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# Appendix F-1: Letters sent to consultees under s42(1)(a), (b) and (d)

## F-1.1 s42.1 (a) and (b) letter



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28 May 2021

Dear Consultee,

**Longfield Solar Farm Development Consent Order**  
**Statutory pre-application consultation: 1 June 2021 to 13 July 2021**  
**Section 42 Planning Act 2008 (as amended): Duty to consult on a proposed application**  
**The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("APFP Regulations")**  
**The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations")**

This letter has been sent to you as part of a statutory consultation exercise carried out pursuant to section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the "Act"). Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is consulting you in your capacity as a prescribed consultee under section 42(1)(a) of the Act and Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations and / or as a Local Authority statutory consultee under section 42(1)(b) and section 43 of the Act.

The statutory consultation will run from 1 June 2021 to 13 July 2021. Following this statutory consultation period, the intention is for Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd to finalise the Scheme having had regard to the consultation responses received. It would then submit to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") that would authorise the construction, operation (which includes maintenance) and decommissioning of the Scheme. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) will administer the process on behalf of the Secretary of State.

**Why we are writing to you**

Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is seeking development consent for the Scheme under the Act. The Act requires Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd to make an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a DCO, which, as outlined above, would authorise Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd to construct, operate and decommission the proposed Scheme. Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd intends to make this application in Autumn 2021.

As of 1 June 2021, Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd will commence a statutory pre-application consultation about the Scheme, until 13 July 2021. Under section 42(1)(a) of the Act, Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is required to consult with the prescribed list of bodies set out in Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations and with the host and neighbouring Local Authorities pursuant to section 42(1)(b) and section 43 of the Act. Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is writing to you as you fall within one of these categories.

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The proposed Scheme is an "EIA development" for the purposes of the EIA Regulations. Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd has therefore produced a Preliminary Environmental Information ("PEI") Report which contains preliminary information about the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Scheme, 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.

### **The Scheme**

The Longfield Solar Farm will comprise the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array electricity generating facility and energy storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the National Grid ("The Scheme"). The Scheme would be located on farmland north east of Chelmsford, and north of the A12 between Boreham and Hatfield Peverel, covering an area of approximately 459 hectares (ha) ("the DCO Site"). Of the DCO site, around 60% is likely to be used for the location of the PV Arrays, with other areas being used for the BESS, substations and underground cabling, access tracks, some ancillary buildings, as well as areas of landscaping.

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of ground mounted PV Arrays, Solar Stations and a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), along with various underground Distribution Cables;
- associated and/or ancillary works including a new substation, known as the Longfield Substation which will be connected to the PV Arrays and BESS via underground Distribution Cables. The Longfield Substation will then link into the existing Bulls Lodge Substation, operated by National Grid. The Scheme includes an extension to the existing Bulls Lodge Substation. Other works will include primary and secondary access tracks, and ancillary buildings such as offices. There will also be parts of the DCO Site used for landscape works which will include features such as biodiversity improvement measures 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 Longfield Solar Farm; and,
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Scheme qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") and will require a DCO from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, due to its generating capacity exceeding 50 MW.

### **Consultation materials**

We enclose with this letter a copy of the consultation booklet, which provides more information about the Scheme and includes a plan showing the proposed red-line boundary of the Scheme and a copy of the consultation questionnaire, which may be used to provide responses on the Scheme. In accordance with regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, we also enclose a notice of

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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.

These documents, alongside the PEI Report and its non-technical summary are available using the following link: <https://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads/>. We are providing this information in an electronic form to minimise the provision of paper or electronic documentation which has to be physically handled during the COVID 19 pandemic.

You can also find out more about our proposals by:

- Viewing a virtual exhibition on our website. The virtual exhibition will be accessible at <https://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/public-consultation/> between 1 June 2021 and 13 July 2021
- Viewing a series of webinars we will give about our proposals online. These will include presentations on specific topics and offer the opportunity to ask questions. The dates of the webinars and details of how to register will be made available during the consultation period at: <https://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/public-consultation/>
- Contacting us directly to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposals using the details in this letter.

