

The Secretary of State  
c/o The Planning Inspectorate  
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**For the attention of Bart Bartkowiak , Infrastructure Planning Lead**

Monday 27th June 2022

**Your Reference EN010123**

Dear Bart,

**Heckington Fen Solar Park**

**Notice to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008**

We are writing to provide notification under section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act"), that Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("Ecotricity" / the "Applicant") of Lion House, Rowcroft, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3BY intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the "SoS") under section 37 of the Act for development consent to provide a solar park and energy storage facility which will be situated north of the A17 between Sleaford and Boston, near Heckington. The project name is the Heckington Fen Solar Park (hereinafter referred to as the "Project").

The proposed project comprises the construction, operation and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility exceeding 50 megawatt (MW) output capacity, together with associated energy storage. The installed capacity of the solar generation is expected to be in the order of 500MW. The connecting cable route extends approximately 7-8km in length and crosses the A17, the South Forty Foot Drain, and the railway line amongst other things, before connecting to Bicker Fen Substation via a new extension.

Consultation on the application for development consent for the Project will commence under section 42 of the Act on Thursday 30 June 2022. This consultation will close on Thursday 1 September 2022. In accordance with section 45(2) of the Act the deadline date for the receipt of comments is not less than a period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents.

The Applicant has also taken the decision to consult with a number of 'non-prescribed' consultees who may be interested in the proposed development over the same period.

In accordance with Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the "EIA Regulations") a copy of the section 48 notice will be sent to the consultation bodies (as defined in the EIA Regulations).

Please find enclosed a USB drive which contains the information being supplied to consultees as part of this consultation. This information has been supplied via the project website [REDACTED]

In accordance with section 46(1) of the Act, this includes:

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR);
- Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR;
- The Consultation Booklet;
- The Statement of Community Consultation;
- Copy of the notice published in accordance with section 48 of the Act (a hard copy of which is enclosed with this notice). This notice includes details of public consultation events and locations where the consultation material can be inspected free of charge;
- Statutory consultation feedback questionnaire.

Consultation materials will be available at a series of public consultation events, at public information points and online at [https://\[REDACTED\]](https://[REDACTED])

Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found on the website and in the enclosed Section 48 Notice.

If you have any queries or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us by email ([heckingtonfensolar@ecotricity.co.uk](mailto:heckingtonfensolar@ecotricity.co.uk)) or by phone (0800 151 0784). Please acknowledge that this notice has been received as a record of compliance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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