



**East Yorkshire Solar Farm  
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The Secretary of State  
c/o Simon Raywood  
Case Manager – Project Speed  
The Planning Inspectorate  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN

3 May 2023  
BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Raywood,

**EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM LIMITED  
SECTION 46 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008: DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROPOSED  
APPLICATION  
PLANNING INSPECTORATE CASE REFERENCE: EN010143**

East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) is proposing to submit a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application under the provisions of section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to authorise the construction, operation (which includes maintenance) and decommissioning of the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm (“the Scheme”).

This letter comprises the formal notification to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) under section 46 of the 2008 Act. The Applicant intends to submit the DCO application in late 2023.

The Applicant previously provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 on 9 September 2022 that the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA development”), as defined by those regulations, accordingly an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of our DCO application.

The submission of the DCO application will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (“the APFP Regulations”), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)



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Regulations 2017 ("the EIA Regulations"). The statutory consultation will commence on Tuesday 9 May 2023 and end at 11.59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023.

**The Scheme**

The Scheme comprises a generating station of above 50 megawatts and therefore qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) the 2008 Act due to its capacity.

The Scheme will use ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electrical energy from the sun. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is proposed to store any excess energy generated and export it to the national electricity transmission system (national grid) to meet peaks in demand. The Scheme includes underground cabling between the different areas where solar PV panel arrays are proposed to be located and to the national grid at National Grid's Drax Substation; areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement; and associated infrastructure.

The Scheme is proposed to be located on land northwest of the market town of Howden, near the villages of Spaldington, Brind and Wressle in the administrative area of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and will connect to the national grid at National Grid's Drax Substation in the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council.

**Consultation documents**

Section 46 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to supply the Secretary of State with the information that it intends to provide to consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act, on or before commencing consultation under section 42. The Applicant hereby supplies the Secretary of State with the same information that is being supplied to all relevant consultees identified in accordance with section 42 of the 2008 Act.

The full set of consultation documents ("the consultation materials") being supplied to section 42 consultees are listed below and will be made available from Tuesday 9 May 2023 to 11.59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023 on the Scheme's website at: [REDACTED]

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- Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report.
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- Statement of Community Consultation.

If you have any problems accessing the consultation documents on the Scheme's website from 9 May 2023 then please let the Applicant know at your earliest convenience. We are providing the above information to the Secretary of State via weblink however should the Secretary of State require the material in an alternative format such as the documents on a USB or via a file sharing link please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details below.

The Applicant has included as enclosures with this letter the templates of the letters being sent to statutory consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act. These are:

- Section 42(1)(a) consultee letter - prescribed consultees
- Section 42(1)(aa) consultee letter – Marine Management Organisation
- Section 42(1)(b) consultee letter – local authorities
- Section 42(1)(d) consultee letter – land interests.

A copy of the Applicant's statutory notice prepared in accordance with section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations is an enclosure to the section 42(1)(a), section 42(1)(aa) and section 42(1)(b) letters. Inclusion of the notice with these letters meets the Applicant's obligations under Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations. A hard copy of the consultation brochure, the consultation feedback form and a plan of the proposed solar farm and cable route are also enclosures to the section 42(1)(d) consultee letter and can be provided to the Secretary of State if required.

We would be grateful if you could please acknowledge that this section 46 notice has been received as a record of compliance. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the project team by email on [eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk](mailto:eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,



Helen Standing  
Project Manager, Boom Power  
On behalf of East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited | Unit 5e Park Farm | Chichester Road | Arundel |  
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PROPOSED EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION  
STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION: 9 MAY 2023 – 20 JUNE 2023  
SECTION 42 PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED): DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED  
APPLICATION  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS AND PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)  
REGULATIONS 2009 (AS AMENDED)  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS  
2017

We are writing to you regarding the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Scheme) which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system.

#### The Scheme

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The Scheme is proposed to be located on land northwest of the market town of Howden, near the villages of Spaldington, Brind and Wressle in the administrative area of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and will connect to the national grid at National Grid's Drax Substation in the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council. The Scheme will deliver enough low carbon



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electricity to power approximately 100,000 homes at a time of increased energy insecurity and will also contribute to the UK government's target of reaching net-zero carbon by 2050.

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The Development Consent Order application (the Application) will be made by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (company number 14103404) (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to make a DCO for the Scheme. We intend to submit our DCO application later in 2023.

### Why we are writing to you

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about our DCO application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act and Regulation 3 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the APFP Regulations). You have been identified as a prescribed consultee under Section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act and Regulation 3 of the APFP Regulations or you are a consultee identified under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 or a person where it has been decided it would be appropriate to consult in any event.

This letter is to give you notice of the Applicant's statutory consultation on the Scheme. This consultation will run from Tuesday 9 May 2023 to 11.59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023 (hereafter referred to as "the consultation period") and we invite responses on or before the closing date. Details of how this consultation is being carried out can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals for the Scheme as a whole and we encourage you to provide your views to us through this statutory consultation. By responding you will enable us to take your views into account as we develop and refine our proposals before submitting the DCO application to PINS.

We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and a PEI Report Non-Technical Summary as the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as



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defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). These documents will help you to understand the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme. An Environmental Statement will also be submitted with our DCO application.

### Consultation documents

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- PEI Report.
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If you have any problems accessing the consultation documents on the Scheme’s website from 9 May 2023, please let the Applicant know at your earliest convenience, using the contact details contained within this letter. The consultation materials are provided to help you understand the proposals and inform any comments you have on the Scheme.

As required by Regulation 13 of the EIA regulations, we also enclose a copy of the formal notice of the Application in accordance with section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

Single paper copies of each of the consultation materials will be made available free of charge. This request should be made during the consultation period to the Applicant using the contact details provided in this letter. For multiple copies of these documents, requests will be considered on a case by case basis and there may be a charge of up to £0.35 per page or for large printing requests such as the PEIR to cover printing and postage costs. Digital copies of the consultation materials can be provided on USB memory stick as PDF files upon request for a small charge to cover production and postage costs. If you need other more accessible formats such as braille of the consultation materials, please contact us using the contact details in this letter.

During the consultation period, a series of public consultation events (a combination of in person and online) will be held. These events will give you an opportunity to hear further details about the Scheme and speak with the project team. Dates, times and locations for these events are provided on our website, in the consultation brochure and SoCC. Copies of consultation



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documents will also be made available for inspection, free of charge at the deposit locations set out on our website and in the consultation brochure, SoCC and section 48 notice.

Where any public consultation event referred to is cancelled or rearranged for any reason, including Covid-19 restrictions, as much notice as possible will be given. Notice of any alternative arrangements (if any are reasonably considered necessary by us) will be given as soon as possible after the cancellation or rearrangement is made. This may include alternative dates, venues and/or arrangements for the submission of representations. We will inform you of any cancellations or rearrangements via methods such as the website.

### Contact us

The consultation feedback form gives details of how you can comment on our Scheme. Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this consultation. Consultation responses can be made in writing to our free post address provided below or electronically via our website or e-mail address, details of which are also provided below. Responses to this consultation should therefore be sent to the following:

- Online: [REDACTED] via our consultation feedback form
- By email: [eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk](mailto:eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk)
- By post: FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm

Enquiries in relation to the consultation materials during the consultation period should also be directed to the Applicant using these details or by contacting the project team on 01964 782219 (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm).

Please make sure that your response reaches us by 11.59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023 so we have time to collect and assess all consultation responses before we finalise our DCO application. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Scheme.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a consultation report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the DCO application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of that consultation report.





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[REDACTED] A hard copy of the privacy notice can be requested using the contact details above.

### The Development Consent Order process

Information about the 2008 Act and Development Consent Orders can be found on PINS' National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

If you have any questions about this letter, the Scheme or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details provided above or by contacting the project team on 01964 782219 (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm).

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Helen Standing  
Project Manager, Boom Power  
On behalf of East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited | Unit 5e Park Farm | Chichester Road | Arundel |  
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Enc. Copy of section 48 notice

**SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008  
REGULATION 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED  
FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009  
REGULATION 13 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017  
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER  
FOR THE EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM**

Notice is hereby given that EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM LIMITED (company number 14103404) of Unit 5E, Park Farm, Arundel, BN18 0AG (“the Applicant”) proposes to make an application (“the Application”) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) for the abovementioned Development Consent Order (“DCO”).

The Application is for the construction and operation (including maintenance and decommissioning) of a solar farm consisting of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) arrays which will generate more than 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity from the sun. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is proposed to store any excess energy generated and export it to the national electricity transmission system (national grid) to meet peaks in demand. The Scheme includes underground cabling between the different areas where solar PV panel arrays are proposed to be located and to the national grid at National Grid’s Drax Substation; areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement; and associated infrastructure.

The Scheme is a nationally significant infrastructure project being proposed by the Applicant, as it will have a generating capacity exceeding 50 MW. The Scheme is proposed to be located on land northwest of the market town of Howden, near the villages of Spaldington, Brind and Wressle in the administrative area of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and will connect to the national grid at National Grid’s Drax substation in the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council. The Scheme will deliver enough low carbon electricity to power approximately 100,000 homes at a time of increased energy insecurity and will also contribute to the UK government’s target of reaching net-zero carbon by 2050.

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar PV electricity generating facility;
- associated and/or ancillary works including the construction of a BESS with an export capacity over 50 MW; substations and cabling to connect to the National Grid substation at Drax; the creation of environmental mitigation and enhancement areas; permissive paths; access tracks; construction compounds; and redevelopment of existing buildings to office, welfare and storage facilities;
- alterations to streets, including the creation and modification of temporary and permanent accesses, the temporary removal of street furniture and any necessary temporary diversion and/or temporary stoppings up of public rights of way;
- the permanent compulsory acquisition and temporary possession (if required) of land and/or rights;
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land as well as the creation of restrictions where necessary;
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation including, amongst other things, legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant matters; and
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient for the purposes of the Scheme.

The Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. As a result, the Applicant is required to carry out an EIA and submit and publish an Environmental Statement (ES) as part of the Application containing a detailed description of the Scheme and information about its likely significant effects on the environment. Information currently available about the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme is set out in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEI Report) and summarised in a Non-Technical Summary (PEI Report NTS) that forms part of the consultation material.

### **Consultation details**

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **Tuesday 9 May 2023 to Tuesday 20 June 2023** (“the consultation period”).

The full suite of consultation materials which includes documents, plans and maps which show the nature and location of the proposed development comprises: Consultation brochure; Consultation Frequently Asked Questions (‘FAQ’) document; Consultation feedback form; plans of the proposed solar farm and cable route; Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC); PEI Report; and PEI Report NTS.

