Our Ref: SMM/LI/WL/0340/232339/MW/KC

Your Ref: EN010124

Confirmed location: 486385, 385335

13th June 2023

<u>For the attention of Cottam Solar Project</u> FREEPOST: CAWB Solar Projects





FISHER GERMAN LLP Exolum Pipeline System Ltd PO Box 7273 Ashby de la Zouch Leicestershire LE65 2BY

Tel: 0845 0701245 Email: Exolumpipelinesystem@fishergerman.co.uk www.fishergerman.co.uk

Dear Sirs/Madam

Exolum Pipeline System Ltd – Objection – Planning Application Location: Marton Road

Thank you for your consultation. We confirm that our client Exolum's apparatus will be affected by your proposals as indicated on the attached plan(s). The plan(s) supplied are intended for general guidance only and should not be relied upon for excavation or construction purposes. No guarantee is given regarding the accuracy of the information provided and in order to verify the true location of the pipeline you should contact Exolum to arrange a site visit.

It appears from the plans submitted by the applicant that their proposed development is to be constructed within close proximity to Exolum apparatus. Such works would require consent from Exolum and, in this instance, consent would not be granted as the proposed development would restrict access to the pipeline, both for routine maintenance and in an emergency situation. We must therefore **object** to the planning application. My client must be consulted to ensure the proposal has no impact on their apparatus. Their contact details are:

Central Services Ashdon Road Saffron Walden Essex, CB10 2NF Email: <u>pipelinerow@exolum.com</u>

Tel: 01799 564101

When contacting Exolum, please quote our unique reference **232339**, which is specific to this enquiry. Please note that you should contact Exolum within 28 days of the date of this letter in order to validate this enquiry, otherwise it will become void.

You should note that the interests of the Exolum are conserved by means of the Energy Act 2013, in particular Part IV of the Act, and other legislation such as the Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996. It is, however, the Energy Act 2013 that prohibits any development and most intrusive activities within the Easement Strip without specific consent from Exolum. Exolum's Easement Strips are 6 metres wide and can incorporate other associated Exolum facilities.

Exolum will be able to provide guidance on the required procedures for entering into a Works Consent and provide confirmation on permitted development and intrusive activities. The whole process of obtaining a Works Consent can take between four and six weeks depending on circumstances at the time of application.











To reiterate, you should not undertake any work or activity without first contacting Exolum for advice and, if required, a Works Consent. For a copy of Exolum's Standard Requirements for Crossing or Working in Close Proximity to Exolum Pipelines, please visit https://lsbud.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/lsbud-standard-requirement-uk-um.pdf. This will provide you with practical information regarding the legislation that governs the Exolum.

You should also be aware that landowners and third parties have a duty of care not to carry out any works that have the potential to damage Exolum apparatus. This duty of care applies even if the works themselves are situated more than 3 metres from the pipeline. Examples of such works are mineral extraction, mining, explosives, piling and windfarms.

Please note that implementation of any unapproved work that affects the Exolum Easement Strip may result in serious consequences in terms of health and safety, expense and other attendant liabilities. In such cases it is the perpetrator of the act, together with any other promoting organisation, that shall be held fully accountable for any resulting damage.

Should you require any further assistance regarding this letter please contact the undersigned or alternatively, you can contact Exolum using the details provided above.

