



Oaklands Farm Solar Park

Consultation Report

Appendix 11.19 - Statutory Consultation Correspondence with Hard-to-Reach Stakeholders

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1. Letter to hard to reach stakeholders regarding launch of statutory consultation



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Via email

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Dear Stakeholder,

Oaklands Farm Solar Limited

Statutory Consultation – Please respond by Monday 6 June 2022

Further to my previous correspondence on the Oaklands Farm Solar Park proposals, this letter is being sent to you to notify you of the beginning of the statutory consultation exercise being carried out between the 21st April 2022 and 6th June 2022.

As noted in my previous update, Oaklands Farm Solar Limited (“the Applicant”) intends to develop a large-scale solar plus energy storage facility, known as Oaklands Farm Solar Park (“the project”). Oaklands Farm Solar Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of BayWa r.e. UK Ltd.

The facility will be located on land west of the village of Rosliston, and east of Walton on Trent. The proposals comprise a solar farm plus energy storage covering approximately 540 acres, to be connected to the national electricity network at the Drakelow National Grid substation.

As the expected generating capacity of the project at this stage is circa 165 megawatts of solar power and circa 40 megawatts of energy storage capacity, the project is a nationally significant infrastructure project as defined by Section 15(3) of the 2008 Act. The Applicant is required to make an application to the Secretary of State for Development Consent Order (“DCO”). If the DCO application is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will then process and examine the application and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The final decision on the DCO application will be made by the Secretary of State.

The DCO application will contain full details of the project and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Consultation on Oaklands Farm Solar Park

The project is currently at the pre-application phase of the DCO application process. Your feedback as part of this consultation will be considered before the Applicant finalises its DCO application and will also be reported to the Planning Inspectorate when the application is submitted.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities and any persons with an interest in the land affected by Oaklands Farm Solar Park (under section 42 of the 2008 Act); and
- Publicity of the proposed application and consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Oaklands Farm Solar Park (under sections 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act). This consultation will run from **Thursday 21st April 2022 to Monday 6th June 2022.**

Section 48 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to publicise its proposed application for a DCO. The section 48 notice publicising the proposed application for a DCO will be publicised in local and national press, and a copy is enclosed with this letter.

Consultation materials

The Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), which has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate and which reports the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of Oaklands Farm Solar Park and to help inform consultation responses. Further details of the proposed project are provided in Chapter 4 Project Description of the PEIR. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process and the design of Oaklands Farm Solar Park will continue to evolve during the pre-application stage.

From 21st April 2022, copies of the following documents will be available free of charge online at <https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm#project-description>:

1. The PEIR;
2. A non-technical summary ("NTS") of the PEIR;
3. Plans showing the location of Oaklands Farm Solar Park;
4. Community Consultation Leaflet;
5. Feedback Form; and
6. Additional documents including a Consultation Summary Document and the Statement of Community Consultation.

A USB device containing the PEIR, NTS and plans showing the location of Oaklands Farm Solar Park is available on request free of charge, or hard copies can be provided upon request (some of which are subject to a subsidised payment). Details of how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the enclosed notice.

How to respond to this consultation

The Consultation Summary Document and other consultation materials (available from 21st April 2022 on the project website (www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm#project-description)), explain



the specific topics on which the Applicant is seeking feedback. Consultees are not however restricted to commenting on these issues, and the Applicant welcomes feedback on any aspect of the proposals for Oaklands Farm Solar Park. Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on Monday 6th June 2022. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in the proposed project. Responses must be submitted:

(a) By completing a feedback form - available online via the project website (<https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm>). Hard copies can also be provided upon request, using the details below.

(b) By emailing: info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk

(c) In writing to: FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)

Further information

If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or Oaklands Farm Solar Park, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

Email: info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk

Post: FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)

Phone: 0800 699 0081

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Ashley McInnes

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BayWa r.e. UK Limited, on behalf of Oaklands Farm Solar Limited

2. Cover email accompanying letter to hard to reach stakeholders regarding launch of statutory consultation



Further to my previous correspondence on 7th April, please find attached a letter and additional information regarding the statutory consultation for Oaklands Farm Solar Park, South Derbyshire. The consultation period begins today (21st April 2022) and runs until 6th June 2022.

All information – including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (and appendices) - is available to view via the project website (click the Documents Download tab on the right hand side) : <https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm>

A [virtual consultation exhibition](#) is available to access, and public consultation events will take place at the following times and locations:

Walton-on-Trent Village Hall

34 Main St, Walton-on-Trent,
Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ
Friday 6th May 2022
1pm to 7pm

Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall

Main Street, Rosliston, Swadlincote,
Derbyshire, DE12 8JW
Saturday 7th May 2022
12noon to 4pm

Feedback can be made online [here](#), by returning hard copies of the feedback form (available at events or [downloaded](#) from the website).

Please feel free to share this information on your social media channels.

We would be pleased to provide you with a direct briefing on these proposals, or to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact the project team to arrange this, or for further information via info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk.

Kind regards

Will Morgan

(on behalf of Oaklands Farm Solar Ltd. And BayWa r.e.)