



# Oaklands Farm Solar Park

## Consultation Report

Appendix 12.1 - Section 48 Notice

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## SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008

### REGULATION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

#### CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A SOLAR FARM AND STORAGE FACILITY AT OAKLANDS FARM AND PARK FARM, SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

##### NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that Oaklands Farm Solar Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of BayWa r.e. UK Ltd, (the "Applicant") of 22 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1LS, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for the construction, operation and maintenance of a solar farm and energy storage (the "Project").

The Project relates to the construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating and storage facility at Oaklands Farm and Park Farm, situated on land between Walton-on-Trent, and Rosliston, South Derbyshire. The Project will connect to the National Grid at the National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) substation located to the north of the site on the site of the former Drakelow Power Station.

The Project will cover an area of approximately 540 acres.

The DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- Solar Photovoltaic (PV) modules and mounting structures;
- Solar Inverter Units;
- Transformer Units for Solar Output;
- Energy storage facilities;
- Electrical Cabling and Connection to the Grid:
  - Low Voltage and Medium Voltage (up to 33kV) underground cabling to collect the output from solar panels and energy storage and distribute it to the main 132kV Proposed Development principal substation located in the north of the Oaklands Farm area,
  - 132kV grid cabling connecting the Proposed Development principal substation to the National Grid at Drakelow, consisting of new overhead and underground cabling installed by Applicant,
  - 132kV Proposed Development principal substation compound installed by Applicant and located in the north of the Oaklands area,
- Fencing, CCTV and other security measures;
- Access tracks and watercourse crossings where necessary;
- Construction compounds, storage and welfare units

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works involved constitute development for which an EIA is required and the application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES).

The consultation on the Project will take place from 21 April 2022 to 6 June 2022. The consultation documents, plans and maps detailing our consultation process and showing the nature and location of the Project, including the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), non-technical summary and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) can be accessed free of charge from 21 April 2022 to 6 June 2022 from the Applicant's website: <https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm#oaklands-documents-download>.

USB drives containing copies of these documents will also be made available to the public free of charge between 21 April 2022 and 6 June 2022 at the following locations and public exhibitions:

<b>Deposit Locations</b>	<b>Opening Times*</b>
<b>Swadlincote Library and Information Centre</b> Swadlincote Library Civic Way Swadlincote Derbyshire DE11 0AD Email: <a href="mailto:swadlincote.library@derbyshire.gov.uk">swadlincote.library@derbyshire.gov.uk</a>	Monday: 9.30am - 5pm Tuesday: 9.30am - 5pm Wednesday: 9.30am - 5pm Thursday: 9.30am - 7pm Friday: 9.30am - 5pm Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm Sunday: Closed
<b>Barton Under Needwood Community Library</b> Barton Under Needwood Library Dunstall Road Barton-under-Needwood Staffordshire, DE13 8AX Email: <a href="mailto:barton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk">barton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk</a>	Monday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm Thursday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm Friday: 10am - 2pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm Sunday: Closed
<b>Burton Library</b> Burton Library Riverside, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE14 1AH Email: <a href="mailto:burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk">burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk</a>	Monday: 9am - 6pm Tuesday: 9am - 5pm Wednesday: 9am - 5pm Thursday: 9am - 7pm Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Sunday: Closed

*\*The opening times of these organisations are dependent on and are governed by them and may be subject to change. Covid restrictions may apply.*

<b>Public Exhibitions</b>	
<b>Walton-on-Trent Village Hall</b> 34 Main St, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>1pm to 7pm</b>
<b>Rosliston &amp; Cauldwell Village Hall</b> Main Street, Rosliston, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 8JW	<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b> <b>12noon to 4pm</b>

A full set of consultation documents can also be provided free of charge on a USB drive on request to the Applicant. To request a USB drive please contact the Applicant using the email address, postal address or telephone number provided at the bottom of this notice.

The documents can be made available in hard copy format on request, subject to a fee.

Any person may comment on the Project or otherwise respond to this notice. Any responses to, or other representation in respect of, the Project should be sent to the Applicant by email to [info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywatre.co.uk](mailto:info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywatre.co.uk) or by post to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required).

Responses and representations must be received no later than **11.59pm on Monday 6 June 2022**.

Any response or representation in respect of the Project must (i) be made in writing, (ii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iii) state the nature of the interest in the Project (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses before submitting its application for a DCO. Responses and representations 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 it should be borne in mind that the contents of any response or representation may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you have any questions about this notice, the consultation, the consultation documents or the Project please contact the project team using the email or postal addresses listed above or by calling [REDACTED]