



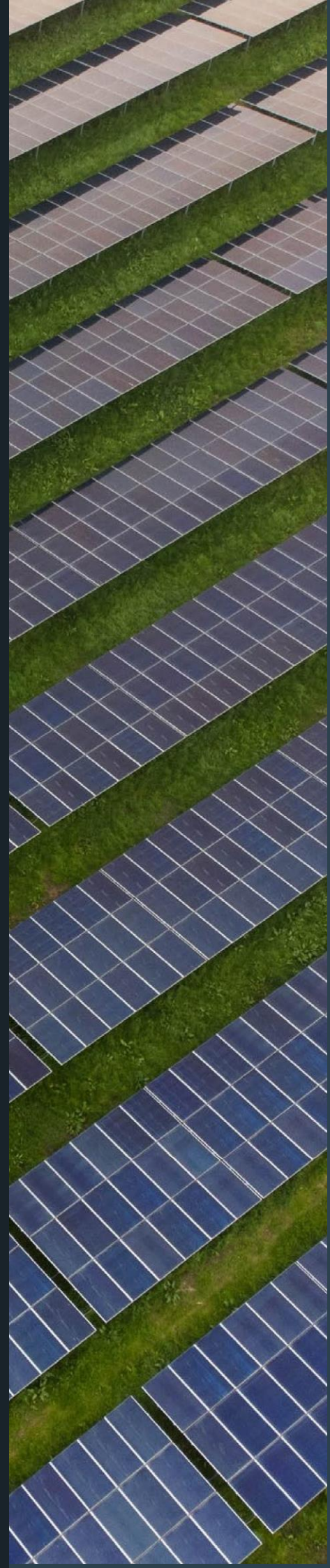
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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This document, known as the Statement of Community Consultation ( SoCC), provides information about the proposed strategy and approach for consultation with local communities in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) ('PA2008') for the Helios Renewable Energy Project ('the Proposed Development'), located west of Camblesforth and north of Hirst Courtney in Selby, North Yorkshire. It explains how we have identified who to consult, the consultation methods proposed, the timescales for consultation and how consultees can help shape the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.2. This document has previously been issued to the relevant local councils: Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council ('the host local authorities') in draft, to obtain their informal feedback ahead of the statutory 28-day SoCC consultation taking place. The approach was discussed with representatives from the host local authorities and their feedback incorporated into a final draft for statutory consultation.
- 1.1.3. Between the non-statutory consultation and statutory consultation on the SoCC, Selby District Council, along with its neighbouring district authorities in the administrative area of North Yorkshire County Council were amalgamated into a single unitary authority, North Yorkshire Council. This occurred on 1st April 2023 and therefore the relevant host local authority for the purposes of the PA 2008 is North Yorkshire Council.
- 1.1.4. The document was then issued formally to North Yorkshire Council in accordance with section 47(2) of the PA2008, to obtain their response which was received on 15<sup>th</sup> June. It was also shared in draft at the same time with a number of other stakeholders, including East Riding of Yorkshire Council due to proximity of the authority boundary, as well as the Planning Inspectorate ( 'PINS'), for their information. All comments received have been responded to and included in the SoCC as appropriate.
- 1.1.5. The SoCC has been advertised in the *Yorkshire Post*, *Pontefract and Castleford Express* and the *Selby Times* and is available on the project website.

- 1.1.6. As well as local community consultation, as part of the statutory consultation we are also consulting prescribed consultees under section 42 of the PA2008. Information on this consultation process is outside the scope of this document. It will be undertaken in accordance with the PA 2008 and will be reported in the Consultation Report submitted as part of the application to the Secretary of State for Development Consent for the Proposed Development.

## **2. Helios Renewable Energy Project**

### **2.1. Introduction to the Applicant**

- 2.1.1. The Applicant for the Proposed Development is Enso Green Holdings D Limited.
- 2.1.2. Enso Green Holdings D Limited 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.
- 2.1.3. Further details can be found at <https://ensoenergy.co.uk/>.

