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## **Appendix M – Promotion of consultation**

# M.1 Email to non-statutory consultation respondents who requested to be kept informed

From: East Yorkshire Solar Farm Sent: 10 May 2023 16:55

Subject: East Yorkshire Solar Farm Consultation Launch

## Good afternoon,

Thank you for

responding to our non-statutory consultation on East Yorkshire Solar Farm last year. You asked us to keep you informed, so we are writing to let you know that our second consultation for East Yorkshire Solar Farm started yesterday on Tuesday 9 May.

## This is a statutory

consultation on our updated proposals for a new solar farm located between the villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington and Wressle, and the town of Howden.

The statutory consultation will run for six weeks from Tuesday 9 May to Tuesday 20 June 2023.

## We are holding four

local drop-in events and two webinars where members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions.

#### The event dates are:

Tuesday 16 May from 2pm to 8pm at Loftsome Bridge Hotel

Wednesday 24 May from 2pm to 8pm Boothferry Golf Course

Thursday 25 May from 6pm to 7pm (webinar)

Thursday 08 June from 7pm to 8pm (webinar)

Saturday 10 June from 2pm to 8pm at Bubwith Leisure Centre

Tuesday 13 June from 2pm to 8pm at Howden Shire Hall

#### Information about the

consultation events and all the key consultation materials are available from our website at <a href="www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire">www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire</a> which will become available on Tuesday 9 May.

Feedback from the public and our key stakeholders is crucial to us developing the best solar farm for this area. We want to make sure that everyone has a chance to get involved and share their opinion on the project.

## To share your feedback

and ideas you can provide a response online at www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire

## Details of other ways

to respond are also on the website.

## If you have any

questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on <a href="mailto:eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk">eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk</a> or 01964 782219.

Kind regards,

East Yorkshire Solar Farm Team



Office address: Unit 5E Park Farm | Chichester Road | Arundel | West Sussex | BN18 0AG

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## M.2 Email notification to non-statutory consultees

From: East Yorkshire Solar Farm
Sent: 09 May 2023 16:21
Subject: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - launch of consultation

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to you as a local business to let you know that Boom Power have launched a second consultation for East Yorkshire Solar Farm. This is a statutory consultation on our updated proposals for a new solar farm located between the villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington and Wressle, and the town of Howden.

The solar farm will generate approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of low carbon electricity – enough to power around 100,000 homes on an annual basis. The solar farm will also contribute to the Government's targets of reaching net-zero by the year 2050 and help to meet the growing demand for energy security. It will connect to the National Grid's Substation near Drax Power Station enabling the electricity to go directly into the National Grid transmission network. 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, which is granted by the Secretary of State.

The statutory consultation will allow members of the public to consider the more detailed design for the solar farm and share any further feedback. All feedback from this consultation will be carefully considered and used to further shape the proposals in the preparation of the Development Consent Order application, which we plan for late 2023.

The statutory consultation runs for six weeks from Tuesday 9 May to Tuesday 20 June 2023. We are holding four local drop-in events and two webinars where members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions.

The event dates are:

- Tuesday 16 May from 2pm to 8pm at Loftsome Bridge Hotel
- Wednesday 24 May from 2pm to 8pm Boothferry Golf Course
- Thursday 25 May from 6pm to 7pm (webinar)
- Thursday 08 June from 7pm to 8pm (webinar)
- Saturday 10 June from 2pm to 8pm at Bubwith Leisure Centre
- Tuesday 13 June from 2pm to 8pm at Howden Shire Hall

Information about the consultation events and all the key consultation materials are available from our website at <a href="https://www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire">www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire</a>.

Feedback from the public and our key stakeholders is crucial to us developing the best solar farm for this area. We want to make sure that everyone has a chance to get involved and share their opinion on the project.

To share your feedback and ideas, you can attend one of our consultation events where our project team will be collecting your feedback. Alternatively, you can provide a response online at <a href="https://www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire">www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire</a>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on <u>eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk</u> or 01964 782219.

