



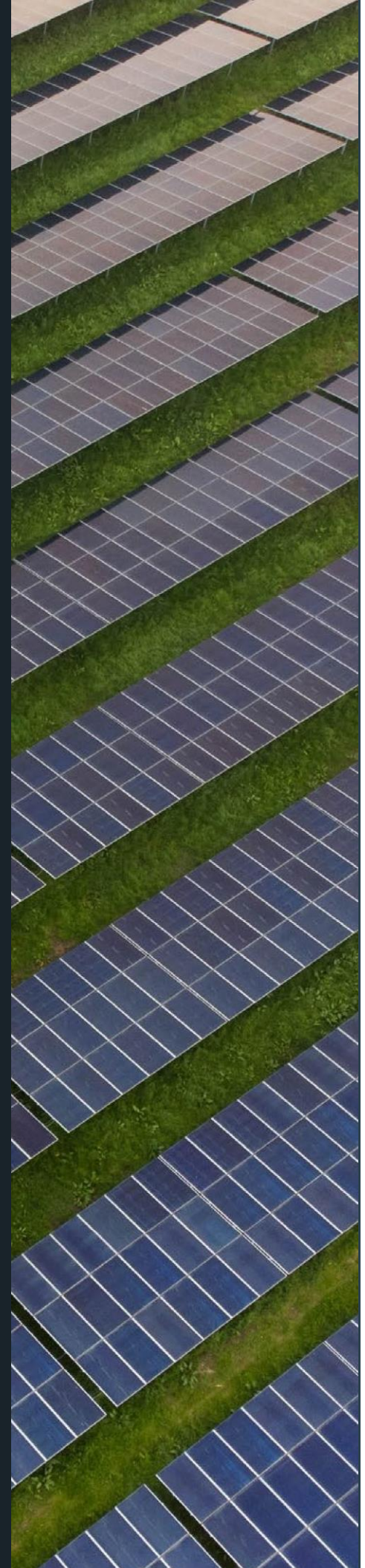
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12 October 2023

RE: Helios Renewable Energy Project: Publication of Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing to you in relation to the Helios Renewable Energy Project in North Yorkshire to inform you that we will be launching a statutory consultation on our proposals in the next fortnight and to explain how you can get involved.

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 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.

We have now published our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which sets out how, when, and where local communities can participate in the statutory consultation on our proposals, prior to an application being submitted. The SoCC can be viewed on the project website: www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/project-documents/

It is also available to view at the following locations (subject to opening times, please check online or contact the venues before you travel):

Location	Opening times
<p>Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ</p> <p>Email: selby.library@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 01609 534521</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday- 9:30am–7:30pm ▪ Tuesday- 9:30am–5:30pm ▪ Wednesday- 9:30am–5:30pm ▪ Thursday- 9:30am–12:30pm ▪ Friday- 9:30am–5:30pm ▪ Saturday- 9:30am–12:30pm ▪ Sunday- Closed
<p>Snaith Library, 27-29 Market Place, Snaith, DN14 9HE</p> <p>Email: snaith.library@eastriding.gov.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 01405 860096</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday- Closed ▪ Tuesday- 2–6pm ▪ Wednesday- Closed ▪ Thursday- 10am–4pm ▪ Friday- Closed ▪ Saturday- 10am–12pm ▪ Sunday- Closed

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

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Copies may also be requested via the following methods:

- 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)

The SoCC and details of the consultation will be advertised in the local press, on the project website, and in a community newsletter, a copy of which is enclosed, and will be delivered to local residents.

The SoCC confirms the start and end date of the consultation, which takes place from **26 October 2023 to 7 December 2023**. Public exhibitions will take place in November, alongside a full virtual exhibition available on the project website during that period.

From the start of the statutory consultation period 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 on the Project website via a virtual exhibition and at the public consultation events (see details below). The consultation period then closes on 7 December 2023.

Consultation events will take place at the following locations on 8 and 9 November 2023:

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

I would be grateful if you could share this information on your social media channels to help increase local knowledge and participation in the consultation process.

I would like to invite you to attend a stakeholder preview of the consultation at Camblesforth Hall on Wednesday 8 November from 1pm-2pm, before it opens to the public. I would be grateful if you could confirm if you intend to visit our event, so that we can ensure a member of the project team is available to discuss the proposals with you.

All our consultation materials will be available to view online, or at our public consultation events. However, I would be happy to discuss how we can provide information 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.

Feedback forms will also be available online, as a hard copy at events, or upon request.

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 Development Consent Order ('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, who will decide whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

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Further information is available on the project website www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/, should you have any further initial queries at this stage. I will write to you again to confirm the start of the statutory consultation with details on how to access all of the information.

Yours sincerely,



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