

# Heckington Fen Solar Park

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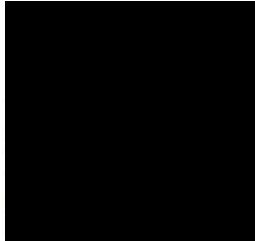
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## 14.1 Section 46 notification letter



For the attention of [REDACTED] Infrastructure Planning Lead

Monday 27th June 2022

Your Reference EN010123

Dear [REDACTED],

**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).

Lion House, Rowcroft, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 3BY  
tel: [REDACTED] fax: 01453 756 222 | info@ecotricity.co.uk | ecotricity.co.uk  
Ecotricity Limited - Registered in England and Wales: 3043412

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 <https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/our-green-energy/heckington-fen-solar-park>.

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

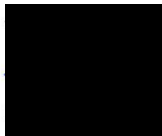
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR);
- Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR;
- The Consultation Booklet;
- The Statement of Community Consultation;
- Copy of the notice published in accordance with section 48 of the Act (a hard copy of which is enclosed with this notice). This notice includes 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://www.ecotricity.co.uk/our-green-energy/heckington-fen-solar-park>.

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.



Project Manager, Heckington Fen Solar Park

Ecotricity

T: 0800 151 0784  
E: [heckingtonfensolar@ecotricity.co.uk](mailto:heckingtonfensolar@ecotricity.co.uk)



## 14.2 Acknowledgement of receipt

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Sent: 28 June 2022 12:28  
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com>  
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com>; Heckington Fen Solar <HeckingtonFenSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Solar Park (EN010123) - S46 letter and associated consultation documents

Hi [REDACTED]

WeTransfer worked fine, I downloaded all the files successfully, we will acknowledge officially in due course.

USB sticks acceptance is a guidance across the National Infrastructure department. Employees are mainly home based and the functionality to read the sticks on our devices have been disabled.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com>  
Sent: 28 June 2022 12:03  
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com>  
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Solar Park (EN010123) - S46 letter and associated consultation documents

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email. I have just sent a WeTransfer link to the files to the project mailbox (as they are quite large). Is that acceptable?

Re not accepting USB sticks anymore, is this just relevant to Heckington Fen Solar Park or widespread guidance? This knowledge would help us ensure the applications that we deal with are fully compliant, making everyone's lives easier.

Kind regards,

[OBJ]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[M:](#) [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Sent: 28 June 2022 10:12  
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com>  
Cc: Heckington Fen Solar <HeckingtonFenSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Subject: RE: Heckington Fen Solar Park (EN010123) - S46 letter and associated consultation documents

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message.

We don't tend to accept the USB sticks anymore due to security reasons. Can you please send the files via email to the project mailbox, copied above.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com>  
Sent: 27 June 2022 14:55  
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Subject: Heckington Fen Solar Park (EN010123) - S46 letter and associated consultation documents

[REDACTED]

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge safe receipt of this email. I will follow up over the phone if I do not receive a response.

I am sending you this email to provide you with a password to access the files on the USB stick in the envelope that I handed to your colleague, [REDACTED] earlier this afternoon.

Password: [REDACTED]

We can send the documents via email if that's more convenient for you.

If you require any clarification or further information, do let me know.

Yours faithfully,



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED]@copperconsultancy.com

M: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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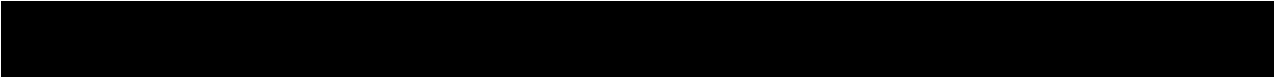
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