Yours sincerely,

## M.3 Statutory Consultation press release

From: East Yorkshire Solar Farm Sent: 02 May 2023 10:29

Subject: Press release: East Yorkshire Solar Farm statutory consultation launched

#### East Yorkshire Solar Farm statutory consultation launched

Embargo - Thursday 04/05/23

Contact details - EastYorkshireSolarFarm@boom-power.co.uk

East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (a Boom Power company) is launching its second consultation for East Yorkshire Solar Farm. This statutory consultation will be on the updated proposals for a new solar farm located between the villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington and Wressle, and the town of Howden. The solar farm will generate approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of low carbon electricity – enough to power around 100,000 homes on an annual basis. The solar farm will also contribute to the Government's targets of reaching net-zero by the year 2050 and help to achieve the Government's aim of 70 GW of solar energy capacity by 2035. It will connect to the National Grid's Substation near Drax Power Station enabling the electricity to go directly into the National Grid transmission network.

The first, non-statutory four-week consultation in October 2022 resulted in over 190 responses from the local community. Feedback from the non-statutory consultation has been crucial to the development of the current design to reflect the comments received. The second – statutory – consultation will provide an opportunity for the public to consider the more detailed design for the solar farm and share any further crucial feedback. All feedback from this consultation will be carefully considered and used to further shape the proposals.

The statutory consultation for the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm will run for six weeks from Tuesday 9 May to Tuesday 20 June 2023.

During this statutory consultation, there will be four local drop-in events and two webinars where members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions.

The event dates are:

Tuesday 16 May from 2pm to 8pm at Loftsome Bridge Hotel

Wednesday 24 May from 2pm to 8pm Boothferry Golf Course

Thursday 25 May from 6pm to 7pm (webinar)

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Information about the consultation including details on the drop-in events, joining instructions for the webinars, and document inspection points where physical copies of all the key consultation materials are accessible can be found on the East Yorkshire Solar Farm website: <a href="https://www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire">https://www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire</a>.

All feedback from this consultation will be considered and used in the preparation of the Development Consent Order application, which is planned for late 2023.

comments: "Our East Yorkshire Solar Farm proposals will contribute to developing essential renewable energy capacity in the UK and help to meet

The feedback from the community at the last round of consultation has been invaluable and where possible we have incorporated changes into our updated designs. We are committed to delivering a solar farm that benefits both the UK's energy security for the long term and the local community. We are exploring the opportunities for a community benefit fund dedicated to local causes and intend to work with local residents to ensure this provides meaningful contributions to the area."

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, which is granted by the Secretary of State. The statutory consultation is being carried out in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

The East Yorkshire Solar Farm will increase Boom Power's portfolio of projects, both legacy and in development, to more than two gigawatts across the UK and Australia.

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Note to Editors

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Kind regards,

East Yorkshire Solar Farm



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# M.4 Automated acknowledgement email sent from inbox during statutory consultation

## **East Yorkshire Solar Farm**

From: East Yorkshire Solar Farm
Sent: 19 June 2023 09:36
To: East Yorkshire Solar Farm
Subject: Automatic reply: Test

Hello,

Thank you for contacting East Yorkshire Solar Farm.

If your email is a response to our current statutory consultation, we thank you for sharing your thoughts. Please take this email as acknowledgement that your response has been received. Your email will be logged as a consultation response and included in our consultation reporting.

If your email contains specific questions for our team regarding the proposals, or is regarding another matter, we will respond to you shortly.

Kind regards, East Yorkshire Solar Farm Team

## M.5 Email to VAST

From: East Yorkshire Solar Farm
Sent: 24 April 2023 16:38
To: RE: East Yorkshire Solar Farm

Dear

Thank you for getting in touch.

At the moment the meetings we are hosting are pre-briefings with our statutory stakeholders. These will only provide a high-level overview and are being carried out in line with our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which outlines the steps being taken to make sure the consultation is abiding by the requirements set out by the Planning Act 2008. The SoCC will be published on our website when the statutory consultation starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

While we understand and appreciate your enthusiasm to get involved with the briefings, we are unable to extend invites to consultation pre-briefings to any groups outside of the elected representatives (parish councillors, ward councillors, Council Leaders, and MPs) as this would result in some groups having longer to process and respond to the consultation than others. We are also unable to give you any of the consultation materials early for the same reason.

We are committed to running a thorough and fair consultation process. We look forward to sharing our materials and speaking with you once the consultation starts.

Kind regards,



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From:

Sent: 20 April 2023 10:32

To: East Yorkshire Solar Farm < EastYorkshire Solar Farm@Boom-Power.co.uk >

Subject: Re: East Yorkshire Solar Farm

Hi Alice

It looks like things are moving!

We understand you have now booked locations for your statutory consultation, it would have been nice if we had been informed as well as the Parish Councils.

We are also aware you have invited Parish Councils to a Zoom meeting on 25th and 26th of April

Could we be invited to these?