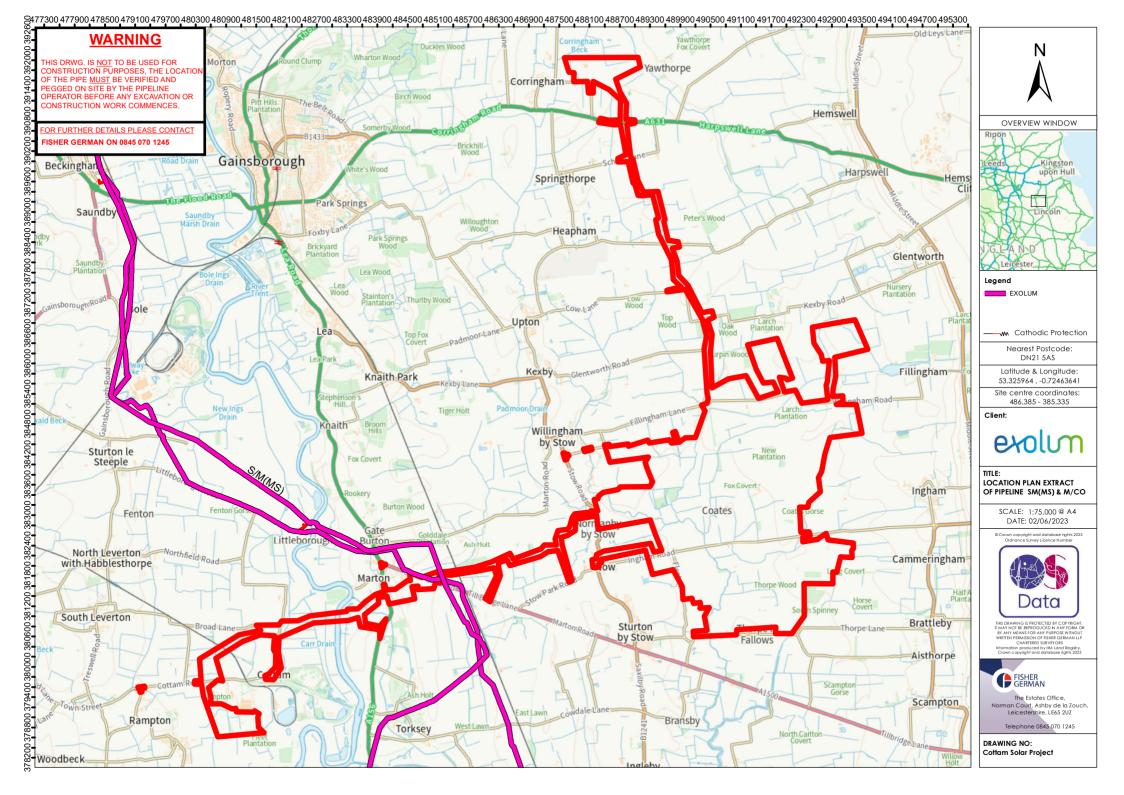
Yours faithfully

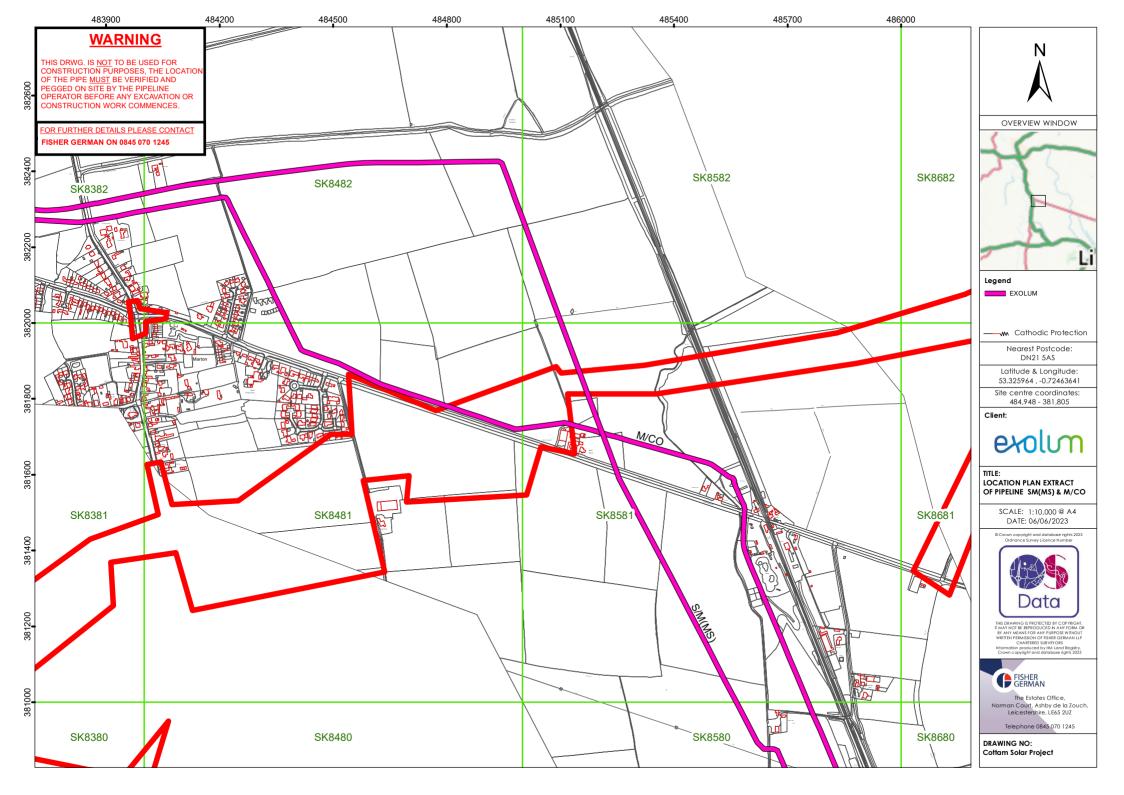


