

One Earth Solar Farm Limited

Section 48 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Notice is hereby given that One Earth Solar Farm Ltd (13078087) of Unit 2 Crossways Bicester Road, Kingswood, Aylesbury, England, HP18 0RA (the 'Applicant') proposes to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') for a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). The Applicant intends to make the application in Q1 2025.

Overview of One Earth Solar Farm

One Earth Solar Farm would comprise the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic ('PV') array electricity generating facility and battery energy storage system with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and import/export connection to the National Electricity Transmission System ('the Project').

The Project would be located on approximately 1,500 hectares of land within the administrative boundaries of Newark and Sherwood District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, West Lindsey District Council, Lincolnshire County Council, and Nottinghamshire County Council (the 'Proposed Site').

Development Consent Order (DCO)

As the Project would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical capacity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Act. Accordingly, the Applicant must apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Act.

The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, inverters, transformers, substations, a Battery Energy Storage System, along with underground cables to connect to the High Marnham substation
- 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 Project. There would also be parts of the Proposed Site used for landscaping which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures, amenity improvements and fencing.
- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Project.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
- powers to undertake highway improvement works in order to facilitate the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') has been produced and is included as part of the consultation materials. The PEIR sets out the preliminary environmental information on the Project. The Applicant is carrying out an EIA and will submit an Environmental Statement as part of its DCO application.

Statutory Pre-application Consultation

The Applicant is commencing consultation on the Project from **29 May 2024 to 9 July 2024**. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain views on the Project ahead of submission of the DCO application.

The Applicant has produced a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in accordance with section 47 of the Act which explains how the Applicant will consult with the local community about the Project. The SoCC can be viewed free of charge at <https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/> , or at the community access locations set out below from 13 May 2024. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the SoCC.

Consultation Materials

We have developed a variety of materials to provide more information about the Project, including:

- a consultation booklet showing the nature and location of the Project.
- A consultation questionnaire to gather feedback on the Project.
- the PEIR.
- a SoCC which was developed in accordance with section 47 of the Act and explains how we will consult with the community.

The consultation materials will be available in several formats and locations from 29 May 2024 to 9 July 2024. All consultation materials will be available to download online free of charge at <https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/> or free of charge on a USB on request using the details in this notice. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire are available free of charge upon request using the details in this notice. Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and a fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient.

Printed copies of consultation materials, including the SoCC, will be available to view at the following community access locations during the consultation period (please check opening times before travelling):

Community Access Locations

| Locations | Opening Hours |
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| South Clifton Sports Pavilion, South Clifton, Newark NG23 7AH | After 5:30pm on Fridays |
| The Courtyard Tea Room, Collingham Rd, Newton on Trent, Lincoln LN1 2LL | 9am - 3pm Tuesdays - Fridays |
| Saxilby Library, St Andrews Centre, William St, Saxilby LN1 2LP | 10:30am - 4pm Tuesdays, 10:30am - 1pm Wednesdays- Fridays |
| St Helen's Church, Main Street, Thorney, Newark, NG23 7EU | 11am – 4pm Sundays |
| Bassetlaw District Council, 17B The Square, Retford, Notts, DN22 6DB | 9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays |
| Bassetlaw District Council, Queens Buildings, Potter St, Worksop S80 2AH | 9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays |
| Newark and Sherwood District Council, Castle House, Great North Rd, Newark NG24 1BY | 9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays |
| West Lindsey District Council, Guildhall Marshall's Yard, Marshalls Yard, 13b Beaumont St, Gainsborough DN21 2NA | 9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays |

Information Events

In addition, the Applicant is hosting a number of public events at the following dates and locations to enable individuals to learn more about the Project and share their feedback.

| Date | Location |
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| Friday, 7 June 2024 4 - 8 pm | Dunham on Trent Village Hall, Dunham NG22 0FJ |
| Saturday, 8 June 2024 12 - 4 pm | St Peters Church Newton on Trent, Lincoln LN1 2JS |
| Wednesday, 12 June 2024 2 - 6 pm | South Clifton Coronation Hall South Clifton, NG23 7AN |
| Thursday, 13 June 2024 12 - 4 pm | Normanton Village Hall Normanton on Trent |
| Tuesday, 18 June 2024 6 - 7 pm | Webinar – Please visit our website to register: oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk |
| Saturday, 29 June 2024 12 - 4 pm | South Clifton Coronation Hall South Clifton, NG23 7AN |
| Wednesday, 3 July 2024 6 – 7 pm | Webinar – Please visit our website to register: oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk |

Providing Feedback

Any person may comment on the Project or otherwise respond to this publicity by 11:59pm on 9 July 2024 through any of the following methods:

- Complete a questionnaire online at the project website: oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk
- Complete a paper questionnaire and return it to the Freepost address:
One Earth Solar Farm
Freepost SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL (no stamp is required)
- Send written comments by post to the Freepost address above, or by email to info@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk

Next Steps

The Applicant will consider and have due regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the application for a DCO. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the application can be accepted for Examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

Communications Lines

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Project, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- Call Freephone: 0800 169 6507
- Email: info@oneearth solar farm.co.uk
- Write to: One Earth Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local (no stamp is needed)