Springwell Solar Farm

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Main consultees
Secretary of State for DefenceAssistant Safeguarding Manager
Clerk
Chief Executive OfficerEnvironmental Planning Officer
 Chief Executive Officer Complex Casework Team Sustainable Development Lead, Natural England Midlands
Chief Executive Officer



Organisation	Main consultees
	Local Partnership Advisor
Historic England	 Head of Planning and Heritage Reform Strategy
	 Development Advice Team Leader (North)
Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Chief Executive
The relevant Internal Drainage Board	
Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board	Chief Executive
Witham First Internal Drainage Board	Head of Technical and Engineering Services
Witham Third Internal Drainage Board	Head of Technical and Engineering Services
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board	Head of Technical and Engineering Services
The Canal and River Trust	Chief Executive Officer
	Area Planner - Midlands
Transport	
The relevant highways authority	
Lincolnshire County Council	Development Manager, Lincolnshire Highways
National Highways	Chief Executive Officer
	Spatial Planner
The Secretary of State for Transport	Secretary of State for Transport
The Civil Aviation Authority	Chief Executive Officer
NATS	Chief Executive Officer
Network Rail	Managing Director, North West and Central Region
National Highways Historical Railways Estate	Director



Organisation	Main consultees
Active Travel England	Active Travel Commissioner
Health	
Health and Safety Executive	The Secretary
United Kingdon Health Security Agency	Chief Executive Officer
NHS England	Chief Executive Officer
Office for Health Improvement and Disparities	Director General
NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board	Chief Executive Officer
NHS Business Services Authority	Chief Executive Officer
NHS Blood and Transport	Chief Executive Officer
NHS Litigation Authority (NHS Resolution)	Chief Executive Officer
NHS Counter Fraud Authority	Chief Executive Officer
Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust	Chief Executive Officer
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Chief Executive Officer
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	Chief Executive Officer
Other	
Relevant statutory undertakers	
Cadent Gas Limited	The Secretary
Exolum Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Northern Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Scotland Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Southern Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Wales and West Utilities Limited	The Secretary
Energy Assets Pipelines Limited	The Secretary



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ES Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
ESP Connections Limited	The Secretary
ESP Networks Limited	The Secretary
ESP Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
GTC Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Independent Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Indigo Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Last Mile Gas Limited	The Secretary
Leep Gas Networks Limited	The Secretary
Mua Gas Limited	The Secretary
Quadrant Pipelines Limited	The Secretary
Squire Energy Limited	The Secretary
National Grid Gas Limited	The Secretary
Smart Meter Communication Licence	The Secretary
Ofgem	The Secretary
Eclipse Power Network Limited	The Secretary
Energy Assets Networks Limited	The Secretary
ESP Electricity Limited	The Secretary
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Mua Electricity Limited	The Secretary
Optimal Power Networks Limited	The Secretary
The Electricity Network Company Limited	The Secretary
UK Power Distribution Limited	The Secretary
UK Power Networks Limited	The Secretary
UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited	The Secretary
Utility Assets Limited	The Secretary
Vattenfall Networks Limited	The Secretary
Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) Plc	The Secretary
Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) Plc	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity Distribution	The Secretary
Electricity North West Limited	The Secretary
Northern Powergrid (Northeast) Limited	The Secretary
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution Plc	The Secretary
South Eastern Power Networks Plc	The Secretary
Southern Electric Power Distribution Plc	The Secretary
SP Distribution Plc	The Secretary
SP Manweb Plc	The Secretary
Eastern Power Networks	The Secretary
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc	The Secretary
Western Power Distribution (South West) Plc	The Secretary



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Midlands Limited	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	Chief Executive OfficerDevelopment Liaison Officer
National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity Distribution Midlands Limited	The Secretary
National Grid Electricity Distribution East Midlands Limited	The Secretary
Homes England	National Director, Acquisitions and Partnering
Royal Mail Group	The Secretary
Anglian Water	Chief Executive OfficerEIA and Land Rights Advisor
Severn Trent	The Secretary
The Crown Estate Commissioners	Chief Executive Officer
The relevant police authority	
Lincolnshire Police	Chief Constable
Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Executive Officer
The relevant ambulance service	
East Midlands Ambulance Service	Chief Executive
The relevant fire and rescue authority	
Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Services	Chief Fire Officer