All consultation materials can be found on the Applicant’s website [\[redacted\]](#) where they will be available for inspection, free of charge, during the consultation period with the final day being Tuesday 20 June 2023.

Single paper copies of each of the consultation materials will be made available on request. This request should be made during the consultation period to the Applicant using the contact details provided in this notice. For multiple copies of these documents requests will be considered on a case by case basis and there may be a charge of up to £0.35 per page or for large printing requests such as the PEIR to cover printing and postage costs. Digital copies of the consultation materials can be provided on USB memory stick as PDF files upon request for a small charge to cover production and postage costs.

### **Document deposit locations**

Paper copies of all consultation materials will be available for inspection during the consultation period until at least 20 June 2023 free of charge at the following document deposit locations:

<b>Document inspection venue</b>	<b>Opening hours* (correct at the time of publication)</b>	
Howden Library & Customer Service Centre 69 Hailgate, Howden, East Yorkshire, DN14 7SX	Monday	9.30am to 4.30pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	2.00pm to 7.00pm
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9.30am to 2.30pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm
	Sunday	Closed
Selby Library 52 Micklegate, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 4EQ	Monday	9.30am to 7.30pm
	Tuesday	9.30am to 5.30pm
	Wednesday	9.30am to 5.30pm
	Thursday	9.30am to 12.30pm
	Friday	9.30am to 5.30pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm
	Sunday	Closed
Bubwith Leisure Centre, The Playing Fields, Main Street, Bubwith, East Yorkshire, YO8 6LX	Monday–Friday	5.00pm to 7.00pm
	Saturday	9.00am to 12.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am to 12.00pm
Market Weighton Library & Customer Service Centre 14 Beverley Road, Market Weighton, YO43 3JP	Monday	9.30am to 4.30pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	9.30am to 6.30pm
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9.30am to 4.30pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 12:30pm
	Sunday	Closed
East Yorkshire Mobile Library, Holme on Spalding Moor, Village Hall Car Park, High Street, YO43 4EN	Thursday 18 May	10.00am to 5.00pm
	Thursday 1 June	10.00am to 5.00pm
	Thursday 15 June	10.00am to 5.00pm
East Yorkshire Mobile Library, Bubwith	Friday 19 May	1.30pm to 5.00pm

Document inspection venue	Opening hours* (correct at the time of publication)
Vicarage Close, off Brighton Road, YO8 6LL.	Friday 2 June 1.30pm to 5.00pm Friday 16 June 1.30pm to 5.00pm

\*Opening times of these organisations are decided by them and may be subject to change. A number of preloaded USBs containing the full suite of consultation documents will also be made available at these venues free of charge.

We are holding **four in person consultation events** and **two online webinars** at the following dates, times and locations:

Date and time	Location
Tuesday 16 May 2023 2.00pm–8.00pm	Loftsome Bridge Hotel, Station Lane, Wressle, Selby, YO8 6EN
Wednesday 24 May 2023 2.00pm–8.00pm	Boothferry Golf Course, Spaldington, East Yorkshire, DN14 7NG
Thursday 25 May 2023 6.00pm–7.00pm	Online webinar access [REDACTED]
Thursday 8 June 2023 7.00pm–8.00pm	Online webinar access details at [REDACTED]
Saturday 10 June 2023 2.00pm–8.00pm	Bubwith Leisure Centre, The Playing Fields, Main Street, Bubwith, East Yorkshire, YO8 6LX
Tuesday 13 June 2023 2.00pm–8.00pm	Howden Shire Hall, 13 Market Place, Howden, Goole, DN14 7BJ

### **Feedback**

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this consultation. Responses must be received **by 11.59pm on 20 June 2023**. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Scheme and state the grounds of the response or representation.

All responses must be made in writing by:

- a. Completing the online feedback form located on the Scheme website: [REDACTED]
- b. Attending a consultation event and completing a paper copy feedback form
- c. Obtaining a paper copy of the consultation feedback form at one of our document deposit locations or by requesting one using the contact details in this notice, which can be returned via **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**
- d. Alternatively, feedback can be sent to us by:
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Yours sincerely,

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Helen Standing  
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On behalf of East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited | Unit 5e Park Farm | Chichester Road | Arundel |  
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NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER  
FOR THE EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM**

Notice is hereby given that EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM LIMITED (company number 14103404) of Unit 5E, Park Farm, Arundel, BN18 0AG (“the Applicant”) proposes to make an application (“the Application”) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) for the abovementioned Development Consent Order (“DCO”).

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We are holding **four in person consultation events** and **two online webinars** at the following dates, times and locations:

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Thursday 25 May 2023 6.00pm–7.00pm	Online webinar access details at [REDACTED]
Thursday 8 June 2023 7.00pm–8.00pm	Online webinar access details at [REDACTED]
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### **Feedback**

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this consultation. Responses must be received **by 11.59pm on 20 June 2023**. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Scheme and state the grounds of the response or representation.

All responses must be made in writing by:

- a. Completing the online feedback form located on the Scheme website: [REDACTED]
- b. Attending a consultation event and completing a paper copy feedback form
- c. Obtaining a paper copy of the consultation feedback form at one of our document deposit locations or by requesting one using the contact details in this notice, which can be returned via **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**
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3 May 2023

Dear [name or Sir/Madam],

PROPOSED EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION  
STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION: 9 MAY 2023 – 20 JUNE 2023  
SECTION 42 PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED): DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED  
APPLICATION  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS AND PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)  
REGULATIONS 2009 (AS AMENDED)  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS  
2017

We are writing to you regarding the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Scheme) which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system.

### The Scheme

The Scheme will use ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electrical energy from the sun. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is proposed to store any excess energy generated and export it to the national electricity transmission system (national grid) to meet peaks in demand. The Scheme includes underground cabling between the different areas where solar PV panel arrays are proposed to be located and to the national grid at National Grid's Drax Substation; areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement; and associated infrastructure.

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The Scheme comprises a generating station of above 50 megawatts and therefore qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) due to its capacity. In accordance with the 2008 Act, we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to construct, operate, maintain and decommission the Scheme.

The Development Consent Order application (the Application) will be made by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (company number 14103404) (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to make a DCO for the Scheme. We intend to submit our DCO application later in 2023.

### Why we are writing to you

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about our DCO application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act and Regulation 3 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the APFP Regulations). You have been identified as a local authority under Section 42(1)(b) and section 43 of the 2008 Act (as amended).

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This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals for the Scheme as a whole and we encourage you to provide your views to us through this statutory consultation. By responding you will enable us to take your views into account as we develop and refine our proposals before submitting the DCO application to PINS.

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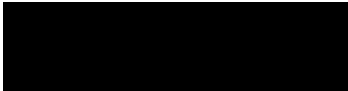
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A number of preloaded USBs containing the full suite of consultation documents will also be made available at these venues free of charge.

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### **Feedback**

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this consultation. Responses must be received **by 11.59pm on 20 June 2023**. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Scheme and state the grounds of the response or representation.

All responses must be made in writing by:

- a. Completing the online feedback form located on the Scheme website: [REDACTED]
- b. Attending a consultation event and completing a paper copy feedback form
- c. Obtaining a paper copy of the consultation feedback form at one of our document deposit locations or by requesting one using the contact details in this notice, which can be returned via **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**
- d. Alternatively, feedback can be sent to us by:
  - i. Emailing: **eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk** or
  - ii. writing to us: **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**

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Otherwise, personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties. For further details please see our Privacy Notice at: [REDACTED] A hard copy of the privacy notice can be requested using the contact details below.

If further information about this notice, the consultation materials, the consultation or the Scheme is required, please contact the project team by using one of these contact methods:

- Email: **eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk**
- Write: **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**
- Telephone: **01964 782219 between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday**



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3 May 2023

Dear **[[mailmerge]]**,

**PROPOSED EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION  
STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION: 9 MAY 2023 – 20 JUNE 2023  
SECTION 42 PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED): DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED  
APPLICATION  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS AND PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)  
REGULATIONS 2009 (AS AMENDED)  
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS  
2017**

We are writing to you regarding the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Scheme) which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system.

**The Scheme**

The Scheme will use ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electrical energy from the sun. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is proposed to store any excess energy generated and export it to the national electricity transmission system (national grid) to meet peaks in demand. The Scheme includes underground cabling between the different areas where solar PV panel arrays are proposed to be located and to the national grid at National Grid’s Drax Substation; areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement; and associated infrastructure.

The Scheme is proposed to be located on land northwest of the market town of Howden, near the villages of Spaldington, Brind and Wressle in the administrative area of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and will connect to the national grid at National Grid’s Drax Substation in the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council. The Scheme will deliver enough low carbon electricity to power approximately 100,000 homes at a time of increased energy insecurity and will also contribute to the UK government’s target of reaching net-zero carbon by 2050.





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The Scheme comprises a generating station of above 50 megawatts and therefore qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(2) the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) due to its capacity. In accordance with the 2008 Act, we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to construct, operate, maintain and decommission the Scheme.

The Development Consent Order application (the Application) will be made by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (company number 14103404) (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to make a DCO for the Scheme. We intend to submit our DCO application later in 2023.

**Why we are writing to you**

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about our DCO application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act and Regulation 3 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the APFP Regulations). **You have been identified as a person or organisation who has an interest in the land which East Yorkshire Solar Limited is proposing to seek powers for under the DCO for the Scheme.** In accordance with section 42(1)(d) and section 44 of the 2008 Act you may be considered to:

- have a category 1 interest in land or property within the proposed DCO Application boundary which means we believe you are an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of this land; and/or
- have a category 2 interest in land or property within the proposed DCO Application boundary. This means we believe you are interested in this land or have the power to sell and convey the land, or to release the land.

This letter is to give you notice of the Applicant's statutory consultation on the Scheme. This consultation will run from **Tuesday 9 May 2023 to 11.59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023** (hereafter referred to as "the consultation period") and we invite responses on or before the closing date. Details of how this consultation is being carried out can be found in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals for the Scheme as a whole and we encourage you to provide your views to us through this statutory consultation. By responding you will enable us to take your views into account as we develop and refine our proposals before submitting the DCO application to PINS.



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We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and a PEI Report Non-Technical Summary as the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). These documents will help you to understand the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme. An Environmental Statement will also be submitted with our DCO application.

**Consultation documents**

The full set of consultation documents (“the consultation materials”) are listed below and will be made available **from 9 May 2023** on the Scheme’s website at: [REDACTED]

- Consultation brochure (a hard copy is also enclosed with this letter).
- Consultation Frequently Asked Questions (“FAQ”) document.
- Consultation feedback form (a hard copy is also enclosed with this letter).
- Plans of the proposed solar farm and cable route (a hard copy is also enclosed with this letter);
- PEI Report.
- PEI Report Non-Technical Summary.
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

If you have any problems accessing the consultation documents on the Scheme’s website from 9 May 2023, please let the Applicant know at your earliest convenience, using the contact details contained within this letter. The consultation materials are provided to help you understand the proposals and inform any comments you have on the Scheme.

