

10 June 2022

Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

By email to: CottamSolarProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Cottam Solar Project

Notice of proposed application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (2008 Act)

Cottam Solar Project Limited (“the Applicant”) intends to build a solar and energy storage project located within the administrative boundary of West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council and with grid connection infrastructure also located within the administrative boundary of Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (“the Cottam Solar Project”).

The Cottam Solar Project will consist of:

- a. Cottam 1, 2 and 3: three solar array sites with one site located in the area around Coates (Cottam 1), one site located east of the village of Corringham (Cottam 2) and one site located to the north-east and south-east of the village of Blyton and east of Pilham (Cottam 3), in the district of West Lindsey, Lincolnshire including solar panels, conversion units, inverters, and 132kV substations in Cottam 2 and 3 and a 400kV substation in Cottam 1.
- b. An energy storage system located within Cottam 1.
- c. Underground electricity cables connecting Cottam 1 to 3 solar array sites, substations and the energy storage system to the National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station; and
- d. Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works, for example, fencing, security, local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.

The Applicant is part of Island Green Power.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the 2008 Act for the Cottam Solar Project. The DCO application will contain full details of the Cottam Solar Project and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the 2017 Regulations.

Notice under section 46 of the 2008 Act

Please treat this letter as notice to the Planning Inspectorate, under section 46 of the 2008 Act, of the Applicant's proposed application in relation to Cottam Solar Project, and please find enclosed:

1. Example covering letter to statutory consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations;
2. Example covering letter to land interests under section 44 of the 2008 Act;
3. Copy of the notice publicising the application under section 48 of the 2008 Act. The notice is published in the Lincolnshire Echo on the 09 and 16 June, in the Retford Times on the 09 and 16 June, the Guardian on the 07 June, and the London Gazette on the 06 June.

Consultation materials

In accordance with section 46 of the 2008 Act, and pursuant to the Applicant's duty to consult under section 42 and 44 of the Act, the documents listed as points 4-7 below are available to consultees on the project website document library [REDACTED] or free of charge on a USB device upon request during the consultation between 15 June – 27 July 2022:

4. Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the 2008 Act;
5. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR");
6. A non-technical summary of the PEIR; and
7. Additional documents including the Community Consultation Leaflet, Feedback Form and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Hard copies of the Community Consultation Leaflet, Feedback Form and the non-technical summary of the PEIR are also available free of charge on request. There will be a charge for supplying a hard copy of the full PEIR. Details of how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the section 48 notice.

Responses to this consultation must be received no later than 11.59pm on 27 July 2022. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

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

Emailing: info@cottamsolar.co.uk

Calling our Freephone: 0808 169 1848

Writing to us at: FREEPOST CAWB SOLAR PROJECT

Visiting our website at: [REDACTED]



Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of Cottam Solar Project Limited