### **2.2. Introduction to the Proposed Development**

- 2.2.1. The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a renewable energy generating project on land located to the west of the village of Camblesforth and to the north of the village of Hirst Courtney in North Yorkshire ('the site'), within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council ('NYC').
- 2.2.2. The Proposed Development has an expected energy generating capacity in excess of the 50MW threshold for onshore generating stations in England set out in the PA2008 and therefore constitutes a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' ('NSIP') under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the PA2008. Accordingly, we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to authorise the Proposed Development.
- 2.2.3. The DCO will include a description of the Proposed Development and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement ('ES') prepared in accordance with the

Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations'), as the Proposed Development falls under Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations.

- 2.2.4. The site will connect to the National Grid at the existing substation at the Drax Power Station via underground cabling. The grid connection route will be included in the DCO application, and the ES will consider the likely significant environmental effects of the entire Proposed Development, including the grid connection.
- 2.2.5. The Project will comprise solar panels, built infrastructure such as substations, field stations, underground cables, energy storage facilities, access roads and security features such as fencing and CCTV.
- 2.2.6. 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 Development will therefore assist in tackling the climate emergency and help the UK Government in meeting its target for net zero emissions by 2050. The proposals also represent a significant opportunity to reduce the UK's reliance on foreign energy supplies.

### **2.3. The site and surrounding area**

- 2.3.1. The site predominantly comprises agricultural land, consisting of fields used for grazing and arable cropping on land to the west of the village of Camblesforth and to the north of the village of Hirst Courtney. Part of the site also extends to the east of Drax Power Station.
- 2.3.2. The main part of the site sits within a wider area of land bounded to the northeast by the A1041, to the west by the Selby Branch of the East Coast Main Line railway and to the south by Hirst Road.
- 2.3.3. Selby is the principal settlement within the area in the vicinity of the site. A number of smaller settlements are dispersed throughout the area, including Camblesforth, Hirst Courtney, Temple Hirst, Carlton, Drax, Barlow and Burn. The industrial complexes of Drax and Eggborough Power Stations form prominent features in the surrounding area. A disused airfield (RAF Burn) is located to the west of the site.



## 3. The application process

### 3.1. The consenting and consultation process

3.1.1. The process for applying for a DCO is set out in the PA2008. Section 31 of the PA2008 states that a DCO is required for development that is, or forms, part of an NSIP. The DCO application process is split into the following six stages.

- Pre-application;
- Acceptance;
- Pre-examination;
- Examination;
- Decision; and
- Post-decision.

3.1.2. During the pre-application phase, Part 5 of the PA2008 requires promoters of a DCO application to engage in pre-application consultation with statutory consultees under Section 42 of the PA2008 and the local community under Section 47 of the PA2008. The proposed application must also be publicised under Section 48 of the PA2008.