Single paper copies of each of the consultation materials will be made available free of charge. This request should be made during the consultation period to the Applicant using the contact details provided in this letter. For multiple copies of these documents, requests will be considered on a case by case basis and there may be a charge of up to £0.35 per page or for large printing requests such as the PEIR to cover printing and postage costs. Digital copies of the consultation materials can be provided on USB memory stick as PDF files upon request for a small charge to cover production and postage costs. If you need other more accessible formats such as braille of the consultation materials, please contact us using the contact details in this letter.

During the consultation period, a series of public consultation events (a combination of in person and online) will be held. These events will give you an opportunity to hear further details about the Scheme and speak with the project team. Dates, times and locations for these events are provided on our website, in the consultation brochure and SoCC. Copies of consultation



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documents will also be made available for inspection, free of charge at the deposit locations set out on our website and in the consultation brochure, SoCC and section 48 notice.

Where any public consultation event referred to is cancelled or rearranged for any reason, including Covid-19 restrictions, as much notice as possible will be given. Notice of any alternative arrangements (if any are reasonably considered necessary by us) will be given as soon as possible after the cancellation or rearrangement is made. This may include alternative dates, venues and/or arrangements for the submission of representations. We will inform you of any cancellations or rearrangements via methods such as the website.

**Contact us**

The consultation feedback form gives details of how you can comment on our Scheme. Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this consultation. Consultation responses can be made in writing to our free post address provided below or electronically via our website or e-mail address, details of which are also provided below. Responses to this consultation should therefore be sent to the following:

- Online: [REDACTED] via our consultation feedback form
- By email: [eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk](mailto:eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk)
- By post: **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**

Enquiries in relation to the consultation materials during the consultation period should also be directed to the Applicant using these details or by contacting the project team on 01964 782219 (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm).

Enquiries in relation to your land interest or where it falls in respect of the scheme boundary should be directed to the Applicant's Land Referencing Team on 07593 387039 (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm).

Please make sure that your response reaches us by **11.59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023** so we have time to collect and assess all consultation responses before we finalise our DCO application. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Scheme.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a consultation report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the DCO application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should



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### **The Development Consent Order process**

Information about the 2008 Act and Development Consent Orders can be found on PINS' National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

If you have any questions about this letter, the Scheme or the consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details provided above or by contacting the project team on 01964 782219 (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm).

Yours **sincerely/faithfully,**

[REDACTED]

Helen Standing  
Project Manager, Boom Power  
On behalf of East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited | Unit 5e Park Farm | Chichester Road | Arundel |  
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Enc. Consultation brochure, plan showing the proposed DCO Application boundary, Consultation feedback form

# FEEDBACK FORM

## EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM | MAY 2023

East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (a Boom Power company) is proposing a new solar farm with energy storage situated between the villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington, Wressle and the town of Howden. The solar farm will connect to National Grid's substation at Drax and generate approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of low-carbon electricity – enough to power around 100,000 homes.

We are holding a public statutory consultation for East Yorkshire Solar Farm to explain our proposal. The consultation is running for six weeks, from **9 May to 20 June 2023**.

This statutory consultation is being carried out in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. As the solar farm would produce over 50 MW of electricity, the Scheme is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, and therefore requires planning consent by way of a Development Consent Order (DCO).

You can respond to the consultation using any of the following methods:

- **Post:** Complete this form and post to us at FREEPOST EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM
- **Email:** Email your completed form to us at [eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk](mailto:eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk)
- **Online:** Complete this form on our website by scanning the below QR code on your smart device. Click on the link to complete the form. Alternatively, visit [\[REDACTED\]](#)



We recommend you read the consultation brochure before filling out this form. You can view and download copies of the following documents from our website:

- Consultation brochure
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Site plans
- Statement of Community Consultation
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report

The deadline for responses is **23:59 on 20 June 2023**. All responses received before the deadline will be considered. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

## ABOUT YOU.

Information requested in this section is to understand your connection to the scheme. Information provided will be held securely and used only for the purposes of this consultation. For more information on how we handle your data, please see our Privacy Notice at: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Postcode: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED] Telephone: [REDACTED]

2. What is your interest in the Scheme?

- Local resident  Regular visitor to the area  
 Local elected representative  Interested in solar power / renewable energy  
 Local business owner  Statutory organisation representative  
 Landowner  Local interest group  
 Other (please specify): [REDACTED]

3. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation or group and if so, please share the name of the organisation or group:

- Yes  No

Name of group or organisation: [REDACTED]

4. Are you happy for us to contact you about your response if required?

- Yes  No

## OUR PROPOSAL.

5. Do you agree with the layout in our proposed masterplan for East Yorkshire Solar Farm?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on the masterplan.

6. Do you agree with our proposed approach to connect East Yorkshire Solar Farm with the National Grid substation at Drax, including the cable route and use of underground cabling?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on the cable route.

7. Based on our updated proposal shared in this consultation, what are your views on East Yorkshire Solar Farm?

- I am in favour of the proposal  I oppose the proposal  
 I am undecided  I am in favour of a solar farm but want further information before making a decision

## MITIGATIONS, ENHANCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT.

We are committed to minimising the environmental impact of the scheme and have updated our proposals to include mitigations and enhancements across East Yorkshire Solar Farm. Based on feedback to our non-statutory consultation, we have updated our proposals to address concerns raised in the feedback and mitigate potential impacts. We describe these mitigations measure in our brochure (page 16-19).

8. Ecology: Based on the information provided do you agree with our proposed approach to ecological mitigation?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

9. Landscape and views: Based on the information provided do you agree with our proposed approach to landscape mitigation?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

10. Traffic: Based on the information provided do you agree with our proposed approach to traffic mitigation?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

11. Noise and vibration: Based on the information provided do you agree with our proposed approach to noise and vibration mitigation?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

12. Cultural heritage: Based on the information provided do you agree with our proposed approach to cultural heritage mitigation?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

13. Flood risk: Based on the information provided do you agree with our proposed approach to flood risk mitigation?

- Strongly agree  Agree  Neither agree or disagree  Disagree  Strongly disagree

Please provide any further comments and suggestions you may have on this topic.

14. Do you have any comments on the information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report? Please specify any environmental topic areas you are commenting on.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change                | <input type="checkbox"/> Soils and agricultural land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social-economics and land use | <input type="checkbox"/> Air quality                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):       |  |

15. Community benefit fund:

As part of this scheme, we are exploring the use of a community benefit fund, and our aim is be to work with organisations that will spend the money to support the projects to benefit the local community. We would like to understand what causes are important to you. Please indicate which causes you feel the benefit fund should support. (Please tick as many boxes as needed).

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Combating climate change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community healthcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):  |

16. Further comments:

Please share any further comments you have on East Yorkshire Solar Farm.

17. How did you find out about our consultation?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Received a letter / brochure   | <input type="checkbox"/> Via a local community group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saw it advertised in the media | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):        |  |

18. Have you attended any of our consultation events?

- Yes     No

19. How informative did you find our consultation materials?

- Very informative     Quite informative     Not informative     Did not use

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK.

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# EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM.

STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION BROCHURE | MAY 2023





# INTRODUCTION.

East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (a Boom Power company) is proposing a new solar farm with energy storage, known as East Yorkshire Solar Farm, situated between the villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington and Wressle, and the town of Howden (the Scheme).

The Scheme will generate approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of low-carbon electricity, enough to power around 100,000 homes and contributing to the government's targets of reaching net-zero by the year 2050 and 70 gigawatts of solar generated electricity by 2035.

The Scheme comprises solar photovoltaic (PV) panels; batteries to store some of the energy generated so that it can be released to meet peaks in demand; underground cabling between the areas of panels and the National Grid's substation at Drax; areas of landscaping and biodiversity enhancement; and associated infrastructure. The land required for the Scheme (including the cable routes) covers an area of approximately 1,445 hectares.

**The UK is a net importer of electricity. The Scheme will contribute to the UK's urgent need to transition to a sustainable, clean future by enabling energy security and self-sufficiency.**

East Yorkshire Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because it has a proposed generating capacity of more than 50 MW of electricity. Permission for these types of development is given through a Development Consent Order (DCO), which is granted by the Secretary of State.

We introduced our initial proposals during a non-statutory consultation held from 3 October 2022 to 30 October 2022.

We are holding a second consultation, also known as a statutory consultation, from **9 May 2023 to 20 June 2023**. This brochure explains more about the proposal, the statutory consultation, how the DCO process works, and most importantly how you can have your say.



**400<sup>MW</sup>  
LOW-CARBON  
ELECTRICITY**



**100,000  
HOMES  
POWERED**



**2050  
NET ZERO  
TARGET**

## WHY ARE WE CONSULTING?

Consultation is an opportunity for both the developer, in this case East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited, and the community to share information and feedback on a proposed development.

We have prepared our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which explains how we will carry out this consultation including details of how we will ensure that the consultation is fair, transparent, and inclusive. We consulted with the host Local Authorities, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council (prior to the latter two being replaced by North Yorkshire Council in April 2023) and incorporated their comments in the final SoCC.

We held a non-statutory consultation in October 2022 as the first step in the consultation process. We presented our initial proposals and sought the views of the community and stakeholders. The feedback has helped us to develop our designs. The plans presented in this brochure incorporate suggestions and ideas submitted in response to our first consultation.

We are now launching a statutory consultation, as required by the Planning Act 2008, which allows us to present more detailed plans of how East Yorkshire Solar Farm will be constructed and operated.

We want to hear from the local community, groups, businesses, and stakeholders. We will consider your thoughts and ideas, and where practicable, incorporate them into the final design. Your input is important to us, and all responses received during the consultation period will be considered.

Following this consultation, we will produce a Consultation Report. This report will form part of our DCO application and will explain how we considered and responded to your feedback.


## WHO ARE BOOM POWER?

Boom Power is a British company. All of our solar farms are funded using private capital, with no government subsidies or other public money being used, and East Yorkshire Solar Farm is no different. Our team have a long track record of building, developing and operating solar farms, particularly in the UK and in Australia. To find out more about our past projects, visit our website at: [\[REDACTED\]](#)

# HOW YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE.

In this brochure we describe our proposal for East Yorkshire Solar Farm, its location and design, likely impacts and proposed mitigation of the identified impacts, as well as how you can have your say.

