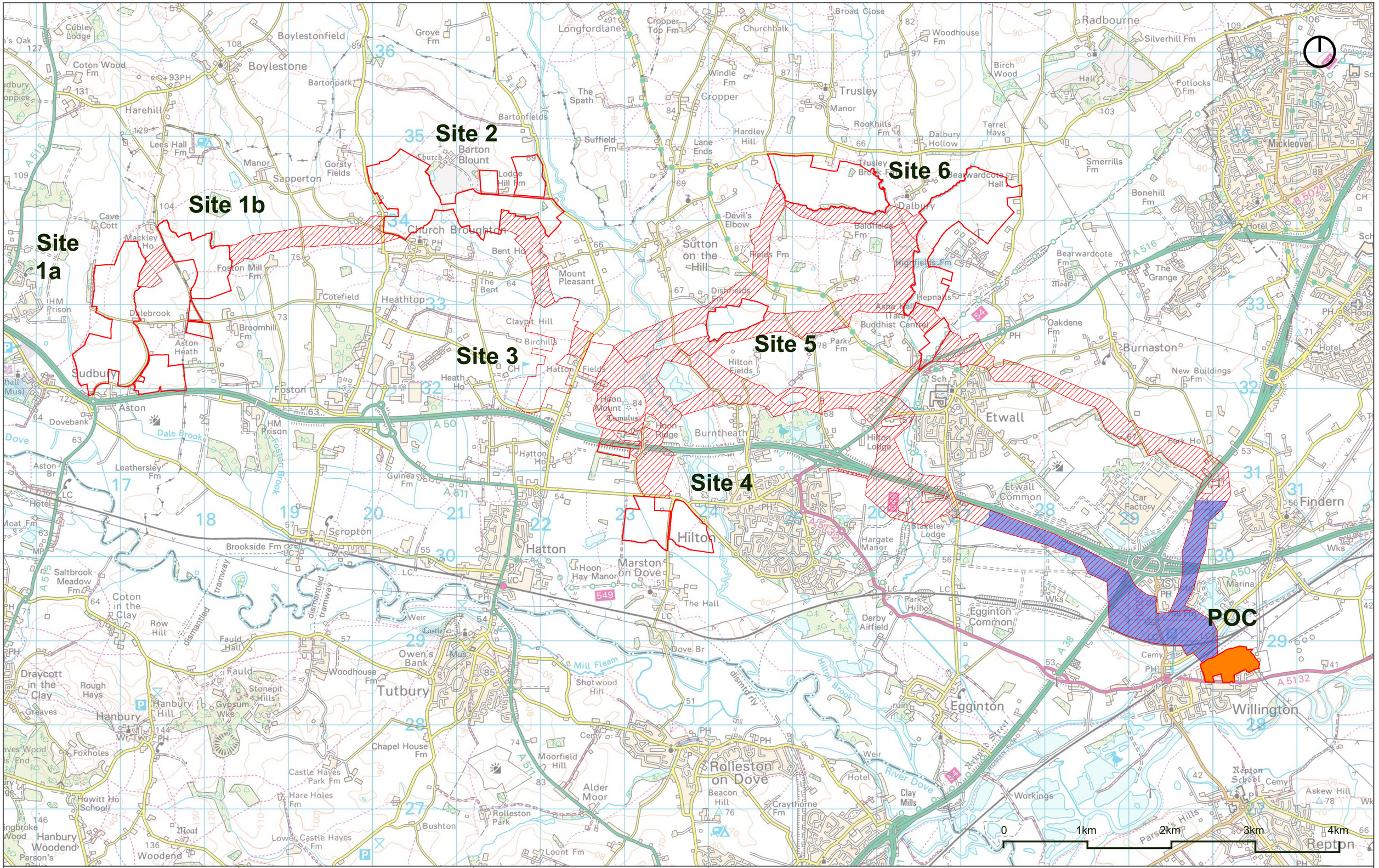
Responses should include the respondent's name and postcode. Responses may be made public as part of the DCO process, but personal information will be handled in accordance with GDPR requirements and the Applicant's privacy notice.

Contact the project team

For questions about the Proposed Development or the consultation documents, plans or maps, please see the project website (www.castlewayenergy.co.uk) or contact the project team:

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BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd
5 November 2026



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Legend

- Draft Order Limits
- Land within draft order limits being considered for point of connection
- Cable Corridor considered for OHL
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