EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM

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Consultation Report Appendix

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S.1 Newly Identified landowner consultation Section 42(1)(d) consultee letter



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[NAME AND ADDRESS]

4 October 2023

Dear [NAME],

PROPOSED EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION 5 OCTOBER UNTIL 3 NOVEMBER 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.

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



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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.

We previously held a Statutory Consultation between 9 May until 20 June 2023. Our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) sets out how the Statutory Consultation was conducted. Details of where you can find the SoCC can be found later in this letter.

Subsequent to the Statutory Consultation, we have identified your land interest and this consultation is therefore an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals for the plans for the Scheme as a whole, shared at a Statutory Consultation held earlier this year. 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 defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). These documents will help you to understand the likely significant



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environmental effects of the Scheme. An Environmental Statement will also be submitted with our DCO application.

Changes to the Scheme

Following the Statutory Consultation which ran from 9 May until 20 June 2023 and further engagement with affected parties, a number of changes have been made to the Site Boundary. We recently consulted on 24 proposed changes to the Site Boundary in a targeted consultation which ran from Friday 1 September to Monday 2 October. The proposed amendments consulted on as part of the targeted consultation have been assessed and do not introduce any new significant environmental effects. This means that the findings of the PEI Report published at our Statutory Consultation have not changed. The changes have been proposed to aid the construction of the Scheme and do not affect your land interest. Targeted consultation materials are available at the website link provided below.

Consultation documents

The full set of consultation documents ("the consultation materials") are listed below on the Scheme's website at: **www.boom-power.co.uk/east-yorkshire**

- Consultation brochure (a hard copy is also enclosed with this letter).
- Consultation Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQ") document.
- 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).

A hard copy Consultation feedback form is also enclosed with this letter.

If you have any problems accessing the consultation documents on the Scheme's website, 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.



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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 e-mail address, details of which are also provided below. Responses to this consultation should therefore be sent to the following:

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- By email: 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 Friday 3 November 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.

Personal details will be held securely and only used for purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, the DCO process and further development of the Scheme. Outside of these purposes, the Applicant may be required to provide personal details if specifically requested as part of a Freedom of Information Act request or if PINS requests original responses. Otherwise, personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties. For further details please see our



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Privacy Notice at: https://www.boom-power.co.uk/privacypolicy/ 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,

Helen Standing

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Enc. Consultation brochure, plan showing the proposed DCO Application boundary, Consultation feedback form, Individual Land Ownership plan,