All the information in this brochure and all other consultation materials listed below are available to read on our website at: [REDACTED]

To view the accessible version of this information on our website, look for the  logo at the bottom right-hand side of the screen to select the accessibility features you need.

## CONSULTATION EVENTS.

We are holding four consultation events at venues across the local area. These are drop-in sessions where you can meet members of the project team, view information and plans, and ask any questions you have. Consultation feedback forms will be available to complete at the event or take away and return to us by freepost, or you can email your answers to the project email address.

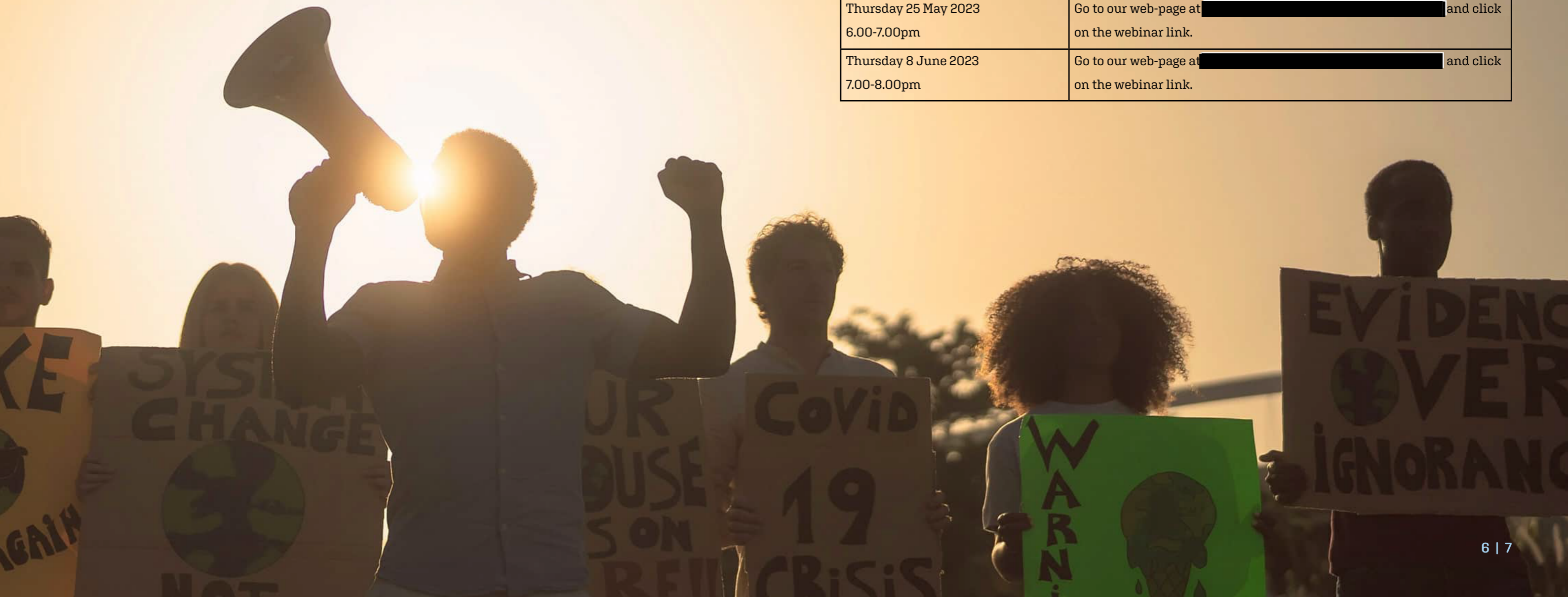
The consultation events will be held at:

Date and time	Location
Tuesday 16 May 2023 2.00-8.00pm	Loftsome Bridge Hotel, Station Lane, Wressle, Selby, YO8 6EN
Wednesday 24 May 2023 2.00-8.00pm	Boothferry Golf Course, Spaldington, East Yorkshire, DN14 7NG
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In the event of a venue becoming unavailable, changing government guidelines due to COVID-19, or other unforeseen circumstances meaning the consultation events must be cancelled, we will inform people as early as possible of the cancellation. Where possible we will give details of an alternative event via our website.

We understand that not everyone is able to come to an event in person. Therefore, we are also holding two webinars. These will be online meetings featuring a short presentation from the project team, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Date and time	How to join
Thursday 25 May 2023 6.00-7.00pm	Go to our web-page at [REDACTED] and click on the webinar link.
Thursday 8 June 2023 7.00-8.00pm	Go to our web-page at [REDACTED] and click on the webinar link.



# CONSULTATION MATERIAL.

In addition to this consultation brochure, a range of documents have been produced for the consultation which explain more about our proposal:

- Consultation Feedback Form – where you can share your comments on the proposal
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document – which gives answers to some of the frequently asked questions about the proposal
- Plans of the proposed solar farm and cable route
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) – sets out how and when we will consult with stakeholders
- Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report – details the results of environmental surveys to date, and provides the preliminary assessment of the potential impacts of the solar farm and how we propose to avoid or reduce these effects
- Non-Technical Summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report – provides a summary of the environmental assessment findings

All of these are available from our website at [\[REDACTED\]](#)

A full set of the consultation documents are available to view throughout the consultation period at the locations listed on the next page.

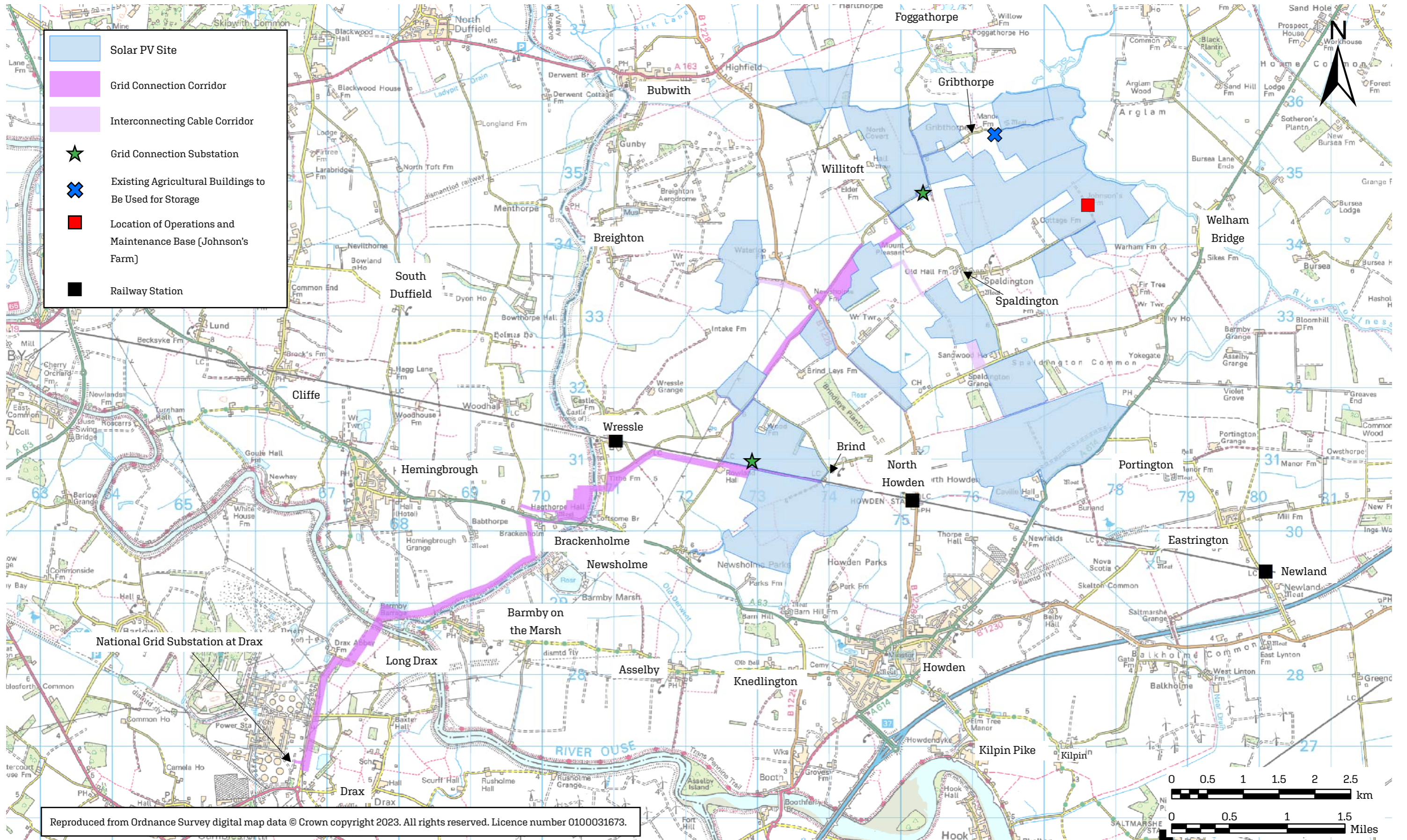
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In the event of a document inspection venue becoming unavailable, or other unforeseen circumstances meaning the venue cannot open, we will publish alternative ways to inspect the documents on our website.

Document inspection venue	Opening hours*	
<b>Howden Library &amp; Customer Service Centre</b> 69 Hailgate, Howden, East Yorkshire, DN14 7SX	Monday	9.30am to 4.30pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	2.00pm to 7.00pm
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9.30am to 2.30pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm
	Sunday	Closed
<b>Selby Library</b> 52 Micklegate, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 4EQ	Monday	9.30am to 7.30pm
	Tuesday	9.30am to 5.30pm
	Wednesday	9.30am to 5.30pm
	Thursday	9.30am to 12.30pm
	Friday	9.30am to 5.30pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm
	Sunday	Closed
<b>Bubwith Leisure Centre</b> The Playing Fields, Main Street, Bubwith, East Yorkshire, YO8 6LX	Monday	5.00pm to 7.00pm
	Tuesday	5.00pm to 7.00pm
	Wednesday	5.00pm to 7.00pm
	Thursday	5.00pm to 7.00pm
	Friday	5.00pm to 7.00pm
	Saturday	9.00am to 12.00pm
	Sunday	9.00am to 12.00pm
<b>Market Weighton Library &amp; Customer Service Centre</b> 14 Beverley Road, Market Weighton, YO43 3JP	Monday	9.30am to 4.30pm
	Tuesday	Closed
	Wednesday	9.30am to 6.30pm
	Thursday	Closed
	Friday	9.30am to 4.30pm
	Saturday	9.30am to 12:30pm
	Sunday	Closed
<b>East Yorkshire Mobile Library, Holme on Spalding Moor</b> Village Hall Car Park, High Street, YO43 4EN	10:00am to 5:00pm on the following dates: Thursday 18 May Thursday 01 June Thursday 15 June	
<b>East Yorkshire Mobile Library, Bubwith</b> Vicarage Close, off Brighton Road, YO8 6LL	1:30pm to 5:00pm on the following dates: Friday 19 May Friday 2 June Friday 16 June	

\*Please note, opening hours are correct as of time of publication.