Or at least will you be able to send us your latest proposals so we can start analysing them

Regards

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 11:07 AM East Yorkshire Solar Farm < EastYorkshire Solar Farm@boom-power.co.uk > wrote:

Dear

## Thank

you for sharing this photo with us. I can confirm that this map was not posted by Boom Power on the Gribthorpe noticeboard.

## Regarding

the origin of the map, this looks to be one of the maps sent as part of Land Interest Questionnaires. These letters were sent to individuals shown by our research to potentially be in possession of an interest in land or property that could be affected by the project. This forms part of our work to determine who has an interest in the land we are likely to use or affect with our proposals to enable us to consult those people with an interest at our next public consultation (statutory consultation) currently planned to start in May.

## To

provide you with context, the red line boundary on the map shows the maximum extent of the land being considered for the project at this stage. The map does not:

- Indicate the final size or design of scheme;
- Indicate the proximity of panels to roads, neighbouring land or public rights of way;
- Show areas where environmental, landscape and visual mitigation measures will be put in place,
- Show areas that will remain unchanged as they will contain neither solar panels or any other structures.

#### The

red line has increased in comparison to the red line that was presented during the non-statutory consultation phase. However, it is not the case that all additional land added will be used. The additional land has not increased the amount of land that will be used for solar panels, instead it means that there is more land available to deliver mitigation measures. The details of proposed mitigation measures will be set out during the statutory consultation phase, but are likely to include significant areas of wildlife enhancement as well as increased public access.

#### We

have intentionally not shared these with the public yet as we are still in the process of developing the design. We will share a suggested design with the public at the statutory consultation when we can present a complete picture of the proposals.

hope this information is helpful to you. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

Kind regards,

East Yorkshire Solar Farm



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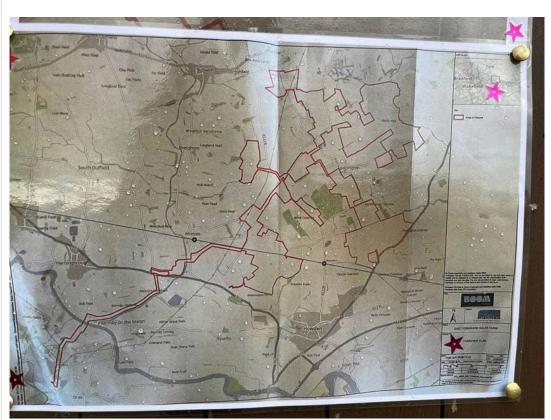


From:

Sent: 08 March 2023 18:47

To: East Yorkshire Solar Farm < <u>EastYorkshireSolarFarm@Boom-Power.co.uk</u>>

Subject: Re: East Yorkshire Solar Farm



Thanks for your prompt repl

on the map above there is clearly extra land to the east of field 1b

On Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 1:54 PM East Yorkshire Solar Farm < East Yorkshire Solar Farm@boom-power.co.uk > wrote:



Thank you for your email.

We are not aware of any notice in Gribthorpe. Please can you share some more details or a photo of the notice so we can respond to your question accurately.

Kind Regards,

Kind regards,

East Yorkshire Solar Farm



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From:

Sent: 07 March 2023 21:04

To: East Yorkshire Solar Farm < East Yorkshire Solar Farm@Boom-Power.co.uk >

Subject: Re: East Yorkshire Solar Farm

Thank

We have noticed in the notice board at Gribthorpe some additional plans have been added to the original plan. Can you confirm this please?

Regards

On Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 9:43 AM East Yorkshire Solar Farm < EastYorkshireSolarFarm@boom-power.co.uk > wrote:

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Thank you for getting back in touch.

I am responding on behalf of my colleague who is currently on leave.

We plan to submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of 2023.

Prior to submission, we will hold a

Statutory Consultation including a number of in-person and virtual events, to share our detailed proposals and ask for further feedback. This consultation will run for a six-week period, starting in May 2023. As part of this statutory consultation, members of the public are invited to comment on the project, including any environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures presented within the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report. The full report will be available during the Statutory Consultation period. All feedback received will be considered when finalising the scheme proposals and the Environmental

Statement for the DCO application. We will share more information about the consultation with you as we get closer to the time and encourage you to get involved at this stage.

If you decide you would like a meeting with us at any point in the coming months, please do reach out as we would be happy to talk through the proposals with you.

I hope this information is helpful.