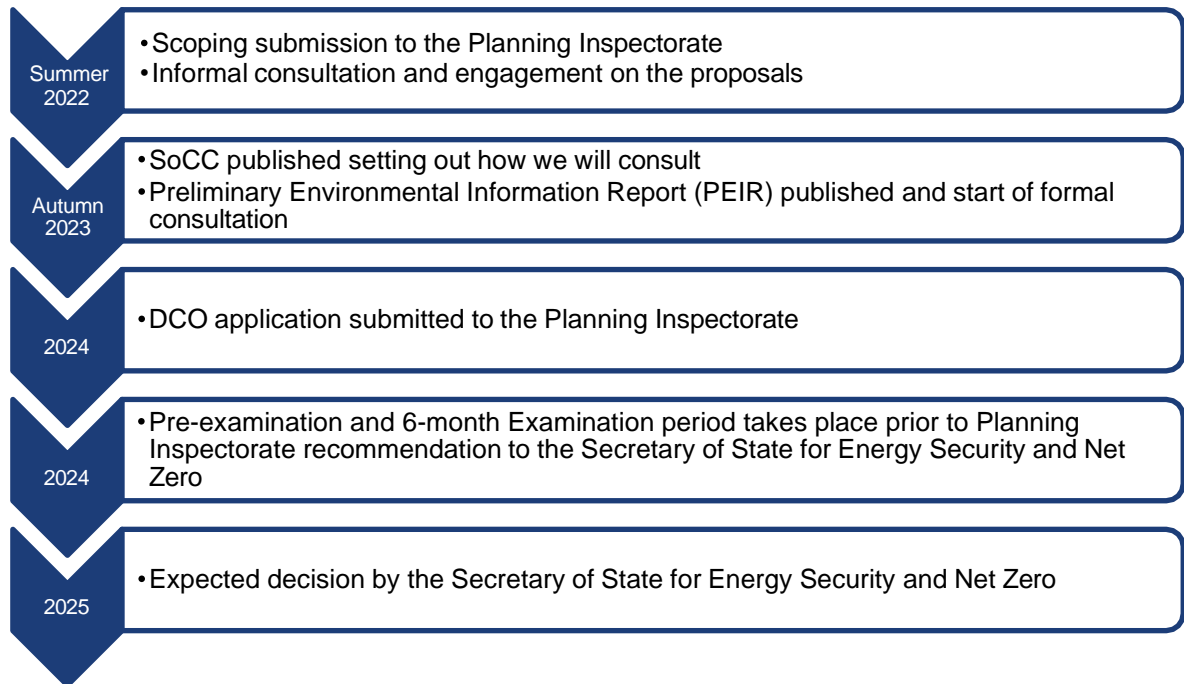
3.1.3. Section 42 of the PA2008 requires an applicant to formally consult with a prescribed list of people, which includes, for example, local planning authorities and bodies such as the Environment Agency and Historic England.

3.1.4. Section 47 of the PA2008 requires that the applicant prepares a SoCC setting out how they propose to consult people living in the vicinity of the site about the application for the Proposed Development. Consultation must then be carried out in accordance with that statement. This SoCC has been prepared in line with the requirements of Section 47 of the PA2008.

3.1.5. Following the completion of pre-application consultation, the DCO application for the Proposed Development will be prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero via PINS.

3.1.6. The indicative timeline below shows the role and timing of non-statutory and statutory consultation within the DCO process, and how the publication of the SoCC fits within

the indicative timetable.



## 4. Environmental information

### 4.1. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process

- 4.1.1. The Proposed Development is considered to be ‘EIA development’ for the purposes of the EIA Regulations. Therefore the Proposed Development will be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) prior to the submission of the application
- 4.1.2. This means that the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development are assessed and, where appropriate, mitigation is proposed to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any significant adverse effects. The outcomes of the EIA process will be reported in an ES which will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
- 4.1.3. At the statutory consultation stage, the preliminary results of the EIA will be shared, and feedback will be sought. This will be presented in a document called a PEIR which will set out preliminary environmental information in respect of the Proposed Development. This will allow those engaging with the consultation to develop an informed view of any likely significant environmental effects.

## 5. Non-statutory Consultation and consultation objectives

### 5.1. Non-statutory consultation

- 5.1.1. We undertook informal non-statutory consultation on our proposals prior to the commencement of the statutory consultation. This informal consultation was designed to introduce the Proposed Development, present the initial proposals for the scheme design, and seek feedback on the early environmental considerations and potential local community benefit that could arise as a result of the Proposed Development.
- 5.1.2. The informal consultation phase took place for four weeks between the 30<sup>th</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and was targeted at the communities around the site within the Core Consultation Zone (CCZ). The Core Consultation Zone is identified in Figure 2, Chapter 7 of this document.
- 5.1.3. Newsletters were issued to local communities and stakeholders in advance of public consultation events in Camblesforth and Carlton. These newsletters contained information about the proposals, where to find out more information, and had a detachable Freepost comments card so recipients could provide their feedback directly to the project team.