# PROPOSED SITE MAP.



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# OUR PROPOSAL.

East Yorkshire Solar Farm is a proposed solar farm which can export approximately 400 MW of renewable electricity to the National Grid. This is the equivalent of the electricity needs of approximately 100,000 homes.

## LOCATION

The boundary shown on the proposed site map (page 10 & 11) illustrates all the land that may form East Yorkshire Solar Farm covering a total proposed land area of 1,445 hectares (3,570 acres).

Not all land within the boundary will be developed. Some will be set aside as buffer zones from the field edge to the nearest panels. Some areas will be set aside for environmental mitigation, including planting and creation of wildlife habitats. Existing public rights of way in these fields will be preserved, with spaces of at least fifteen metres (m) between the centre of the paths and the solar farm fences. Solar panels will be located a further five metres from the fence into the fields. Existing trees and hedgerows will be used to provide visual screening and maintain ecological habitats. This will be further improved by allowing hedgerows to grow taller and by planting new hedgerows, shrubs and trees.

A derelict building at Johnson's Farm will be redeveloped so that it can provide an operations and maintenance office. The existing barns in this area will be kept and used as stores for maintenance operations throughout the lifetime of the solar farm.

## THE SOLAR FARM

The photovoltaic (PV) panels will be mounted on tables that will tilt through the day from east to west as they track the sun. This means that the panels will always be in the most efficient position. At their maximum tilt (at sunrise and sunset), the panels will briefly be up to 3.5 m high – although for most of the day they will be lower than this. The panels will lie flat overnight or in extreme weather, at a height of approximately 2.3 m. There will be a space between each row of panels in the fields which will be sufficient for cleaning.

Around 80 to 100 field stations will be distributed around the solar farm amongst the panels and at a distance of at least 250 m from residential properties. These will contain electrical equipment such as inverters, switchgear and a transformer. They will typically be housed in shipping containers and will be painted green in keeping with the surrounding environment.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) will be used at the solar farm to allow electricity to be stored and exported to the National Grid when demand is high. The batteries, housed within shipping containers, will be distributed throughout the solar farm, and located within the field stations rather than being contained within a single compound.

The field stations will connect via underground interconnecting cables to two grid connection substations on the site. The equipment for these will be outside and securely fenced. The maximum height of the grid connection substation structures will be 6 m, although most equipment will be at a lower level than this. They will also each contain a control building which will be approximately 20 m long, 7 m wide and 4 m high. The grid connection substations will connect via underground cable to National Grid's substation at Drax.

The concept masterplan in the centre of this brochure shows our current indicative proposals.

## LANDSCAPE

The vast majority of existing tree lines and hedgerows will remain and be improved. We will plant additional trees and hedgerows to further screen the solar farm from view.

Deer-proof fencing will be erected around the solar PV areas at a height of up to 2.2 m. There will be a minimum of a 5 m buffer between the field boundary and the fence line.

## CONSTRUCTION

Construction and deliveries will be governed by a construction and transport management plan and agreed with the local authority prior to commencement. Work on Sundays, Bank Holidays or through the night will only be carried out in exceptional cases and with prior notice. For example, where we need to complete horizontal directional drilling in an uninterrupted task to install cable ducts. This will be necessary where the cables pass under the rivers, the railway, and the Featherbed Lane footpath. Other locations may be determined during the design.



**1,445  
HECTARES  
OF LAND**



**ADDITIONAL  
TREES  
& HEDGEROWS  
PLANTED**



**CREATION  
OF WILDLIFE  
HABITATS**



**PUBLIC  
RIGHTS OF WAY  
PRESERVED**

# GRID CONNECTION AND INTERCONNECTING CABLE ROUTE.

When you turn on an electrical device at home, it isn't possible to say where that electricity has come from as the transmission networks are all interlinked. To get the electricity generated at the solar farm to homes and businesses, we need to connect to the National Grid transmission network which supplies electricity to where the demand is required, locally or nationally.

The solar farm will connect to the National Grid substation at Drax where it joins the National Grid transmission network. This connection will be via an underground cable, which will be installed within the corridor indicated in the proposed site map (page 10 & 11).

The smaller cables between the field stations and the grid connection substations will be buried up to 1.4 m deep, in a trench that will be of varying widths depending upon how many circuits are in it, typically starting at 0.8 m wide. The cables, which will go from the grid connection substations to the National Grid substation at Drax, will be approximately 1.4 m deep, depending on other utilities in the area, and in a trench approximately 1.5 m wide. Horizontal directional drilling will be used to place cable ducts under the River Derwent, the River Ouse and the Hull to Selby Railway so that the cable can pass under these without any need for overhead pylons. The routes of some public rights of way may be slightly altered for a short time while we install cables across their paths, with the exception of Featherbed Lane which will have the cable installed under it using horizontal directional drilling so that it does not need to be closed. The public rights of way along the rivers Ouse and Derwent will also be unaffected.

## WHAT IS HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING?

First used in the 1920s, this is a method of installing cables underground. This is used routinely in construction to avoid features such as rivers, busy roads or buried infrastructure. We will use this method for installing the cables that are needed to pass under the rivers, railway and Featherbed Lane. A drill will go into the earth and bend the line it takes so that it passes completely under an obstacle, such as a river, and come out the other side. A duct is then installed which will be used for the cables.





**YOU SAID.**

**WE DID.**

## WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE THE NON-STATUTORY CONSULTATION?

In October 2022 we introduced our scheme and asked for feedback from local residents, businesses and stakeholders as part of our non-statutory consultation, this consisted of:

- Four weeks from 3 October 2022 to 20 October 2022
- Over 1,200 brochures distributed
- Two in person events
- Two webinars
- 194 consultation responses received

Members of the local community were generous with their time, sharing detailed feedback on our initial proposals. We have taken this feedback and used it to help refine and develop our proposals.

You said.	We did.
The Scheme is too large and not appropriate for the area.	<p>A total land area of 1,445 hectares (3,570 acres) has been identified for the Scheme, however not all the land will be used for solar PV panels and associated equipment.</p> <p>Whilst the total land area has increased since our first consultation, this increase has allowed us to sensitively design the buffer zones to include environmental mitigation in the form of separation buffers, planting and screening to retain and enhance the rural nature and the views of local area. The increase in land area also gives us flexibility to address through design any flood risk and archaeological issues that we might encounter, and which are still being investigated.</p>
The Scheme is too close to residential properties, and will destroy residents' view.	<p>Buffer zones and screening planting have been integrated into the site layout to provide separation between the nearest properties and the solar farm.</p> <p>Existing hedgerows will be retained to act as site boundaries, and where appropriate additional environmental screening will be provided through planting of native shrubs and trees.</p>
The fencing will be too high and will create a sense of being trapped.	<p>Deer-proof fencing will be erected at a height of up to 2.2 m to the perimeter of the solar panels fields. The fencing is a mesh style fence with wooden posts and will have minimal disruption on views across the landscape. In addition, the fencing will not impede access for smaller wildlife.</p>



You said.	We did.
Solar panels will be too high, blocking views of the local landscape.	<p>In our non-statutory consultation, we stated that panels could be up to 4.8 m in height as that was the height of the largest solar PV panel array in production at the time.</p> <p>Our design has evolved, and we have chosen to use tracker PV panels, which move to follow the sun through the day and therefore are more effective as they capture more rays. At maximum tilt, the top of the tracker panel will be 3.5 m high, and only reach this height for a short time each day (first thing in the morning and last thing in the evening). For the majority of the day, they will be lower than 3.5 m in height.</p> <p>At night, the panels are stored horizontally, at a height of approximately 2.3 m.</p>
Proximity of the site to public rights of way and footpaths will cut off access, and ruin the views from the paths.	<p>We have designed the solar farm so there will be a minimum buffer zone of at least 20 m between the centreline of the public rights of way and the boundary fencing where the panels are both sides of the public right of way, and 15 m where the panels are on one side. Any fencing installed along public rights of way will be a clear mesh, maintaining uninterrupted views.</p> <p>Our proposal includes the creation of new permissive paths which will increase access options, enhancing connectivity and maintaining views of the local landscape.</p>
The Scheme is taking valuable agricultural land out of production.	<p>Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) is a system used to grade the quality of land for agricultural farming, with grade 1 being the very best through to grade 5 being very poor agricultural land. The majority of the land in this area is grade 4 (poor quality), with a few smaller areas falling into grades 2 (very good quality), 3a (good quality) and 3b (moderate quality).</p> <p>Mapping by the Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs (Defra) shows the provisional land classification, however we have employed industry specialists to carry out soil sampling throughout the identified land and map the ALC grade distribution throughout the solar PV site more accurately. Based on the results, we have refined our proposals to avoid placing any 'hard-standing' or fixed structures on higher grade land where possible.</p>