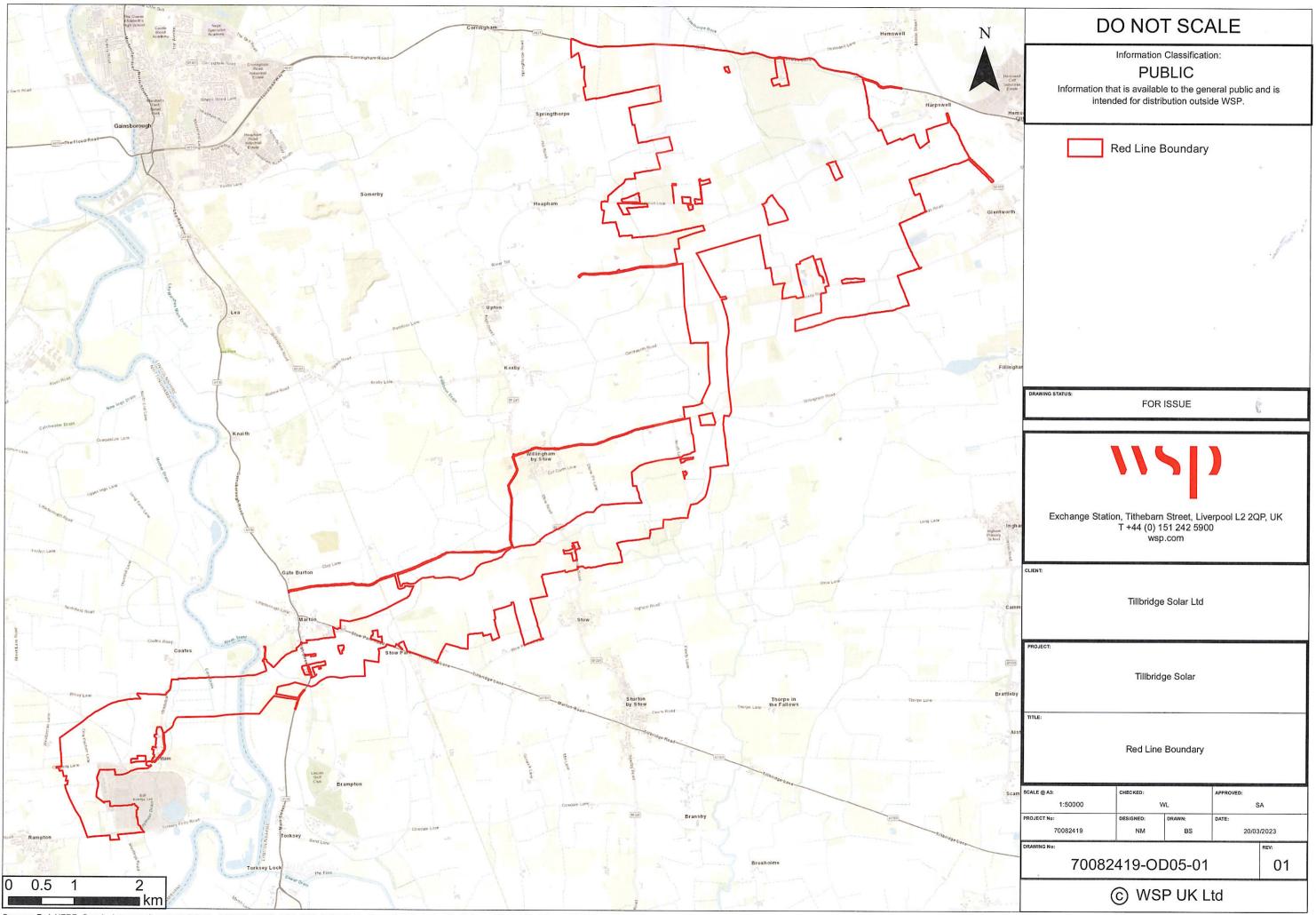
For and on behalf of FISHER GERMAN LLP (Exolum's Authorised Agent)

