



Pursuant to: APFP Regulation 5(2)(q)

Consultation Report:

Appendix 15.2 - Targeted consultation letter to new Category 3 land interests

June 2024





11 June 2024

RE: Targeted consultation on proposals for Helios Renewable Energy Project

Dear,

Following ongoing diligent enquiries, you have been identified as having recently taken ownership of an interest in land potentially indirectly impacted by the Helios Renewable Energy Project in North Yorkshire, that is due to submit a Development Consent Order application shortly.

This letter is formally documenting that you have an interest in the vicinity of the scheme and should the application be accepted will receive notice as part of the acceptance in due course. You will be able to make representations to the Examination. However, we are writing to ensure that you have received the same documentation as other identified parties have received as part of a previous consultation in late 2023 as part of this process.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter.

The information set out below was sent to all parties being consulted under section 42(1)(d) and section 44 of the 2008 Act. Accordingly, you are being consulted on the Helios Renewable Energy Project because you have been identified as someone with one or more of the following interests in land that may be affected by the Project:

- you are an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of land which is in our proposed application boundary;
- you have an interest in the land or have the power to sell or convey some of the land which is in our proposed application boundary; or
- your property or land may, in due course, be affected by the carrying out of or the use of the Project.

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.

All information relating to the proposals including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), feedback forms and supporting consultation materials is available to view online on the Project website.



Should you wish to get in touch with the project team, there are numerous methods of contact, including:

- **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)

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 making an application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') to authorise the Project shortly

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.

Further information is available on the project website www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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