### 5.2. Consultation objectives

- 5.2.1. Our approach to consultation is based around three core principles. These are:
- **Clarity** – making sure that all information is clear and easy to understand. Where detailed information is made available, that clear guidance is provided on how to find relevant parts of that information.
  - **Accessibility** – ensuring that the consultation process is as open and accessible for all to participate in. This includes providing information in a variety of formats (online and in hard copy), as well as ensuring that feedback mechanisms are available in both offline and online formats, meeting venues are accessible, and online information is presented in line with relevant accessibility guidelines. Further detail on accessibility of the consultation can be found in Chapter 8 of this SoCC.
  - **Responsiveness** – to provide opportunities for direct and informative dialogue

between the project team and interested parties, ensuring prompt responses to queries and requests for information or guidance.

- 5.2.2. The consultation approach has been developed in line with these core principles to ensure that local communities, interested parties and stakeholders have ample opportunity to find out about, and provide their thoughts on, the proposals in a way that allows for their comments to help shape the Proposed Development.
- 5.2.3. We are committed to actively and consistently keeping those with an interest in the Proposed Development informed through regular updates about the process.

## 6. Consulting the community

### 6.1. Introduction

6.1.1. We are inviting the community living in the vicinity (as defined in the consultation zone approach outlined in this SoCC) of the Proposed Development to take part in the statutory consultation and provide feedback on the Proposed Development. This is to ensure that those people potentially affected by the Proposed Development have the opportunity to understand the proposals and provide their views. Under the PA2008, we are required to take account of and consider all feedback received and report on this within the Consultation Report that will be submitted with the DCO application.

### 6.2. Associated guidance relating to the NSIP process

6.2.1. This SoCC has also been prepared in accordance with the pre-application process Guidance Note prepared by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in March 2015 **Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process for major infrastructure projects - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**

6.2.2. Further guidance specific to the consultation process and amendments to legislation were made on 31 December 2020:

**<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-on-procedural-requirements-for-major-infrastructure-projects>**

### 6.3. Adapting to COVID-19

6.3.1. This SoCC has been developed at a point at which the COVID-19 restrictions have been removed. Therefore, the intention as set out below, is to undertake community consultation with face-to-face engagement and meetings.

6.3.2. Should restrictions to public meetings or other changes to social distancing guidelines come into force during the proposed consultation period as a result of Covid-19 or other epidemic/pandemic event meaning that public exhibitions, face to face meetings or provision of documents at public venues (deposit locations) are not possible, we will provide alternative arrangements appropriate to the level of

restriction at that time.

6.3.1. However, we have developed a consultation programme designed to allow people from across the community to respond, which is also compatible with differing levels of social distancing and to allow those with ongoing health concerns or restrictions, or those who choose to implement social distancing to participate. As such, this document sets out a variety of different ways for local people to find out more information and provide feedback.

6.3.2. Any changes made will be discussed with the host local authority, and all changes will be communicated clearly on the project website and to local parish councils.

#### **6.4. Scope of consultation**

6.4.1. The purpose of pre-application consultation is to gather views before the Proposed Development is finalised to allow people the opportunity to comment on, and input to, its design and development. We will consider all feedback received and report on this within the Consultation Report that will be submitted with the DCO application.

6.4.2. During the statutory consultation, we will be asking for views on:

- The Proposed Development;
- The short term and long-term impacts of the Proposed Development as set out in the PEIR including:
  - a. Construction impacts;
  - b. Environmental impacts;
  - c. Operational impacts;
  - d. Impacts from decommissioning; and
  - e. Socioeconomic and cumulative impacts.
- Proposed mitigation for any likely significant adverse impacts identified; and
- The contribution that the Proposed Development could make to the local community.

