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Dear Kay

<u>Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amend) – Regulation 8(1)(b)</u>

Notification of Proposed Application by INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Little Crow Solar Park

Notification of Applicant's intention to provide an Environmental Statement for the Proposed Application

On behalf of INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd ["the Applicant"], I hereby give formal notification that the applicant intends to submit an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for a renewables led energy scheme under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The DCO, if made, would authorise the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a renewable led energy scheme. The main elements of the development will be the installation of a ground mounted solar park with a maximum design capacity of 150MWp (megawatts peak) and up to 90MW of battery storage covering an area of approximately 226 hectares. There will also be electrical connection infrastructure and the point of connection into the local electricity grid is directly to the 132KV electricity overhead pylon which already runs through the development site.

In addition, please treat this letter as formal notification that the applicant intends to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the proposed development.

The applicant intends to carry out the formal consultation with the community, local authority, affected persons and prescribed bodies from Monday 3rd December 2018 to Monday 4th March 2019. The Council's acceptance over the SoCC is enclosed for your records.

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Section 42 of PA2008 requires prospective applicants to consult with persons specified in the Act and in regulations made pursuant to the Act. INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will commence consultation pursuant to Section 42 from 3 December 2018. Letters will shortly be issued to all persons to be consulted under Section 42 and these will be accompanied by a USB stick containing the consultation documents: -

- (I) Preliminary environmental Information Report Non-Technical Summary
- (II) Preliminary Environmental Information Report Volume 1 Main Statement
- (III) Preliminary Environmental Information Volume 2 technical appendices.
- (IV) Site Location Plan
- (V) Proposed Layout
- (VI) Statement of Community Consultation

An USB of the above is also enclosed to this letter.

Volume 2 contains an early working draft of the Development Consent Order to demonstrate the structure the order is likely to follow and to provide an indication of the powers to be sought and works they will permit. Requirements will be added following discussions with interested parties.

Section 44 parties will receive letters enclosed with the Site Location Plan. The letters will provide an overview of the development together with details where electronic and paper copies of the documents can be viewed.

The publication dates for the notice pursuant to Section 48 of the PA2008 are set out below: -

- Scunthorpe Telegraph 29 November 2018
- The London Gazette 3 December 2018
- The Times 3 December 2018

Following your consideration of this letter we look forward to receiving the Planning Inspectorate's formal acknowledgement with regards to Section 46 notification and Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding the Section 44 or Section 42 consultation then please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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