Enc. Location Plan

cc. Exolum Central Services







Tillbridge

The Secretary
Exolum Pipeline System Limited
1st Floor
55 King William Street
London
EC4R 9AD
United Kingdom

26 May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Tillbridge Solar Project Development Consent Order (the "Order") Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023 Section 42 (Duty to consult on a proposed application) of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act") (as amended)

The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("APFP Regulations") (as amended)

The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the "EIA Regulations")

Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010124

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Tillbridge Solar Project (the "Scheme") which is a proposed solar project that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. This letter is being sent to you as part of a statutory consultation exercise carried out pursuant to Section 42 of the Act. Tillbridge Solar Ltd is consulting you in your capacity as someone with an interest in land that forms part of the Scheme under Section 42 (1) (d) and for those purposes listed within Section 44 of the Act.

The Scheme

The Scheme is a new solar project proposal being brought forward by Tillbridge Solar Ltd (company number 12887594) (the "Applicant"), a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy and Canadian Solar. The Scheme comprises two distinct sections, which are "the Principal Site" and "the Cable Route Corridor".

The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately 13 kilometres to the north of Lincoln. The new solar project is to be located the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe. This will cover an area of approximately 1,400ha and is located entirely within the administrative area of West Lindsey District Council. The solar project will connect to the national grid via underground cables (the Cable Route Corridor) connecting to the National Grid Cottam Substation located approximately 16 kilometres to the south-west of Principal Site.

The Scheme comprises a generating station of above 50 megawatts and therefore qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) the Act. The Development Consent Order (DCO) application (the "Application") will be made by the Applicant to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the Application to the Secretary



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invite responses on or before the closing date. Details of how this consultation is being carried out can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which is available at **tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library** and in hard copy (for reference only) at the local information points and consultation events listed below.

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals for the Scheme as a whole. By responding you will enable us to take your views into account as we develop and refine our proposals before submitting the Application to PINS.

We have prepared PEI Report and a PEI Report Non-Technical Summary (NTS) as the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the EIA Regulations. These documents will help you to understand the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme. An Environmental Statement will also be submitted with the Application.

Consultation materials

Consultation materials available on the website (tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library) as part of the consultation comprise:

- Statutory consultation leaflet, which is being posted to all addresses within a defined Primary Consultation Zone (as described in the SoCC). This document provides introductory information about the Scheme, the consultation, and where more detailed information can be found.
- Project information booklet, which provides a more detailed overview of the Scheme, including a summary of the findings of the PEI Report.
- Statutory consultation feedback questionnaire, which may be used to provide a response on the Scheme.
- Exhibition banners, which are being displayed in person at the consultation events (as listed below);
- Maps and plans showing the overall location of the Scheme;
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document;
- Copy of a notice of the Application, which has been publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations;
- PEI Report and NTS; and
- SoCC, which has been publicised in accordance with section 47 of the Act.

As required by Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, we also enclose a copy of the formal notice of the Application in accordance with Section 48 of the Act and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. We have also enclosed a copy of the statutory consultation leaflet.

These documents are also available from the start of the consultation period via our website (tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library) or on a USB device. If you would like a USB, please get in touch using the details below and this can be provided free of charge. If you have any problems accessing the consultation documents on the Scheme's website from 30 May 2023, please let the Applicant know at your earliest convenience, using the contact details contained within this letter. The consultation materials are provided to help you understand the proposals and inform any comments you have on the Scheme.