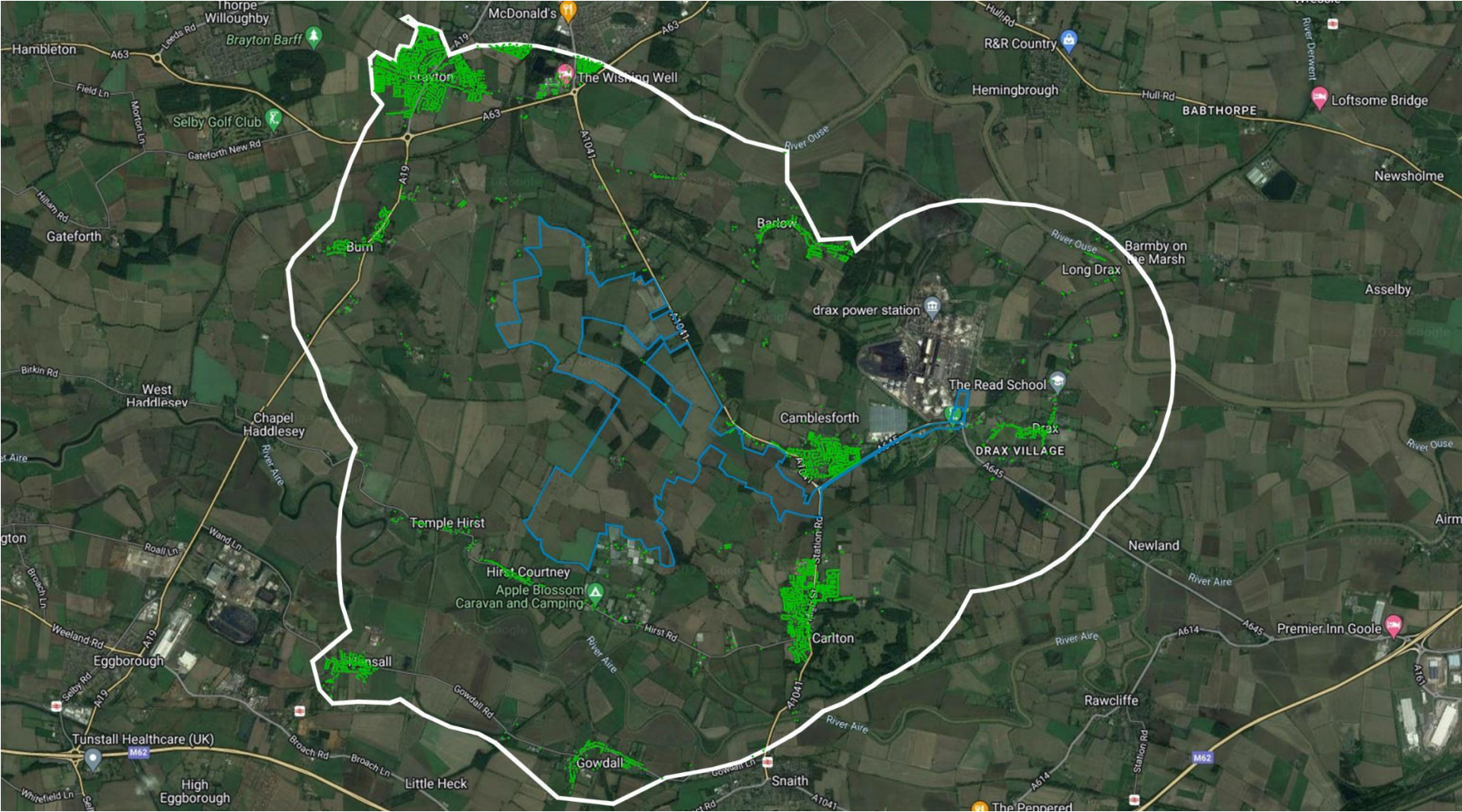
## 7. Who will be consulted?

### 7.1. Core Consultation Zone

- 7.1.1. In accordance with this SoCC we will consult and encourage participation in the consultation from any person or group who may be impacted by the Proposed Development. A series of 'zones of consultation' have been defined for the purpose of consulting with the local community under Section 47 of the PA2008. These recognise the fact that levels of potential impact and interest are likely to vary with geography and will influence the techniques we will use to consult.
- 7.1.2. For the purposes of this consultation, a core consultation zone ('CCZ') has been identified based on an assessment of likely environmental effects (principally landscape and visual) within the vicinity of the site. This zone stretches approximately 2km from the red-line boundary based on assessment of the Zone of Theoretical Visibility ('ZTV'). Where appropriate, this has been extended to include parts of settlements that fell outside the 2km radius, such as the easternmost houses in Barlow. It therefore includes all households within the surrounding villages of Camblesforth, Carlton, Drax, Barlow, Hirst Courtney, and Temple Hirst, as well as households and businesses in between.
- 7.1.3. Whilst the red-line boundary for the site has been refined and reduced since the informal consultation (in July 2022), it has been decided to maintain the original mailing radius to ensure consistency of information provision for the statutory consultation taking place in Autumn 2023.
- 7.1.4. Figure 2, below, shows all properties (marked green) that will be included within the CCZ.
- 7.1.5. In addition to local individuals, we will continue to consult with the relevant parish councils around the site and seek to enhance engagement with local authority ward members, community groups and organisations representing the local business communities to increase awareness of the consultation process and enable participation.