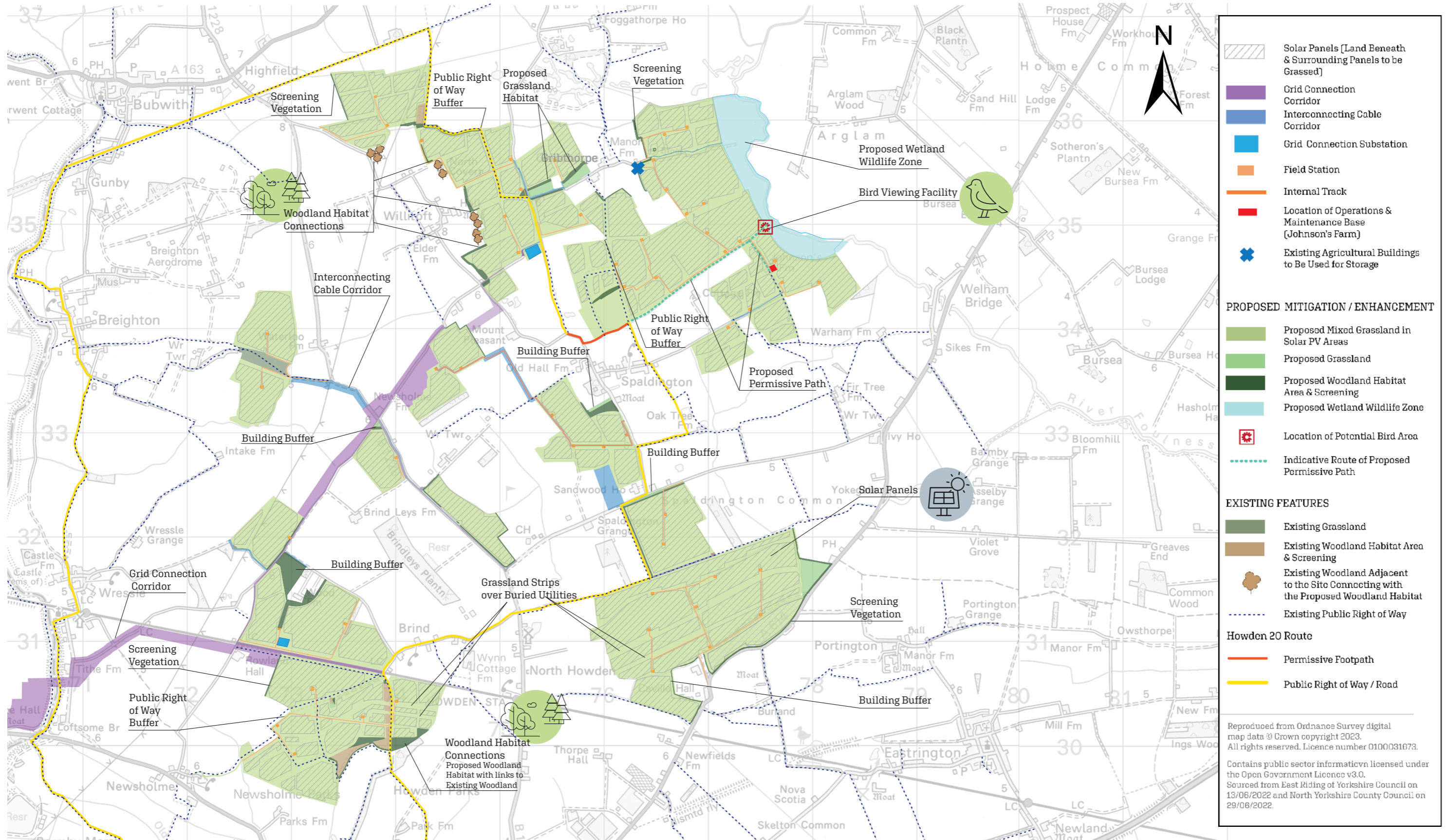
You said.	We did.
Wildlife will be unable to roam freely, with habitats and breeding grounds lost.	<p>We have designed the solar farm to protect habitats and minimise the environmental impact. Specifically, our design introduces three types of wildlife habitats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grassland habitat zones – sensitive planting of native grasses will enhance existing grasslands, protecting and enhancing habitats for animals, insects and birds.</li> <li>• Woodland habitat zones – sensitive planting of native trees and shrubs will be used to complement existing woodland, enhance existing hedgerows and provide screening.</li> <li>• A zone in the eastern part of the proposed site adjacent to the River Foulness will be designated as a new Wetland Wildlife Zone. There will be no solar panels on this area, rather it will be planted to create a wetland habitat for ground nesting birds and other species. New permissive paths up to the wetland wildlife zone will allow walkers to observe birds at a distance without disturbing their nesting, and subject to DCO consent a dedicated bird watching spot will be set up.</li> </ul>
The Scheme will increase flood risk in the area.	<p>Just over half of the land identified will be used for the solar PV areas and associated equipment. This provides us with flexibility in our design to address any flood risk that we might encounter during construction. The presence of the solar farm will not increase the local flood risk. Drainage will be designed to mimic the natural drainage conditions within the site and thereby avoid impact on the flow in receiving surface water features.</p>

Other topics raised included the condition of local roads relative to the anticipated number of vehicle deliveries needed to construct the solar farm; the potential impact on footpaths; health and safety concerns; comments on the suggestion of using sheep to manage the grass under the panels; comments on potential noise impacts; and suggestions of how to improve the consultation process. All comments provided in the non-statutory consultation responses were taken into consideration in the process of updating our design further.

We are committed to being a good neighbour, therefore our proposed design aims to minimise the impact on the landscape, wildlife, the local community and all who enjoy this beautiful corner of East Yorkshire.

# INDICATIVE MASTERPLAN.

This is an indicative concept masterplan for the purposes of the statutory consultation. This concept masterplan is subject to change based on environmental assessment, design development and feedback received.



**Legend**

- Solar Panels (Land Beneath & Surrounding Panels to be Grassed)
- Grid Connection Corridor
- Interconnecting Cable Corridor
- Grid Connection Substation
- Field Station
- Internal Track
- Location of Operations & Maintenance Base (Johnson's Farm)
- Existing Agricultural Buildings to Be Used for Storage

**PROPOSED MITIGATION / ENHANCEMENT**

- Proposed Mixed Grassland in Solar PV Areas
- Proposed Grassland
- Proposed Woodland Habitat Area & Screening
- Proposed Wetland Wildlife Zone
- Location of Potential Bird Area
- Indicative Route of Proposed Permissive Path

**EXISTING FEATURES**

- Existing Grassland
- Existing Woodland Habitat Area & Screening
- Existing Woodland Adjacent to the Site Connecting with the Proposed Woodland Habitat
- Existing Public Right of Way

**Howden 20 Route**

- Permissive Footpath
- Public Right of Way / Road

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# HOW DOES THE DCO PROCESS WORK?

East Yorkshire Solar Farm will generate approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of electricity. As the electricity generating capacity is greater than 50 MW, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). NSIPs are large infrastructure developments which are considered important to the entire country and require consent by way of a Development Consent Order (DCO) for them to be built.

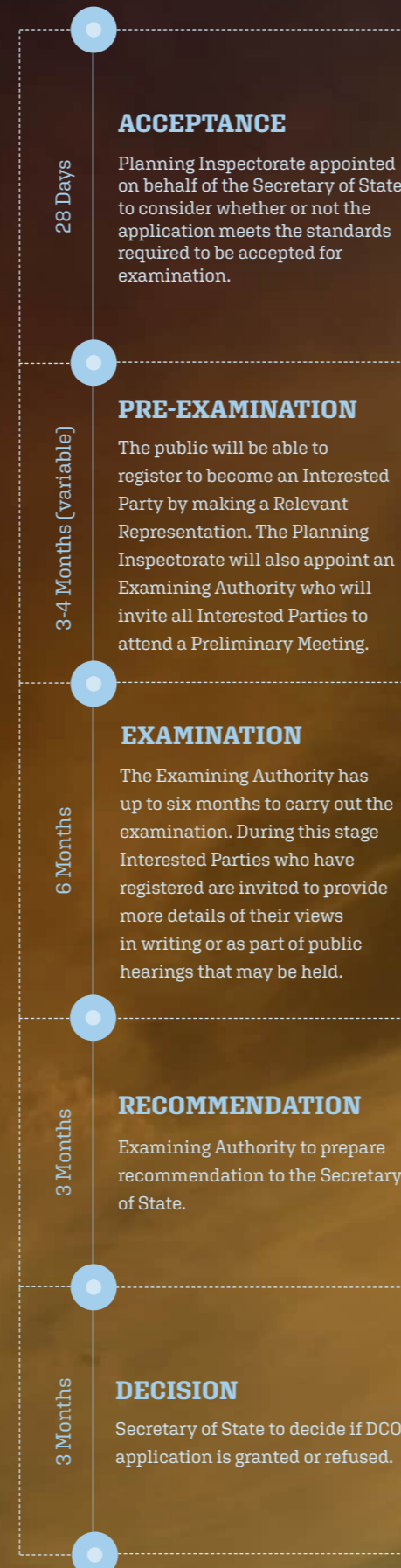
Unlike local planning applications, which are considered by local authorities, DCO applications are made to the Secretary of State and handled by the Planning Inspectorate. In the case of a solar farm, the final decision on a DCO application is made by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The post-submission timeline is shown to the right.

Local Authorities are among the many bodies invited to consult on the DCO application, along with environmental and heritage bodies and most importantly the local community and stakeholders. Feedback from this consultation will be documented in the Consultation Report, which will be submitted with our DCO application.

We plan to submit our DCO application later in 2023, following consideration of all responses to this consultation. The timeline for this is outlined to the right.

If our DCO application is accepted, you can register directly with the Planning Inspectorate to become an Interested Party. During examination the Planning Inspectorate will keep Interested Parties informed about the progress of our application, and how they can contribute to the DCO process.

More information on this is available at the Planning Inspectorate's website at: [www.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/](http://www.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/)





# WHAT COMPONENTS ARE USED IN A SOLAR FARM?

## SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PANELS

Solar PV panels are made up of multiple PV cells which convert sunlight into Direct Current (DC) electricity. The PV panels are mounted on motorised tables (trackers) that will move through the day from east to west in order to catch the most sunlight at all points of the day. DC is the kind of electricity found in batteries or trains on the London Underground.

## INVERTERS

Inverters are used to convert the DC electricity generated from the solar PV panels into Alternating Current (AC) – the type of electricity we use in our homes. AC is used for the transmission and distribution networks across the UK.

## TRANSFORMERS

Transformers change the voltage of the electricity generated which makes it more efficient to move over longer distances. The transformers ensure that the voltage of the energy generated is matched to the voltage of the national grid for transmission and distribution around the UK.

## SWITCHGEAR

The switchgear allows the site to connect to or be isolated from the grid during routine maintenance.

## BATTERIES

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are an industry standard system for storing electricity generated by the solar farm. Stored electricity can be released to meet peak energy demands. BESS units are typically stored in shipping container-style units.

## FIELD STATIONS

Equipment such as inverters, transformers, switchgear and batteries, typically housed in standard shipping containers, will be grouped together within areas called field stations.

## GRID CONNECTION SUBSTATIONS

Substations are used to safely collect, transform and transmit the energy exported from the site to the National Grid.

# WHY THIS LOCATION?

## SUNLIGHT AND TOPOGRAPHY

East Yorkshire is an optimal area within the UK to locate large scale solar development due to its good levels of sunlight and large areas of flat open land. East Yorkshire enjoys a climate with many days that are cool and clear, making it ideal for a solar farm that will make efficient use of that sunlight for generating electricity. Large scale solar development is ideal on flat land as this allows for easy construction and helps to reduce visual intrusion. Flat land also limits the shading between solar PV panels.

## AVAILABLE GRID CONNECTION

Yorkshire's history of coal power stations, such as those at Drax, Eggborough and Ferrybridge, means that the National Grid is well developed in the area and has capacity for new energy generation facilities. By connecting the solar farm to the National Grid substation at Drax, the electricity generated and stored at our site will be available and can be distributed wherever it is needed to satisfy demand.