If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report or other consultation document, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply. However, a printed version of the NTS can be provided free of charge and sent to you in the post. If you require this information in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print or alternative languages, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details in this letter.





In the event of changing Government guidelines due to COVID-19, or other unforeseen circumstances meaning the consultation events must be cancelled, or the display of materials prevented, the Applicant will inform people as early as possible of the cancellation or expected change via the Scheme website and electronic communication with key stakeholders.

The events and webinars being held are as follows:

List of consultation events and webinars

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (registration open from 30 May 2023 via website and getting in touch)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
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Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (registration open from 30 May 2023 via website and getting in touch)	Monday 10 July 2023	6:30pm to 8pm

Responding to the consultation

Any response or representation in respect of the Application must (i) be received by the Applicant on or before 23:59 on 11 July 2023, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. Should you wish your comments to remain anonymous, please provide your postcode only.

You can provide your response to this consultation by:

- Completing a hard copy feedback questionnaire, which can be requested from the Project team in electronic or hard copy format free of charge, collected from a consultation event or local information point, or printed at home.
- Completing an online version of the feedback questionnaire, which can be accessed via the Scheme website: tillbridgesolar.com/consultation
- Submitting your own form of response (provided it is in writing).

Any responses to this consultation or other representations in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- By post: FREEPOST WSP (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp)
- Online: www.tillbridgesolar.com
- By email: uk-tillbridgesolar@wsp.com



Contact details

If you have any questions about the Scheme or consultation, please get in touch using the channels below. Our communications lines will remain open throughout the statutory consultation and after the consultation has closed on 11 July 2023.

It is important you submit your feedback to us before the closing date, so that it can be considered in our proposals. The deadline for responses is 23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023.

Please also let us know if you would like to be kept up to date with the latest Scheme updates, which we can provide by post and/or email.



www.tillbridgesolar.com



info@tillbridgesolar.com



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You can also sign-up for updates and contact us using our comment form on our website.

If you would like this document in large print, audio or braille formats, please contact us using the details above.



Tillbridge Solar

Statutory Consultation Leaflet

May 2023

Introduction

Following on from our first Community Newsletter in October 2022, which introduced Tillbridge Solar, this leaflet outlines our statutory consultation proposals for the project.

The project, known as Tillbridge Solar (the "Scheme"), would allow for the generation, export and import of electricity with an anticipated capacity greater than 50 megawatts (MW), and could power up to 300,000 UK homes. The Scheme would also store energy on site for when it is needed most by homes and businesses.

Our statutory consultation will run for six weeks, from

Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023. During this time, we want to hear your views on our detailed design proposals for the Scheme, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to minimise the impact of the Scheme.

This leaflet provides details of this statutory consultation, including our upcoming consultation events and where you can find more information. We hope you can attend an event and we welcome your comments. If you have any questions, please get in touch using the contact details at the end of this leaflet.



About Tillbridge Solar

Tillbridge Solar Limited is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage project that would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on site energy storage facilities within Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the national grid at Cottam substation in Nottinahamshire.

The decommissioning of the previous coal-fired Cottam power station has provided additional spare grid connection capacity and the opportunity for the region to play an important role in renewable energy generation in years to come.

be located on land to the south, east and south-east of
Gainsborough (the "Principal Site"). The Scheme would then
connect to National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire
via an underground electricity cable (within the "Cable Route
Corridor"). A high-level map showing the location of our
proposals is shown on page 5 of this leaflet.

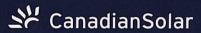
Who we are

Tillbridge

Tillbridge Solar Limited is a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy Ltd and Canadian Solar, who are both experienced developers of renewable energy projects. They are being supported by a team of experienced technical specialists.



Tribus Clean Energy Ltd specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 gigawatts (GW) and a pipeline of more than three gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery and Energy Storage Systems (BESS).



Canadian Solar is a leading manufacturer of solar PV modules and provider of solar energy solutions, with a UK solar development pipeline of over 2GW and more than 4GWh of BESS.

Our vision for Tillbridge Solar

Our vision for Tillbridge Solar is to deliver cleaner, greener, and lower-cost energy, while also enhancing the local environment and ensuring we are a responsible developer.

