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SoCC Publication Press Release**



Press Statement

12th October 2023

Enso Energy announces publication of Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for Helios Renewable Energy Project, North Yorkshire

Following the publication of its Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), Helios Renewable Energy Project has announced the start of the statutory consultation on its proposals for a solar farm in North Yorkshire, covering approximately 476 hectares (1175 acres) of land situated west of Camblesforth and north of Hirst Courtney.

The proposed development includes the installation of ground mounted solar arrays, battery energy storage system and associated development comprising of grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation and maintenance of the development for the delivery of over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

The Statement of Community Consultation sets out how, when and where local communities can participate in the statutory consultation on the proposals, prior to an application being submitted.

Helios Renewable Energy Project Lead, Kirsty Lodge, said:

'Since we last consulted with the community in summer 2022, we have continued to review and assess the results of surveys and feedback received from consultees. We're excited to re-engage with the local community and look forward to showing how their feedback has influenced the layout of the scheme.'

'The SoCC confirms the start and end date of the consultation, which will take place from 26 October 2023 to 7 December 2023. Public exhibitions will take place in November, alongside a virtual exhibition available for viewing during that period.'

'We have considered how we can best align this project with existing carbon reduction targets at the national and local levels and are pleased that our proposals will make a significant contribution to the fight against climate change. We have also identified opportunities to enhance biodiversity and public access throughout the site, which we are keen to hear local feedback on specifically. So, please get in touch and let us know your views.'

All consultation materials will be available to view on the project website: www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/project-documents/ and available to view online free of charge at the following locations from 26 October (subject to opening times, please check online or contact the venues before you travel):

- Selby Library
- Snaith Library
- Goole Library

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Copies may also be requested directly from Enso Energy using the following methods:

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- Email – info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk
- Freepost – FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)
- Freephone – 0800 699 0081 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays)

From the start of the consultation on 26 October 2023, all information relating to the proposals, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), feedback forms and supporting consultation materials will be available to view online via a virtual exhibition; information will be available at the public consultation events (see details below). The consultation period then closes at 11:59pm on 7 December 2023.

Consultation events will take place at the following locations:

Camblesforth Hall Brigg Lane, Camblesforth, Selby, YO8 8HJ	Wednesday 8 November 2023 2pm to 7pm
Carlton Village Hall Church Lane, Carlton, Goole, DN14 9PB	Thursday 9 November 2023 12pm to 5.30pm

Feedback forms will also be available online and in hard copy at events or upon request during the consultation period.

As the proposed Project has an expected generating capacity in excess of 50MW, it constitutes a 'Nationally Significant infrastructure Project' ('NSIP') for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008, and an application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') will be required to authorise the Project.

Following the submission of the DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will decide whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

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Notes for editors

- The Helios Renewable Energy Project is a joint-venture partnership between Enso Energy and Cero Generation. Enso Energy is one of the UK's most experienced renewable energy developers, with an unparalleled focus on solar energy. Cero Generation is a leading solar energy company, working across Europe to support the transition to a net-zero future. Our ambition is to use the latest solar technology to make a positive impact on our country and the communities we work with. We are firm advocates for renewable, low carbon, efficient, secure and sustainable energy that can be generated, stored and utilised locally.
- The Helios proposals comprise a solar park covering approximately 476 hectares (1175 acres) of land situated west of Camblesforth and north of Hirst Courtney in North Yorkshire, connected by an underground cable to a grid connection point at Drax National Grid substation.
- The proposed development includes the installation of ground mounted solar arrays, energy storage and associated development comprising grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the development for the delivery of over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity. Further information about the Planning Act 2008 pre-application planning process can be found here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>
- The Statement of Community Consultation is available to view online and confirms that the statutory consultation will run from 12 October to 7 December 2023.
- Further information is available on the project website <https://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/>, should you have any further initial queries at this stage.
- A Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) has been prepared which presents the preliminary findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken for the Proposed Development and has been compiled in accordance with the EIA Regulations. The PEIR will be able to view, with other consultation documents, from 26 October.

Launch of Statutory Consultation Press Release



Press Statement

26th October 2023

Enso Energy announces its Statutory Consultation for Helios Renewable Energy Project, North Yorkshire

Helios Renewable Energy Project has launched its statutory consultation on its proposals for a solar farm and battery energy storage facility in North Yorkshire, covering approximately 476 hectares (1175 acres) of land situated west of Camblesforth and north of Hirst Courtney.

The consultation will run from 26 October 2023 to 7 December 2023.

The proposed development includes the installation of ground mounted solar arrays, battery energy storage system and associated development comprising of grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation and maintenance of the development for the delivery of over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity.

Helios Renewable Energy Project Lead, Kirsty Lodge, said:

'We're grateful for the feedback and suggestions we received at our previous consultation in Summer 2022. Since then, we have undertaken further technical assessments which have also helped us to refine our plans.'

'We have considered how we can best align this project with existing carbon reduction targets at both national and local levels and are pleased that our proposals will make a significant contribution to the fight against climate change. We have also identified opportunities to enhance biodiversity and public access throughout the site, which we are keen to hear local feedback on specifically.'

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As part of the consultation, a virtual consultation room, and two in-person public exhibitions providing detailed information about the proposals will take place at the following times and locations:

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The virtual exhibition room and all information relating to the proposals, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), feedback forms and supporting consultation materials will be available to view on the project website www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk from Thursday 26 October.

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