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Consultation Report: Appendix 11.14 – Updates relating to the start of statutory consultation



June 2024

# Appendix 11.14 – Updates relating to the start of statutory consultation Letter to stakeholders reminding of the start of statutory consultation (25 October 2023)



Sent via email

25th October 2023

### RE: Launch of Statutory Consultation on proposals for Helios Renewable Energy Project

### Dear Stakeholder,

Following my recent letter in relation to our proposals for the Helios Renewable Energy Project in North Yorkshire, I can now confirm that we, Enso Green Holdings D Limited, have launched a statutory consultation on our proposals, which will take place from 26 October 2023 to 7 December 2023. This letter explains how to take part in the public consultation and invites you to share your views on our proposals.

This letter is being sent to you as part of our statutory consultation exercise under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

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 we will be required to make an application for a DCO to authorise the Project. Following the submission of our DCO application, the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will decide whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

Following feedback received during the informal consultation in 2022, as well as further technical assessments, we have refined our proposals; they now comprise a solar farm 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, battery energy storage system and associated development comprising 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 proposed DCO for our Project will, amongst other things, authorise:

- Solar PV modules and mounting structures;
- Field stations including invertors, transformers and switchgears;
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- Access works;
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures, such as archaeological mitigation, and landscape and ecological mitigation and enhancements;
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- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits and consents as are necessary and convenient.

All information relating to the proposals including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), feedback forms and supporting consultation materials is now available to view online on the Project website via a virtual exhibition and at the public consultation events which will take place on the following dates and locations:

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Yours sincerely



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As a local organisation representing EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) or 'seldom heard' groups (such as younger people/ those in care/ the elderly), this letter is being sent to you as part of our statutory consultation exercise under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

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As noted above, all of our consultation materials are available to view online, or at one of our public consultation events. However, I would be happy to discuss how we can provide information, or facilitate a meeting, in a format that might make accessing the consultation easier for you, or for those that you represent. Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss this further using the contact details contained within this letter.

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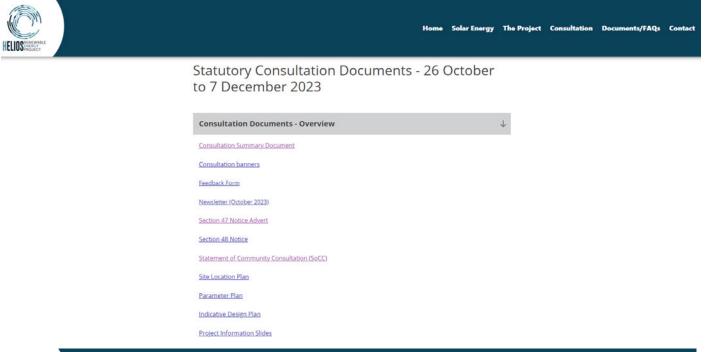
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Website Updates showing all uploaded consutlaiton documents, including the PEIR and all relevant appendices) (25 October 2023)





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## Informal Consultation: Phase 1 - July 2022

The consultation materials for the Phase 1 informal consultation (Summer 2022) are listed below (please note, these documents are now superseded with the statutory consultation materials listed above):

- Consultation newsle
- Eeedback form
- Concept masterplan
- Indicative transport route
- Presentation slides

## Frequently Asked Questions

What are we proposing to develop?	$\rightarrow$
Who is the applicant?	÷
Where is the site?	÷
Why here?	÷
What are the impacts on the local environment and biodiversity?	÷
Will the impacts to agricultural land be taken into consideration?	÷
Will the project mean that the existing footpaths and rights of way will be closed?	→

# Helios Renewable Energy Project Consultation Report – Appendix 11.14