We recognise the impacts associated with multiple projects being developed in the region.

Given the proximity of Tillbridge Solar to other solar projects, we have explored opportunities for collaborative working, particularly where there are common interests to reduce the potential impacts of the Scheme on local communities and the environment, include along our Cable Route Corridor.

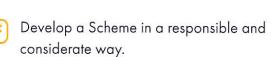
Our objectives for Tillbridge Solar are to:



Build a solar farm that will contribute to the UK's zero-carbon future and support Lincolnshire's transition to Net Zero.



Provide equivalent energy needs for around 300,000 households with low-cost energy, generated in the UK at a time of great uncertainty within the energy market.





Increase biodiversity and enhance existing ecology to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain and maximise opportunities to create new habitats for wildlife.



Ensure the local landscape is central to the Scheme's design.



Provide opportunities for local communities and the local economy.

Our early-stage engagement

In July 2022, we held a series of collaboration workshops in the area with elected representatives, such as local councillors and parish councils, along with representatives from environmental and community groups. The workshops allowed us to introduce our early-stage proposals.

We want to thank everyone who took part in the workshops

– we are grateful for the feedback we've received to date.

This engagement has helped shape the Scheme and allowed members of the community and other stakeholders to discuss key aspects of our plans in more detail.

A full summary of our collaboration workshops, including the key issues and information discussed, can be found as a report on our website **www.tillbridgesolar.com**. This report also provides a summary of comments received during the workshops and how we are continuing to refine the Scheme in response to these

Statutory consultation

We are now inviting you to take part in this statutory consultation on our detailed proposals for Tillbridge Solar. Our consultation i running from Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023.

As part of this consultation, we are providing updated information on our more developed proposals, including the proposed Principal Site layout and the refined Cable Route Corridor. We have been using feedback from our early-stage and ongoing engagement to inform our design of the following areas:

- A 'Principal Site' of approximately 1,400 hectares (ha), which comprises 900 ha of developable area (where all solar PV panels and associated infrastructure would be located), and 500 ha of non-developable areas (which is being considered for environmental mitigation and enhancement measures).
- An underground electricity Cable Route Corridor, approximately 16 km in length, connecting the Principal Site to National Grid's Cottam Substation

We are also providing a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report, which describe the initial results of our environmental surveys that we have been undertaking as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

Details of how to access our updated information, including detailed site layouts, and how to get involved in this consultation is provided on page 6 of this leaflet.



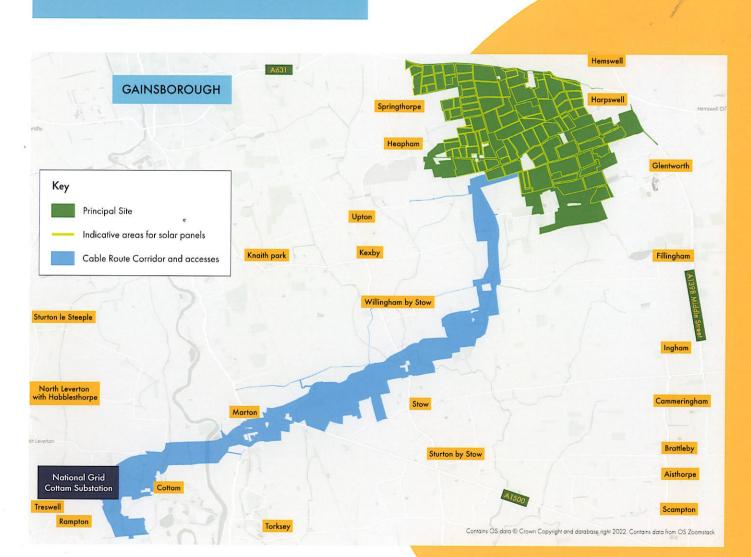
A Statement of Community Consultation

(SoCC), which sets out how we intend to consult people ahead of our application for development consent for the Scheme, was prepared with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). We also consulted with, and have had regard to, comments from local planning authorities regarding the SoCC.

The location of our proposals

More information

You can use our Interactive Map online to find location of interest. Our project information booklet includes an indicative site layout plan for the Principal Site. The booklet can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.