Kind Regards,

Kind regards,

East Yorkshire Solar Farm



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From:

Sent: 08 February 2023 10:31

To: East Yorkshire Solar Farm < <u>EastYorkshireSolarFarm@Boom-Power.co.uk</u>>

Subject: Re: East Yorkshire Solar Farm

Sorry I have not been back to you but I don't think we have much to discuss until the actual planning application comes in and we can see excatly what and where you are planning. Have you any idea when that will actually be please?

Regards

On Mon, Nov 21, 2022 at 11:38 AM East Yorkshire Solar Farm < EastYorkshire Solar Farm@boom-power.co.uk > wrote:

Dear

Thank you for getting in touch with us.

While we are disappointed to hear of your opposition, we are in total agreement about establishing a corridor of communication and are keen to have open and frank discussions about the proposals.

To that end we would like to offer you and one other representative of VAST a meeting, to be held via MS Teams, to talk about our proposals and how best to communicate going forward. Please let me know if you are agreeable and we can find a suitable date and time.

Attached is an updated map of the proposed solar farm as requested. The indicated areas show land that has been agreed for lease to the solar farm, should it get planning permission and the numbering of the fields is for reference purposes only. However, this land is in excess of the area needed for panels to generate the maximum 400 MW capacity of the project. It is likely that the land that will have solar panels on will not cover the full extent marked on the map. This means there is flexibility in the final design to have buffer strips to reduce the impact on local properties.

We would like to recommend that you direct all emails through our scheme inbox <u>EastYorkshireSolarFarm@Boom-</u>

<u>Power.co.uk</u> as this enables us to get them to the appropriate individuals to reply much quicker.

Kind Regards,

Kind regards,

East Yorkshire Solar Farm



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# M.6 Automated acknowledgement email sent from inbox following statutory consultation

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

 $East\ Yorkshire\ Solar\ Farm\ < East\ Yorkshire\ Solar\ Farm\ @\ Boom\ -Power\ .co.uk>$ 

18 July 2023 10:43

Automatic reply: EYSF consultation meeting

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Hello,

Thank you for contacting East Yorkshire Solar Farm.

The statutory consultation is now closed. All responses have been logged and our consultation report will be published later this year.

If you have any other questions for our team, or your email is regarding another matter, we will respond to you shortly.

Kind regards, East Yorkshire Solar Farm Team

## M.7 Belated Stat con invitation to non-prescribed consultees

From: East Yorkshire Solar Farm Sent: 16 August 2023 11:58

Subject: East Yorkshire Solar Farm - Statutory consultation - Share your feedback

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Sir/Madam.

You may be aware that East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited recently held a second public consultation on our proposals for East Yorkshire Solar Farm. This was a statutory consultation as required by the Planning Act 2008 on our proposals for a new solar farm located between the villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington and Wressle, and the town of Howden. The statutory consultation closed on Tuesday 20 June 2023. You may have become aware of the statutory consultation from the extensive publicity and engagement carried out by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited at the time however following the close of consultation we identified that we did not specifically write to you to inform you of the consultation launch. We note that you have not provided any feedback on the scheme to date and would like to hear your views should you have any comments on our proposals.

The solar farm will generate approximately 400 megawatts (MW) of low carbon electricity – enough to power around 100,000 homes on an annual basis. The solar farm will also contribute to the Government's targets of reaching net-zero by the year 2050 and help to meet the growing demand for energy security. It will connect to the National Grid's Substation near Drax Power Station enabling the electricity to go directly into the National Grid transmission network. 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. Planning consent for these types of development is given through a Development Consent Order, which is granted by the Secretary of State.

The consultation provides a more detailed design for the solar farm than presented previously during our non-statutory consultation in 2022. All feedback from this consultation will be carefully considered and used to further shape the proposals in the preparation of the Development Consent Order application, which we plan for late 2023.

We attach copies of our consultation brochure and our feedback form. These and all of the key consultation materials including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and its non-technical summary are available from our website at www.boompower.co.uk/east-yorkshire. Please contact us should you require any of these materials in hard copy.

If you would like to give us your feedback on our proposals, we request that you do this by 15 September 2023.

Your feedback is crucial to us developing the best solar farm for this area. We want to make sure that everyone has a chance to get involved and share their opinion on the project.

To provide a response to the consultation please either email eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk or write to us at: Freepost East Yorkshire Solar Farm. You can either fill out the feedback form or send us free text outlining your response. If you would like to share feedback via an alternative channel, please get in touch with us at the details below.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk or 01964 782219.

Yours sincerely,



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