#### One Earth Solar Farm Limited

Section 47(6) Planning Act 2008 Notice of Publication of Statement of Community Consultation

Notice is hereby given that One Earth Solar Farm Ltd (13078087) of Unit 2 Crossways Bicester Road, Kingswood, Aylesbury, England, HP18 0RA (the 'Applicant') has produced a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act'). The SoCC has been prepared in respect of a proposed application under section 37 of the Act to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order ('DCO').

#### **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 'EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) development' for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations'). The Applicant has therefore produced a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') which contains preliminary information about the likely significant environmental effects of the Project, together with a non-technical summary of this information. Further environmental studies and assessments are being undertaken, and a full Environmental Statement will be produced and submitted with the proposed application.

## **Community Consultation**

The Applicant will commence pre-application 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 and stakeholders about the Project and the PEIR. The SoCC can be viewed free of charge at <a href="https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/">https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/</a>, or at the community access locations set out below from 15 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 <a href="https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/">https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/</a> 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
South Clifton Sports Pavilion,	After 5:30pm on Fridays
South Clifton, Newark NG23 7AH	
The Courtyard Tea Room, Collingham Rd,	9am - 3pm Tuesdays - Fridays
Newton on Trent, Lincoln LN1 2LL	
Saxilby Library, St Andrews Centre,	10:30am - 4pm Tuesdays,
William St, Saxilby LN1 2LP	10:30am - 1pm Wednesdays- Fridays
St Helen's Church, Main Street,	11am – 4pm Sundays
Thorney, Newark, NG23 7EU	
Bassetlaw District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
17B The Square,	
Retford, Notts, DN22 6DB	
Bassetlaw District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
Queens Buildings, Potter St,	
Worksop S80 2AH	
Newark and Sherwood District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
Castle House, Great North Rd,	
Newark NG24 1BY	
West Lindsey District Council,	9am – 5pm Mondays-Fridays
Guildhall Marshall's Yard, Marshalls Yard,	
13b Beaumont St,	
Gainsborough DN21 2NA	

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

## **Providing Feedback**

Any person may comment on the Project or otherwise respond to this publicity during the period 29 May to 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

#### **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@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk
- Write to: One Earth Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local (no stamp is needed)