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Have your say

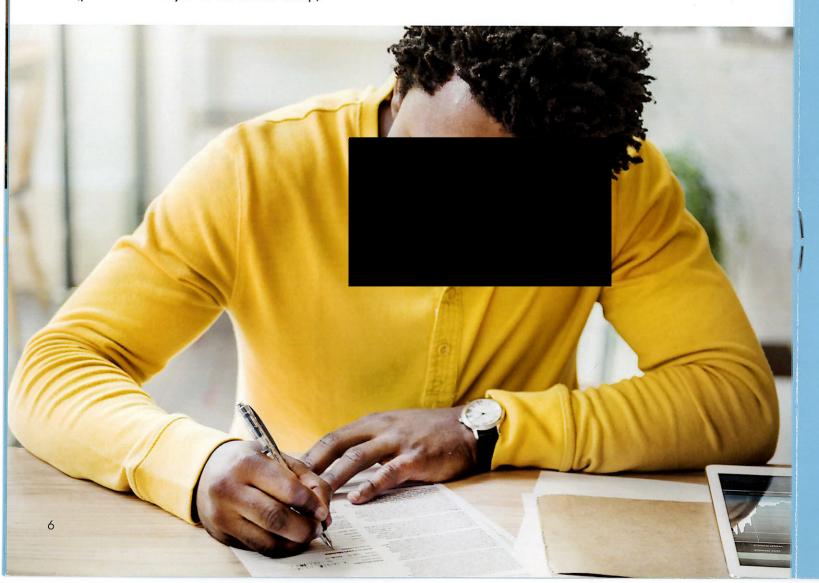
Your feedback is important to us and will help to shape our final designs. You can learn more about our proposals and provide feedback in the following ways:

- Come along to one of our consultation events, where you can meet the project team, learn about our proposals, and provide your feedback using a feedback questionnaire
- Visit the Scheme webpage to view our latest information, including our full suite of statutory consultation documents and interactive map, and provide your feedback via an online version of the feedback questionnaire
- Visit one of our information points to view hard copies of the statutory consultation materials and collect a feedback questionnaire
- Contact our communication lines via phone, post or email (using the details on page 12) to request a feedback questionnaire or ask questions about the consultation
- Complete and post a feedback questionnaire back to us via FREEPOST: TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note that you do not need a stamp).

We recommend that you view our updated plans in more detail to help inform your consultation response. This includes our PEI Report (summarising the findings of our initial studies), which is designed to help you understand the likely environmental effect of the Scheme and the mitigation measures proposed, and the NTS.

All of these documents can be found on our website. We can also provide these documents on a USB device, free of charge on request, which are limited to one per household. Hard copies of the project information booklet, feedback questionnaire and NTS will be available at the consultation events. If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report or other consultation documents, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply.

If you require materials in an alternative format (e.g. large print or braille) please let us know.



Our events

We are holding a series of public information events as part of our statutory consultation. These will give you the opportunity to view all of the consultation materials on our more developed and detailed proposals for Tillbridge Solar.

You can submit your feedback in writing at the events via a feedback questionnaire or take a feedback questionnaire away to post back to us. We encourage anyone with an interest in the Scheme to come along. We are also holding two webinar events for those unable to attend in-person sessions to ask questions.

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (please visit our website or get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
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Online webinar (please visit our website or get in touch to register)	Monday 10 July	6:30pm to 8pm

Local information points

There are a number of locations within the local area where you are able to access hard copies of our statutory consultation materials. These locations are:

West Lindsey District Council Office	Lincoln Central Library*
Guildhall Marshall's Yard, Marshalls Yard, 13b Beaumont St, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm)	Free School Lane, Lincoln, LN2 1EZ Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to 5pm), Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 4pm)
Gainsborough Library*	Saxilby Library*
Cobden St, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG	St Andrews Centre, William St, Saxilby, LN1 2LP
Cobden St, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to 5pm), Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 1pm)	St Andrews Centre, William St, Saxilby, LN1 2LP Tuesday (10:30am to 3:30pm), Wednesday (10:30am to 4pm) and Friday (10:30am to 1pm)

Materials available to collect at these locations include copies of feedback questionnaires and additional copies of this leaflet Printed copies of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), more detailed project information booklets, full PEI Report and NTS will be available at each of these locations to inspect (but not take away).

