

SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT UNDER SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010143

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application (Reference No. EN010143) by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (company number 14103404) of Unit 5E, Park Farm, Arundel, BN18 0AG (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Application”). The Application was submitted by the Applicant on 21 November 2023 and accepted for examination on 19 December 2023.

East Yorkshire Solar Farm

East Yorkshire Solar Farm (“the Scheme”) comprises 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, together with underground cabling, onsite substations, landscaping and biodiversity enhancement, and grid connection infrastructure connecting to the National Grid Drax Substation.

The Scheme is located on land close to the hamlets and villages of Gribthorpe, Spaldington, Brind, Willitoff, Wressle, Newsholme, Brackenholme, Barmby on the Marsh, and Long Drax within the administrative areas of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Yorkshire Council. A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010143/EN010143-000466-2.6%20Location%20Plan.pdf>

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station located in England with a capacity exceeding 50 MW. It is for this reason that the Scheme falls within the remit of the Secretary of State’s decision-making powers.

The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Scheme, the temporary stopping up or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows, and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and, accordingly, an Environmental Statement accompanies the Application.

Application documents

The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary, and the draft DCO are available to view electronically and download, free of charge, under the “Documents” tab on the East Yorkshire Solar Farm project page of the

Planning Inspectorate's website, being a website maintained by or on behalf of the Secretary of State:
<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010143>

These documents will be available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website at least until the end of the Relevant Representation period at **11:59pm on 8 March 2024**.

On request, an electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. Contact details to request the USB can be found at the end of this notice. You can also contact the Applicant via telephone, email or in writing using these contact details if you have any enquiries in relation to the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps.

The Application documents can also be viewed electronically at the venues listed below. For a full list of internet-enabled libraries in your area please contact your local authority.

Document inspection venue	Opening hours* (correct at the time of publication)	Contact details
Goole Library Carlisle Street Goole DN14 5DS	Monday 9.30am to 7pm Tuesday 9.30am to 5pm Wednesday 9.30am to 7pm Thursday 9.30am to 5pm Friday 9.30am to 5pm Saturday 9am to 4pm Sunday Closed Computer access ends 15 minutes before the library closes	01405 762187 goole.library@eastriding.gov.uk
Howden 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 Computer access ends 15 minutes before the centre closes	01482 393939 howden.library@eastriding.gov.uk
Market Weighton Wicstun 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 Computer access ends 30 minutes before the centre closes	01482 393939 cscweighton@eastriding.gov.uk
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 Computer access ends five minutes before the library closes	01609 534521 selby.library@northyorks.gov.uk

* Please contact the venues in advance to arrange an appointment for computer access to view the documents electronically. The details of the opening hours above are correct at the time of this notice, however, are subject to change and it is recommended that you contact the library in advance.

The complete set of Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of £3,000. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable printing charge may apply. The Applicant will also consider any reasonable requests for bespoke or hard copy document formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats). In relation to any request, please contact the Applicant using the contact details set out at the end of this notice.

Making representations about the Application

Any person can make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State. All representations must be made on a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online via the following webpage:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010143>

If you require guidance, or other methods of obtaining and completing a Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or email eastyorkshiresolarfarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate's reference number EN010143.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to Register to Participate in an Examination provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed on the Planning Inspectorate's website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-2-how-to-register-to-participate-in-an-examination/>

All representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 8 March 2024.

Please note that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy which can be viewed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices/customer-privacy-notice>

How to contact the Applicant

For further information about the Application, or to request copies of documents, the Applicant can be contacted by using the following details:

- Post: **FREEPOST East Yorkshire Solar Farm**
- Email: **eastyorkshiresolarfarm@boom-power.co.uk**
- Telephone: **01964 782219** (Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm, or leave a voicemail out of hours for a call back)

EAST YORKSHIRE SOLAR FARM LIMITED