## LAND AVAILABILITY

Local landowners have expressed an interest in leasing sections of their land to Boom Power for use in the solar farm.

## LAND QUALITY

Most of the agricultural land within the East Riding of Yorkshire and the former District of Selby is classed as higher quality land known as best and most versatile (BMV). However, we have located the solar farm on land which is mostly (more than three-quarters) lower quality agricultural land known as non-BMV.

## ACCESSIBILITY

Suitable access for heavy goods vehicles is preferred for construction of large-scale solar development. Construction personnel and large equipment will need to access the site. The area has good access to the major road network with the M62 to the south and a number of A-roads in close proximity.

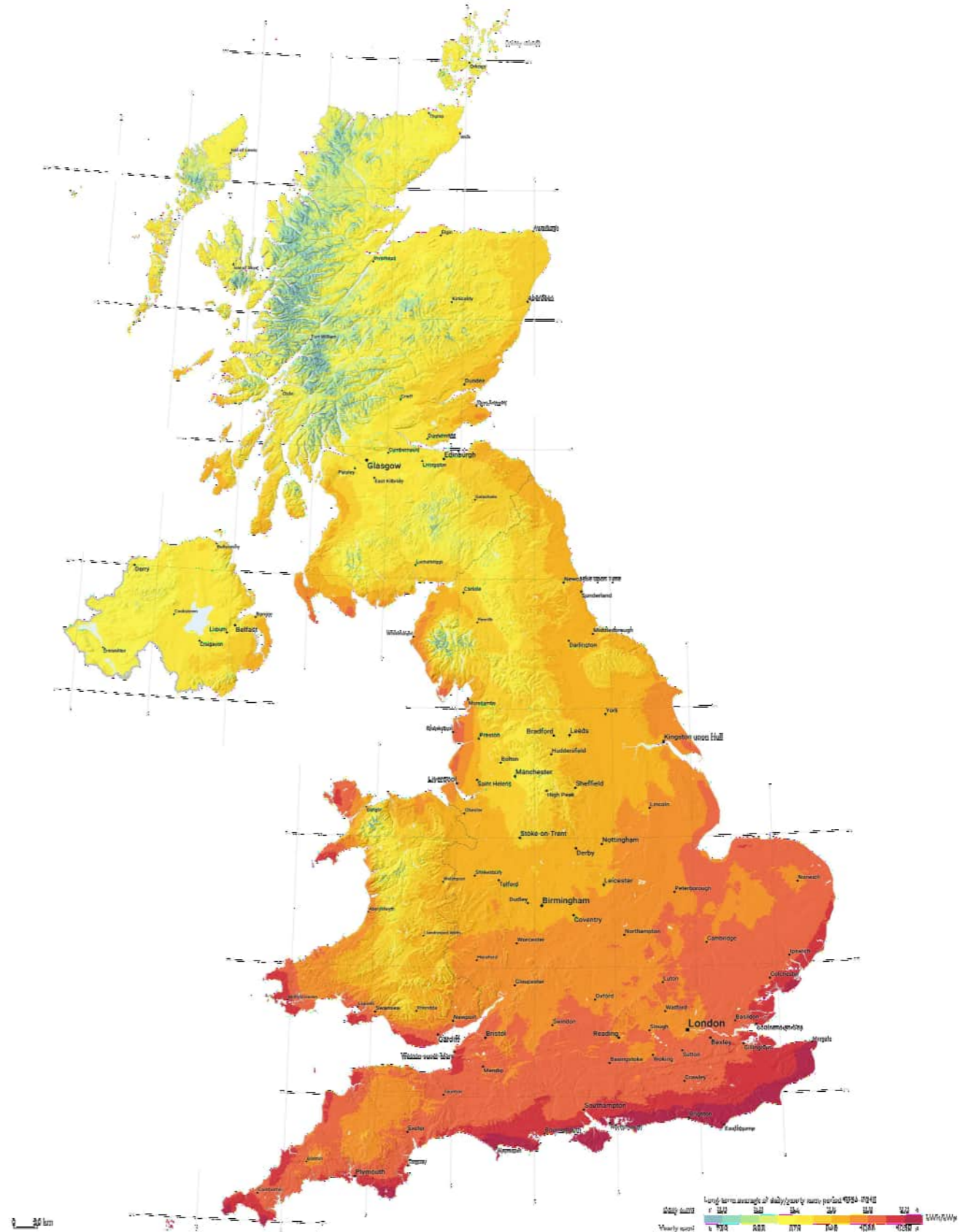
## ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS

The land selected for the solar PV areas avoids directly impacting nationally protected landscape, ecology and heritage areas such as scheduled monuments, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

## CONTINUING AGRICULTURAL USE

We recognise that the solar farm will be located on agricultural land. We are exploring the option to keep this land in agricultural use by farming sheep in the fields beneath the panels. Sheep grazing on solar farms has been successful elsewhere in the UK and has been shown to have benefits for soil health and natural biodiversity. Sheep can move safely between and under the panels and can use them to rest in the shade or shelter from rain. The grass beneath solar panels also grows well enough to contain all the nutrients that the sheep need from grazing on it. We will use a number of grass seed varieties. This will grow rich and diverse grassland which will in turn support a wide variety of animal life. In areas where sheep farming is not possible, the grass will be mown.

Further explanation of the reasons for choosing this location are provided in Chapter 3 of the PEI Report Volume 2: Alternatives and Design Evolution.



## PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER POTENTIAL UNITED KINGDOM

This solar resource map of the United Kingdom provides a summary of estimated solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation potential. It represents the average daily / yearly totals of electricity production from a 1 kW-peak grid-connected solar PV power plant, calculated for a period of 25 years (1994-2018).

Reference: The World Bank Group using data from the Global Solar Atlas (GSA).



# CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION.

## HOW LONG WILL THE SOLAR FARM TAKE TO BUILD?

We anticipate that construction of the solar farm will take approximately 24 months, although this could take longer due to unanticipated circumstances. The construction will be phased across the site, so we will not work in all areas at once during this period.

## HOW WILL THE SOLAR FARM BE BUILT?

Most of the construction work will consist of putting up a simple galvanised steel frame to which the PV panels will be attached. A site will be first fenced off, then galvanised steel piles will be driven into the ground to create a foundation. The galvanised steel frame will be attached to the piles, and the PV panels will be attached to the frame. Inverters could then be mounted to the frame to create the electrical connection to the cables, or they could be centrally located within the field stations.

Separately to the installation of the PV panels, we will install the cable, field stations and substations. Once these are all connected, electricity will be generated by the PV panels and will flow into the National Grid.

## WHAT ONGOING MAINTENANCE WILL BE NEEDED?

Once constructed, the operational phase will begin. In general, this will involve a monthly visit to inspect and monitor fences and the operational equipment. The solar farm will be monitored remotely, with anything unusual investigated. CCTV will be mounted on perimeter fences, which will face along the fence and inwards only. This will also be monitored remotely, with maintenance visits to replace any components that need replacing where necessary.

The dirt and dust that builds up on the panels of the solar farm is mostly self-cleaning, with rain and the motion of the tilting panels. Where additional cleaning is needed this will be done with a large water brush, similar to the kind found in many car washes.

## HOW WILL EVERYTHING BE TRANSPORTED DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) will bring most construction materials to the construction compound. There will be a maximum of three Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) for delivery of the substation transformers. From the compound, tractors and trailers will be used to cross fields rather than roads to distribute these materials to their specific site.

Different stages of construction will need different numbers of HGV deliveries. The routes to be used and timings for deliveries and staff will be set out in a Construction Traffic Management Plan. The Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan will be submitted with the DCO application.

A road condition survey will be carried out on local roads identified ahead of construction starting. Where necessary, these roads will be repaired to the same or better standard once the solar farm is complete. The survey will also show where passing places are needed so that existing traffic can continue to move freely. Where new passing places are installed, they will be left in place for the long-term benefit of the community.



# NET ZERO BY 2050.

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a process to systematically analyse the potential environmental effects of the Scheme and develop effective mitigation measures. Our preliminary findings and mitigation proposals are detailed in the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report which forms part of this statutory consultation. Key topics where we identified the potential for significant effects, and mitigation measures are shown in the table below. You can find more information on the environmental impacts and proposed mitigations in the PEI Report Non-Technical Summary or the specific chapters of the PEI Report.

Topic.	Proposed measures to reduce effects.
Climate change  Chapter 6: Climate Change, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>The overall impact of the solar farm is expected to be significantly beneficial as it will produce low-carbon electricity, helping the UK achieve its target of net zero by 2050 by removing dependency on gas fired power stations. Greenhouse gas emissions resulting from constructing the solar farm due to material mining, energy and fuel use, and transport, are small compared to the benefits the solar farm will bring.</p> <p>Future climate conditions will be taken into account when developing the detailed design of the solar farm.</p>
Ecology  Chapter 8: Ecology, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>For the past year we have been and are continuing to carry out field surveys and desktop studies to understand the local ecology and design the solar farm with the aim to protect and enhance biodiversity. Protective buffers around the natural features like hedgerows, individual trees, woodland, ponds, and watercourses have been incorporated into the site design.</p> <p>We propose to create a Wetland Wildlife Zone adjacent to the River Foulness to provide an area of undisturbed habitat, particularly for birds. To avoid impacts, horizontal directional drilling will be used to lay the cables under significant watercourses (currently identified as the River Ouse, River Derwent, and Featherbed Drain). Any disturbance of protected species and off-site biodiversity will be managed and prevented through various measures included within a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan, as well as through environmental management plans for each stage of the solar farm's life (construction, operation and decommissioning).</p> <p>Due to the combination of factors such as converting the land from arable agriculture into grassland under the solar panels, enhancement planting and setting aside buffers and Wetland Wildlife Zone, the solar farm will result in a biodiversity net gain which will likely be greater than the statutory minimum of 10%. Other solar NSIPs have achieved over 70% biodiversity net gain, for example.</p>