We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times before visiting.

*Computer access will be available in these locations

Navigating our consultation documents

We are carrying out a formal stage of statutory consultation in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. We've prepared a set of documents and materials to explain the proposals we're consulting on to help your provide feedback.

All documents can be found on the website from 30 May 2023 at: tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library

Document	Summary
Project information booklet	Provides detailed information on the Scheme, the planning process, what we're consulting on and how our plans have evolved over time, including an indicative site layout plan for this consultation. This can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.
Feedback questionnaire	Allows you to provide comments on our proposals. You can collect this from our events, a local information point or by request. You can also provide your feedback online.
Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report	Explains what effects we believe the Scheme would have on the environment and the measures we are proposing to reduce the impacts. This includes a main report, figures, maps and plans. You can view this online, in hard copy at our events, or request a USB device. If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply.
Non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report	An NTS of the PEI Report is also available to view on the Scheme website and at our consultation events. A hard copy of the NTS can be sent free of charge on request.
Interactive map	Allows you to search for areas of interest, including explanations of the individual Scheme elements. You can view this on our website.
Maps and plans	A series of maps and plans for the Scheme are also available on the Scheme website and at our consultation events, including its location in relation to other solar schemes in the region.
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	The SoCC sets out how we intend to consult people ahead of our application for development consent for the Scheme. The SoCC can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.

Working with other solar developers

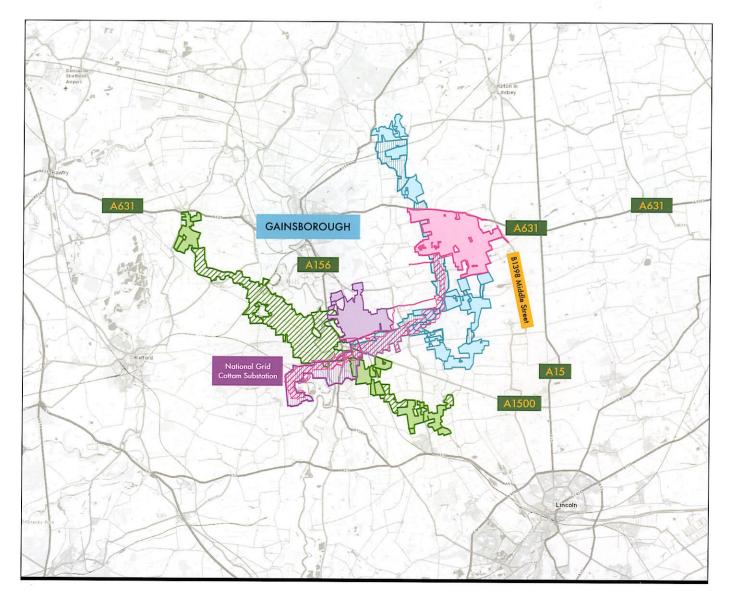
We are aware there are a number of other proposed solar developments in the area and understand the uncertainty around some of the impacts these projects could cumulatively have on local communities. This includes separate proposals from Low Carbon for their Gate Burton Energy Park and from Island Green Power for their West Burton and Cottam Solar projects.

We have been, and will continue to work constructively with both developers to make sure that local residents are fully informed about each of the different solar proposals.

We are also working to ensure that all environmental effects are fully assessed, and mitigation provided where possible, with this early information now available as part of the 'Cumulative Impacts' section of our PEI Report.

Our discussions so far have also centred around cable route installation, aiming to ensure as little disruption to the local community as possible. You will be able to view more information on this in our project information booklet as part of our statutory consultation.

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Indicative project timeline



Summer 2022

Initial engagement with stakeholders, including collaboration workshops

September 2022

EIA Scoping Request submitted to the Planning Inspectorate

Spring 2023

Publication of our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and ongoing development of our EIA

May - July 2023

Statutory consultation to be held with community and technical stakeholders, including sharing the findings of our PEI Report

Winter 2023

Anticipated submission of DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination

2024 - 2025

DCO examination and decision

Autumn 2025

Anticipated start of construction