Figure 1: Core Consultation Zone (CCZ)





## 7.2. Consultation outside the CCZ

7.2.1. We recognise that residents, communities, organisations, and other stakeholders will have different requirements for information and the process of consultation will reflect this. For example, within the CCZ, it is anticipated that the issues raised, ideas and concerns will focus on the direct effects of construction and operation of the Proposed Development. Beyond this area, interest may well focus on broader economic and social matters, such as employment opportunities.

7.2.2. Those living outside the CCZ may wish to participate in the consultation. To ensure that these individuals and organisations are given the opportunity to participate, we will raise awareness of the consultation in the following ways:

- Directly notify those people and organisations who have registered an interest in the Proposed Development through direct engagement or participation in informal consultation phase.
- Publish a Section 48 notice (a notice publicising the proposed application and consultation process) in the local and national press and London Gazette.
- Publicise the consultation by advertising in local media.
- Publish consultation materials on the project website.

## 8. How we will consult

### 8.1. Timescales for consultation and the formal consultation period

8.1.1. The formal consultation period will commence from 26 October 2023 and run for six weeks, closing on 7 December 2023.

8.1.2. A PEIR will be published on 26 October 2023, when the consultation begins. Alongside receiving comments from statutory consultees, we welcome comments from the local community. Any comments received will be duly considered and taken on board as the Proposed Development is finalised prior to submission to PINS.

8.1.3. Once the consultation period has closed, we will finalise the DCO application at which stage there will be limited opportunities to further influence the design of the Proposed Development.

- 8.1.4. We will continue to provide the local community with updates and information throughout the application process and would welcome comments from the local community throughout the pre-application period via the communication methods described in this SoCC.
- 8.1.5. Following the statutory consultation period, we may carry out additional targeted consultation with stakeholders, members of the local community or other consultees as feedback is received and the Proposed Development is refined. Wider consultation could be carried out if considered appropriate. Any additional consultation will be carried out on a proportionate basis in line with the principles set out in this SoCC and communicated to the host local authorities in advance.

## **8.2. Informing the local community, including engagement with EDI groups**

- 8.2.1. We will seek to undertake informal consultation, including with groups and organisations that represent Equality, Diversity and Inclusion ('EDI') groups in the vicinity of the Proposed Development.
- 8.2.2. We have identified a range of 'underrepresented' or 'seldom heard' groups and individuals within the CCZ who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation techniques. These groups will be engaged with directly to provide consultation information, and where requested, provided with specific briefings or consultation activity to cater for their members. This will be considered and delivered on a case-by-case basis.
- 8.2.3. These groups include, but are not limited to:
- Selby District Association of Voluntary Service
  - York CVS
  - York LGBT Forum
  - Selby Young People's Community (SYPCO)
  - Age UK Selby District
  - Friends, Family and Travellers
  - North Yorkshire Disability Forum (Selby Disability Forum)
  - North Yorkshire Young Carers Selby

- Samaritans York
- Disability North

- 8.2.4. Ensuring that materials and consultation techniques are accessible to all demographic groups, including those that may not usually engage in consultation activity, as well as people with disabilities who may have problems accessing the consultation information is a central consideration.
- 8.2.5. A Freephone number (0800 6990081) is available to assist people who may find it difficult to submit written comments to the consultation. Requests for consultation/project information to meet specific requirements (such as large print for those with visual impairments, or in an alternative language for those whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.
- 8.2.6. Updates will also be shared on social media accounts to help raise the profile of the consultation. A dedicated project X (formerly Twitter) social media account will be utilised to share information about the consultation and proposals. Where possible, local groups (such as EDI organisations and the parish councils) will be encouraged to share information about the consultation on their own social media feeds to help disseminate information.

