



Oaklands Farm Solar Park

Consultation Report

Appendix 8.2 - Project Launch Letter to Stakeholders 20 August 2021

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RE: Scoping Request for Oaklands Solar Farm, South Derbyshire

Oaklands Farm Solar Limited is in the early development stages of a large-scale solar project, known as Oaklands Solar Farm, in South Derbyshire, on land west of the village of Rosliston, and east of Walton on Trent. Oaklands Farm Solar Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of BayWa r.e. UK Ltd (BayWa).

BayWa is a global developer of large-scale renewable energy projects. The company has delivered 625 solar projects worldwide totalling approximately 1900MW, including 31 solar projects in the UK totalling approximately 536MW. The Applicant has previously developed Vine Farm, a 46MW solar park in Cambridge, as well as Bann Road, a 45MW solar park in Northern Ireland.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request is being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate this week in relation to the project. This Scoping Request seeks to ascertain the parameters within which we will undertake environmental and technical assessments and surveys as we develop our proposals. It is generally the first point in the planning process, which will proceed this year prior to an application to the Planning Inspectorate in 2022.

Ahead of this, I wanted to write to introduce myself, explain a little of the background to the project, and ask whether you would be interested in a face to face or virtual meeting to discuss the proposals in further detail.

Project Description

The proposals comprise a solar park covering two separate parcels of land, connected by an overhead cable. The generating capacity of the project at this stage is expected to be in the region of 160 MW.

The indicative site is shown on the enclosed plan. The project will connect to the national grid via an overhead cable to the existing National Grid Drakelow Substation located to the north of the site.

The solar farm will comprise of rows of solar panels mounted on metal frames (tables) secured into the ground via simple piled metal stanchions approximately 2.5m – 3m high. The layout will be designed to protect existing public footpaths and landscaping measures will include enhancing and improving the network of hedgerows around and within the site and screening the site from external views.



The Planning Process

Due to the nature of the proposed Project, an application to the Planning Inspectorate will be submitted under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) regime (Planning Act 2008) in late 2022.

Following submission the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will make the decision on whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

Further information about the process can be found here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

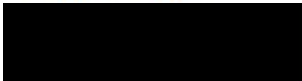
The Consultation Process

BayWa is committed to effective public engagement and will be taking a pro-active role in undertaking pre-application consultation on the proposed project. We will be undertaking both informal and formal consultation over the course of the pre-application period across this year and early 2022. We are required to report on all consultation undertaken and the feedback received as part of the NSIP planning application process.

At this early stage, we'd be pleased to arrange a meeting with you (either remotely via Teams/Zoom, or in person depending on your preference) to discuss the initial proposals and explain the process in a little more detail. If this is something you would like to arrange, please contact Will Morgan via info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk to arrange a convenient time.¹

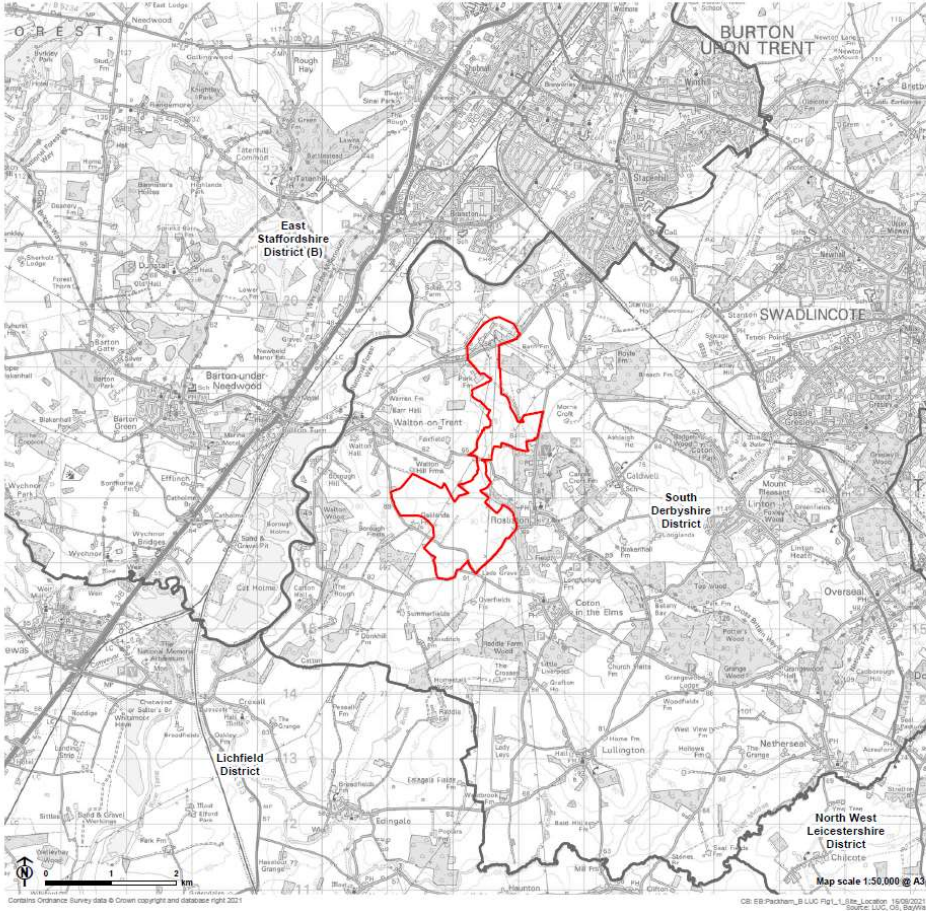
Further information is available on the project website <https://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm>, should you have any further initial queries at this stage.

Yours sincerely



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¹ The consultation process is being managed by Thirty4/7 Communication Ltd. BayWa r.e and Thirty4/7 Communications will only share your personal data within the project team, and in certain circumstances, specific project consultants for planning evaluation purposes only. Your identifiable, personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent and will be stored in line with the GDPR. Please let us know your communication preferences or ask us any questions about how we treat your data.



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Figure 1.1: Site Location

Site boundary
 Local authority boundary

