



HELIOS RENEWABLE
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PROJECT

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Consultation press release**

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Appendix 8.3 Informal consultation press release (1 July 2022)



Launch of Informal Consultation Press Statement

July 2022

Enso Energy announce pre-application consultation for Helios Renewable Energy Project, south of Selby, North Yorkshire

Consultation on new plans have been announced for a renewable energy scheme called Helios Renewable Energy Project (HREP), which is located to the west of the village of Camblesforth, and to the north of the village of Hirst Courtney in North Yorkshire. The scheme will comprise ground mounted solar arrays with energy storage, connecting to the Drax National Grid Substation.

The project would produce up to 250MW of clean renewable energy, which is enough renewable energy to power around 61,950 homes each year.

The proposal would generate a significant amount of energy each year of the proposed 40-year operational life, while also providing large CO₂ savings when compared to generation of electricity by non-renewable sources.

The energy storage facility will supply electricity to the local electricity network at times of peak energy demand and help make the renewable energy output of the solar farm a secure and reliable part of the UK energy supply.

Consultation will take place from 30th June to 28th July 2022, with information available to view via a virtual consultation online at www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk.

Consultation events will take place at the following dates, times and locations:

- Camblesforth Hall, Brigg Lane, Camblesforth, Selby, YO8 8HJ – Thursday 14th July 2022, 2pm to 7pm
- Carlton Village Hall, Church Lane, Carlton, DN14 9PB – Friday 15th July 2022, 12.30pm to 5pm

Principal Planner and Helios Project Lead, Kirsty Lodge, said:

“We are looking forward to discussing the early proposals for the Helios project with stakeholders, consultees and the local community over the next few weeks.

This will be the first of two phases of consultation on the plans. We wanted to present the early proposals, hear local views and see where we may be able to take on board feedback to help shape the plans, which aren't yet fixed.

Wherever possible, we're looking at how we can best align this project with existing and emerging carbon reduction targets at a national level, as well as seeking opportunities to contribute biodiversity enhancements, community benefit and supply chain opportunities at a local level. We're also conscious of the important role this scheme could play in assisting the UK reduce its reliance on foreign energy imports.”

Due to the nature of the proposed project, an application to the Planning Inspectorate will be submitted under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) regime (Planning Act 2008) in 2023.



Following submission, the Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will make the decision.

The project website contains further information on the proposals and the consultation: www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk.

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Editor's notes

The applicant, 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.

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