Table 1. Informing the local community and EDI Groups

The following methods will be used to inform local communities, including EDI groups of the opportunities to get involved with the consultation on the Proposed Development:

Core Consultation Zone (CCZ)	Outside the Core Consultation Zone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Newsletter to all households within the CCZ;</li> <li>▪ Local posters within the vicinity of the proposed site;</li> <li>▪ Newspaper adverts in Yorkshire Post, Pontefract and Castleford Express and the Selby Times;</li> <li>▪ Press releases to local media (including print and radio outlets);</li> <li>▪ Letters to elected representatives, parish councils and local groups within the vicinity of the proposed site;</li> <li>▪ Digital information sent to those who have registered their interest in the Proposed Development; and</li> <li>▪ Website and social media updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Section 48 newspaper adverts in relevant newspapers;</li> <li>▪ Press releases to local media;</li> <li>▪ Letters and newsletters to elected representatives, parish councils within the host local authorities, but outside CCZ;</li> <li>▪ Newsletters to regional groups that may take an interest in the Proposed Development within the vicinity of the proposed site;</li> <li>▪ Digital information sent to those who have registered their interest in the Proposed Development; and</li> <li>▪ Website and social media updates.</li> </ul>

### 8.3. Consultation Documents

8.3.1. We want to create opportunities for as many people as possible to become involved with the consultation. To do so, the following documents will be prepared and made available:

- **Online information hub** – all relevant consultation materials and information will be made available on the project website. It will be possible to provide feedback

on the proposals using a dedicated online feedback form – [www.helios-renewable-energy-hub.co.uk](http://www.helios-renewable-energy-hub.co.uk);

- **Slide pack** – to enable us to offer presentations to local groups who are interested in hearing directly from us;
- **Exhibition materials** – we will run open drop-in exhibitions where information boards, feedback forms and a consultation summary document will provide context to and summarise the preliminary environmental information available in the PEIR. A copy of the PEIR will be available to view and a Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') of the PEIR will also be available for reference at the exhibitions. Staff will be on hand to answer questions, talk to and aid the understanding of participants at the public exhibitions with the aim of assisting them to contribute their views. Details of the public exhibitions can be found in Table 2. A virtual public exhibition with relevant consultation information and materials will also be available on-line on the project website;
- **USBs containing the PEIR, and associated documents including NTS** and plans will be made available upon request. Those requiring documents in different formats (such as in hard copy or large text) are invited to contact the Project Team and these requests will be considered on a case by case basis. All contact details are provided at Chapter 8.7 of this SoCC.

## 8.4. Methods to provide feedback

8.4.1. All contact details are provided at Chapter 8.7 of this SoCC, however there are a range of methods that can be utilised in order to provide feedback:

- Feedback forms at local drop in events to provide detailed feedback on the Proposed Development;
- Freepost feedback forms, which can be posted free of charge to the project team;
- Online feedback form that can be filled in at any time online through the consultation period;
- Writing to or emailing the Helios Renewable Energy Project team directly with any comments and feedback; and
- A freephone number.

8.4.2. Electronic copies of the PEIR and NTS can also be viewed or downloaded from the project website during the statutory consultation period. Where a copy of the documents is requested from us, this will be provided free of charge on a USB device. The documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of:

- Non-Technical Summary of PEIR – Free;
- Full PEIR with annexes – £1,000;
- Site Location Plans – Free

8.4.3. If for any reason someone finds it difficult or is unable to provide responses using one of these methods, they should contact the project team using the details contained in Chapter 8.7.

## 8.5. Accessing information

8.5.1. Electronic copies of the PEIR, and a much shorter NTS may be accessed and will be available to view free of charge online from the project website during the statutory consultation period. Table 2 lists libraries in the surrounding area at which free internet access is available.

