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Dear Simon

EPL 001 Limited: Stonestreet Green Solar (PINS Ref: EN010135)

Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 ("Act"): Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application

EPL 001 Limited ("the Applicant"), which is a subsidiary of Evolution Power Limited, is hereby notifying the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State under section 46 of the Act of its intention to submit an application ("the Application") for development consent for the Stonestreet Green Solar project ("the Project"). The Applicant currently intends for the Application to be submitted in Autumn 2023.

Prior to submitting the Application, the Applicant is intending to carry out statutory consultation on the Proposed Development between 12 June and 17 July 2023 pursuant to sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act.

The Project

The Project comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic arrays and on-site energy storage, together with associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection to the existing National Grid Substation at Sellindge. The Project will have the capability to export and import up to 99.9 megawatts of electricity to/from the national grid at any time.

The site of the Proposed Development is located approximately 6.5km to the south east of Ashford Town Centre and approximately 13.7km to the west of Folkestone Town Centre, in the county of Kent. The site covers an area of approximately 200 hectares (approximately 495 acres) of land to the north and west of the village of Aldington.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (EIA development), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. As confirmed at paragraph 1.6.1 of the Scoping Report submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 19 April 2022, the Application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), as updated by a PEIR Addendum, has been prepared for the purposes of the statutory consultation.

The consultation documents

Pursuant to section 46 of the Act, the Applicant is required to supply the Secretary of State with the information that it intends to provide to consultees under section 42 of the Act on or before commencing consultation under section 42.

The Applicant will be providing the following documents to the section 42 consultees, which are enclosed with this letter:

1. covering letter providing details of the Project and the consultation and a link to the Applicant's website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk under the tab labelled 'Consultation' then 'Statutory Consultation (Summer 2023)') where the following

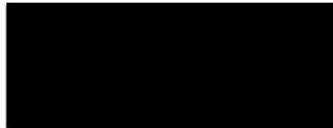
documents can be downloaded free of charge from 9:00am on 12 June 2023 until at least 11:59pm on 17 July 2023:

- a **Consultation Booklet** which provides details about the project and the PEIR Addendum and highlights the questions on which the Applicant is inviting feedback as part of the statutory consultation;
 - a **Book of Plans**, including (amongst other things) a Site Location Plan and Landscape Masterplan;
 - the **PEIR** (published as part of the statutory consultation that took place in October and November 2022);
 - the **PEIR Addendum** (which updates the PEIR and includes an updated non-technical summary);
 - a **'You said, we did'** document outlining responses to feedback received to date;
 - a consultation leaflet; and
 - the **exhibition boards** that will be used at the local information events;
2. the notice published pursuant to section 48 of the Act;
 3. a feedback form;
 4. a plan showing the site location and preferred Order limits; and
 5. for section 42(1)(d) consultees, a land plan showing the relevant land interest that the project relates to.

As explained in the covering letters to the section 42 consultees, the above documents are also available to view free of charge at the libraries and council offices and at the local information events that are listed in the abovementioned section 48 notice during the consultation period. They can be provided on a USB memory stick upon request free of charge and a hard copy can be obtained upon request at a cost of £500 per copy.

Should the Planning Inspectorate or Secretary of State require the documents in any other format, or have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact the project team by telephone on 08081 698335 or by email at info@stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



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1. Sample covering letters sent to section 42 consultees
2. Section 48 notice
3. Feedback form
4. Plan showing the site location and preferred Order limits
5. Sample land plan