If, however, you require this information in an alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details in this letter.

Subject to any restrictions relating to the COVID 19 pandemic, we are intending to make copies of the consultation materials available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at locations in the vicinity of the Scheme, listed below. Please visit [www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/public-consultation](https://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/public-consultation/) to check the most up to date information on all locations and the arrangements in place for inspecting the documents. Alternatively, you can contact us using the details below.

Location
Hatfield Peverel Library, The St, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford CM3 2DP
Witham Library, 18 Newland St, Witham CM8 2AQ
Chelmsford Library, Chelmsford County Hall, Market Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1QH

Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found at [www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/public-consultation](https://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/public-consultation).

#### Responding to the consultation

Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is now consulting on the proposed application and the PEI Report and would be grateful for your comments. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed application must (i) be received by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd on or before 2359 hours on 13 July 2021, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or

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representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. You may use the questionnaire to provide any response or submit your own form of response (provided it is in writing).

Any responses to this consultation or other representations in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- **By post:** Longfield Solar Farm Consultation, FREEPOST reference RTRB-LUUJ-AGBY, c/o SEC Newgate UK, Sky Light City Tower, 50 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5DE
- **Online:** [www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk)
- **By email:** [info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk)

**Consultation commences on 1 June 2021. All responses must be received by 2359 hours on 13 July 2021.**

Any comments received will be analysed and had regard to by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd and its agents in accordance with the data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent application for the Order and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Responses will also 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 also be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

Should you have any queries in relation to the consultation materials or to discuss our proposals further, please do not hesitate to contact us on [info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk) or by calling 08081687925.

Yours faithfully,



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Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is consulting on its proposals for the proposed Longfield Solar Farm (the "Scheme") between 1 June 2021 and 13 July 2021. This letter explains how to take part in the public consultation and invites you to share your views on our proposals. The Scheme would be located on farmland north east of Chelmsford, and north of the A12 between Boreham and Hatfield Peverel.

### **Why we are writing to you**

This letter is sent to you as part of a statutory consultation exercise on the Scheme carried out pursuant to section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the "Act"). Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd is consulting with you as, having carried out diligent inquiry, Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd considers that you may be a person who is either (1) an owner, lessee, tenant, or occupier of land within the Scheme's boundary; (2) a person who holds an interest in the land or has the power to sell or convey the land or release the land within the Scheme's boundary; or (3) might be entitled to make a relevant claim if the Order were to be made and implemented.

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The Scheme qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") and will require a DCO from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, due to its generating capacity exceeding 50 MW.

The proposed Scheme is also an "EIA development" for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd has therefore produced a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEI") Report which contains preliminary information about the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Scheme, 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.

#### **Find out more about the Scheme**

We enclose with this letter a copy of a consultation booklet, which provides more information about the Scheme and includes a plan showing the proposed red-line boundary of the Scheme, and a copy of a consultation questionnaire, which may be used to provide responses on the Scheme.

In addition, as part of our statutory consultation, we are consulting on the PEI Report, which includes a non-technical summary, both of which can be accessed from the start of the consultation period at the following link (alongside the documents mentioned above):

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- Booking an appointment to talk to us individually about the proposals by Freephone using the contact details below. This will offer the opportunity to speak with members of our technical team if you have questions about specific aspects of our proposals.
- Contacting us directly using the details below.

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Paper copies of the consultation booklet, response form and SoCC will be supplied free of charge. A USB of the consultation materials will be supplied free of charge. A charge of £0.35 per page will be applied for a paper copy of the PEI Report, including its Non-Technical Summary and Appendices.

#### Share your views

You can provide your views on these issues through the enclosed questionnaire or directly to us in writing.

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Any response or representation in respect of the Scheme must (i) be received by the applicant on or before 23.59 hours on 13 July 2021, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

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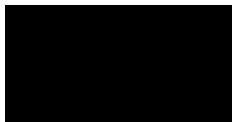
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