8.5.2. Hard copies of the SoCC can also be viewed at the libraries listed in Table 2 from 12 October until 7 December 2023.

**Table 2: Library locations and opening times**

Location	Opening times
<p><b>Selby Library</b>, 52 Micklegate, Selby YO8 4EQ</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:selby.library@northyorks.gov.uk">selby.library@northyorks.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 01609 534521</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monday- 9:30am–7:30pm</li> <li>▪ Tuesday- 9:30am–5:30pm</li> <li>▪ Wednesday- 9:30am–5:30pm</li> <li>▪ Thursday- 9:30am–12:30pm</li> <li>▪ Friday- 9:30am–5:30pm</li> <li>▪ Saturday- 9:30am–12:30pm</li> <li>▪ Sunday- Closed</li> </ul>

Location	Opening times
<p><b>Snaith Library</b>, 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole DN14 9HE</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:snaith.library@eastriding.gov.uk">snaith.library@eastriding.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 01405 860096</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monday- Closed</li> <li>▪ Tuesday- 2–6pm</li> <li>▪ Wednesday- Closed</li> <li>▪ Thursday- 10am–4pm</li> <li>▪ Friday- Closed</li> <li>▪ Saturday- 10am–12pm</li> <li>▪ Sunday- Closed</li> </ul>

\* Free online access is also available at Goole Library. Please contact Goole Library for opening times.

8.5.3. The opening times of these organisations are dependent on and are governed by them and may be subject to change.

## 8.6. Statutory Consultation Events

8.6.1. In addition to the methods of informing and engaging with local communities set out in Chapter 3, we will also undertake face to face consultation events at the following venues. The dates and exact timings of these events will be confirmed in writing to consultees and interested parties on the consultation materials, newsletters and online.

**Table 3: Public Consultation Event Locations**

Venue	Date/time	Address
Camblesforth Hall	Wednesday 8 November, 2pm-7pm	Brigg Lane, Camblesforth, Selby, YO8 8HJ
Carlton Village Hall	Thursday 9 November, 12pm-5.30pm	Church Lane, Carlton, Goole, DN14 9PB

8.6.2. Should it be deemed appropriate, further events may be organised to accommodate

any residents that were not able to access the scheduled events. Any changes to the above noted venues or additional events during the consultation period will be confirmed with North Yorkshire Council and will be advertised on the project website and communicated to the host parish councils.

## 8.7. How to contact us and respond to the consultation

8.7.1. In addition to the methods outlined in Chapter 8.4, you can contact us in the following ways:

- Visit the project website <https://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk>
- Call 0800 699 0081
- Email [info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](mailto:info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)
- Write to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)

8.7.2. From the beginning of the statutory consultation period, feedback forms will be available on the project website (noted above), at all public consultation events and can also be provided directly upon request. You can fill out a feedback form and return it via the following means:

- online at <https://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk>
- at an event (listed in Table 3.4)
- post a hard copy to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)
- email an electronic copy to [info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](mailto:info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)

8.7.3. Should this document be required in a different format (e.g. large text) please contact us using any of the methods noted above.

## 9. Next steps

### 9.1. Consultation results and next steps

9.1.1. When the statutory consultation has closed we will review and finalise the proposed application having regard to the feedback received throughout. A Consultation Report will be prepared which will set out how the feedback from the pre-application



consultation has shaped and influenced our proposed application.

- 9.1.2. In the Consultation Report we will also make it clear where we have / have not altered our proposals to reflect comments received and explaining our reasoning. The Consultation Report will be submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the DCO application.
- 9.1.3. Any comments received could be made public but no personal information will be published. Any personal data received as part of the Consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

## **9.2. Future engagement**

- 9.2.1. If, as a result of feedback, our proposals for the Proposed Development change to the extent that it is necessary to carry out further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken in accordance with the principles and methods set out in the SoCC.
- 9.2.2. We are anticipating submitting an application for development consent for the Proposed Development in 2024. PINS will have up to 28 days to decide whether to accept the application for examination. If accepted, there will be an opportunity for the community and other stakeholders to submit representations and participate in the examination of the application.