Topic.	Proposed measures to reduce effects.
Landscape and views  Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Amenity, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>One of the goals of the solar farm design is to sympathetically integrate it into the local landscape. Additional planting will complement the existing hedgerows and trees to screen the PV panels and electrical equipment from view. Buffers have been set aside along the public rights of way and areas where it is important to preserve the sense of the openness of the landscape.</p> <p>During the construction and the first few years of operation there will be significant effects on visual amenity at several viewpoints, until the proposed planting and screening measures are fully established.</p> <p>Glint and glare will be minimised by using anti-reflective coating on the PV panels. Together with the screening planting glint and glare impacts are unlikely.</p>
Agricultural land  Chapter 15: Soils and Agricultural Land, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>The site for the solar farm has been selected and designed to minimise the impacts on BMV agricultural land; and research and field surveys confirm that the majority of the land is non-BMV.</p> <p>The soil beneath the solar panels does not need to be lifted to install the panels so the soil profile will not be disturbed. The physical footprint of the solar farm components which require foundations or hardstanding, such as field stations, grid connection substations and access tracks, makes up a small proportion of the solar farm area, which means the soil disturbance will be minimal.</p> <p>During operation the land under the PV panels across the majority of the solar farm will be available for agriculture in the form of sheep grazing.</p> <p>The change from arable agriculture to grassland is temporary as the land can be returned to arable farming upon decommissioning of the solar farm. The temporary shift from arable to grassland is predicted to result in positive changes to soil structure and soil carbon content. The change of agricultural land into wildlife habitat is likely to lead to significant benefits to ecology.</p> <p>The land within cable corridors will be reinstated after construction and will return to its original condition and use.</p>
Flood risk  Chapter 9: Flood Risk, Drainage and Water Environment, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>The design of the solar farm will take account of the flood risk in the area.</p> <p>No solar farm infrastructure will be placed in the areas of highest flood risk, and the heights of PV panels and equipment foundations will be enough to avoid them being affected by flooding.</p> <p>The solar farm itself will not alter the drainage and will not worsen the flood risk in the area.</p>

Topic.	Proposed measures to reduce effects.
Traffic, access to open space and active travel  Chapter 13: Transport and Access, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>The main impact on traffic and transport is likely to be from staff vehicles and HGVs during construction.</p> <p>To address this, the routes to be used and timings for deliveries and staff will be defined in a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) before construction begins, and this will be a requirement for construction staff. Minibus services will be set up to transport staff to the site helping to reduce vehicle trips on the surrounding highway network. The public right of way (PRoW) network will remain open during construction. Permissive paths will further enhance the current PRoW network during the operation of the solar farm.</p> <p>As the operational solar farm requires little maintenance there will be limited traffic during operation. Permissive paths will further enhance the current PRoW network.</p>
Noise and vibration  Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>Measures like careful positioning of noisy machinery away from residential properties, regular noise monitoring, notifying local residents of any noisy works and adhering to the agreed working hours will help reduce the noise effects on the local residents during construction.</p> <p>Noise modelling results suggest that the operational solar farm will not significantly change the noise baseline for the local residential receptors. This is achieved by locating the electrical equipment such as grid connection substations and field stations away from receptors.</p>
Cultural heritage  Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage, PEI Report Volume 2	<p>The location and the layout of the solar farm avoids significant impacts on designated cultural heritage assets and their settings, such as scheduled monuments, listed buildings and conservation areas, and on non-designated assets, such as historic buildings and landscape, and archaeological remains.</p> <p>Archaeological surveys are ongoing. The results of field surveys will identify the location of buried archaeological remains and allow the solar farm to be designed around them. Where avoiding archaeology is not possible, appropriate archaeological mitigation, such as excavation, will be undertaken to ensure remains are fully understood and recorded.</p>

Further information on all the environmental impacts and proposed mitigations can be found in the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report available from our website at [REDACTED]

Our EIA has identified no significant negative impacts once mitigation has been applied in the following areas:

- Air quality
- Climate change
- Cultural heritage
- Flood risk, drainage and water environment
- Socio-economics and land use
- Human health
- Glint and glare
- Ground conditions
- Major accidents or disasters
- Telecommunications, television reception and utilities
- Materials and waste
- Electromagnetic fields





# WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE?

At the end of the solar farm's life, equipment will be removed, and the field can return to arable agricultural use. The PV panels will be recycled, and the piles pulled out of the ground, returning the land to the same state as it is currently. The land will retain greenfield status which will protect it from other forms of development.

None of us know what the need for electricity will be in the future, or how much of this will need to come from solar or other low-carbon sources. It is also impossible to say if the same planning processes will be in place. However, under the current planning legislation, if anyone wants to build a new solar farm on the same land, a new application will need to be submitted.

A Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP) will be created before the decommissioning process begins. East Yorkshire Solar Farm is required to place money into a Decommissioning Bond. This is a financial product that will guarantee the funds for removal of the solar farm at the end of its life. We estimate that the decommissioning period will take between 12 and 24 months. On decommissioning, we are committed to recycling everything that can be recycled. At the current time, we estimate this to be at least 95% of all the material used in the solar farm.

## BENEFITS.

We are exploring an option to use the land under the solar panels for sheep grazing and have designed the solar farm to make this possible. Sheep grazing can help to maintain the land in agricultural use and help to diversify farming in the area adding much needed security for farmers during challenging economic times.

Compared to arable farming, solar farms can result in a biodiversity net gain by providing an overall increase in natural habitat and ecological features. Whilst there is an initial change to the countryside, the operational solar farm will fast become a haven for wildlife. In addition to woodland and species diverse grassland we are proposing a Wetland Wildlife Zone with a bird viewing facility.

The Scheme proposes two permissive paths reinforcing the existing public rights of way in the local area. These paths, which may also include bridleway, will increase local accessibility and connectivity and provide circular routes for local walkers and horse riders to use. Existing rights of way within the solar farm will be retained with large buffers to separate users from solar infrastructure.

The construction of the solar farm will present opportunities for local employment and will indirectly support local businesses such as shops, petrol stations and hotels. We want local people to share in the benefits that the solar farm can bring. The electricity generated will go directly into the National Grid, so cannot be used to directly reduce bills for local people. However, a proportion of the expected money made by the solar farm will be invested into the local community. We are exploring the use of a community benefit fund, and our aim would be to work with local organisations that will best spend the money to support the community. You can help identify potential recipients for this by letting us know of local causes and organisations as part of your response to this consultation.

# HAVE YOUR SAY.

You can find all the published information on the Scheme, including larger documents like the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and Non-Technical Summary of the PEI Report on our website at

All the documents relating to the Scheme are available for inspection at the following locations during their regular opening hours.

- Howden Library and Customer Service Centre
- Selby Library
- Bubwith Leisure and Sports Centre
- Market Weighton Wicstun Centre
- The East Yorkshire Mobile Library

The addresses and opening hours of these can be found at the start of this brochure in 'How you can find out more' on page 9. These documents will be available for the duration of the consultation.

## SHARE YOUR VIEWS

Your opinion matters, and every response to this consultation will be considered, evaluated, and used to develop our final design. The consultation report will be published on our website and submitted as part of our application for a Development Consent Order later in the year.

You can share your thoughts by completing the form at the end of this brochure. You can post it to 'FREEPOST EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM' or bring it to one of our consultation events, where our project team will collect your feedback.

You can also complete the form online or email your views to us by using the contact details below.

The consultation closes at **11:59pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023**. All responses received before this will be considered and summarised in our consultation report. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

If you have any questions or would like to request copies of information (including in accessible formats if needed) please contact us using the below details. Please note that phone lines will be open between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

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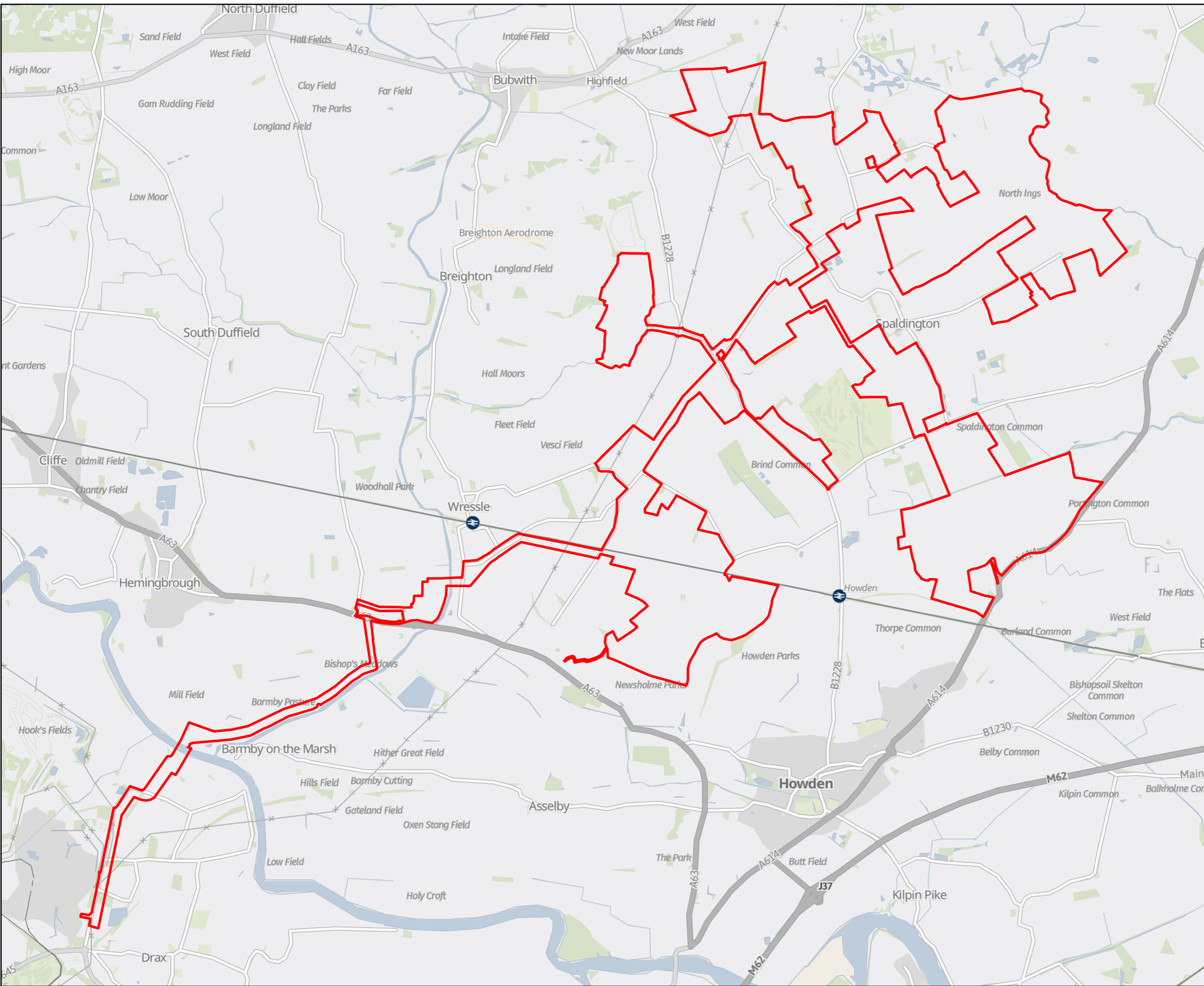
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