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Local authorities	
Host authorities (B and C authorities wi	thin s43 of the PA 2008)
North Kesteven District Council	Chief Executive Officer
	 Leader of the Council and Executive Members
	Economy and Place Director
	Development Manager
	Assistant Development Manager
Lincolnshire County Council	Chief Executive Officer
	 Leader of the Council and Executive Members
	Head of Planning
	Applications Manager
Neighbouring local authorities (A and D	authorities within s43 of the PA 2008)
Norfolk County Council	Head of Paid Service
	Leader of the Council
Nottinghamshire County Council	Chief Executive Officer
	Leader of the Council
Cambridgeshire County Council	Chief Executive Officer
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Rutland County Council	Chief Executive Officer
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East Lindsey District Council	Chief Executive Officer
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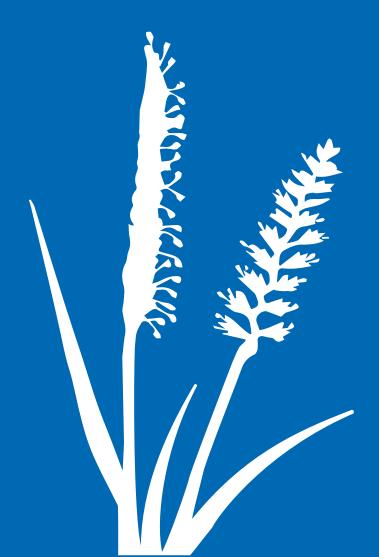
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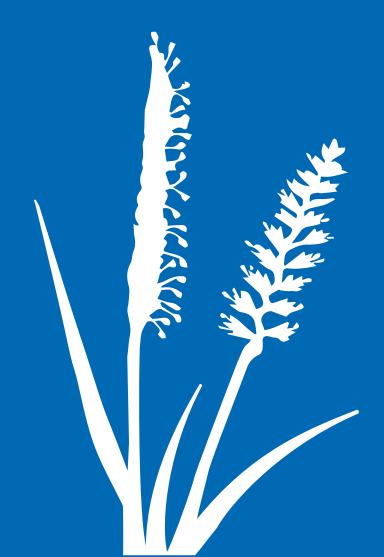
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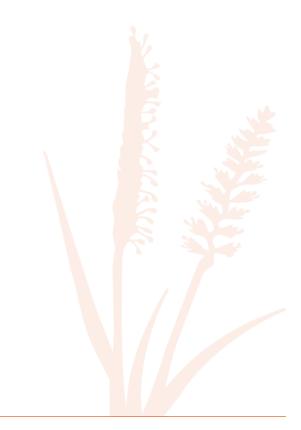


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Enclosed with this letter is a land interest plan(s) which is edged blue showing your affected area of interest, and shaded pink to show the scheme boundary; there is also a copy of the site boundary of Springwell Solar Farm edged in red and shaded pink.

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Yours sincerely.

Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire EDF Renewables UK

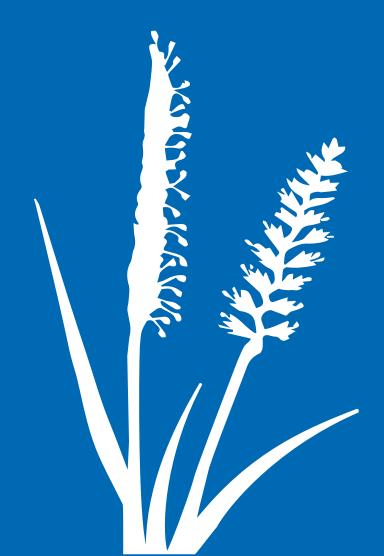
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Plan showing site boundary

Land interest(s) plan



Appendix F-1.4 Sample letter sent to Category 3 land interests





Springwell Energyfarm Ltd Cardinal Place 80 Victoria Street London SW1E 5JL



Date

Dear NAME.

Springwell Solar Farm

Statutory pre-application consultation: 11 January to 22 February 2024

Section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

Overview

I am writing regarding Springwell Energyfarm Limited's intention to submit a development consent order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') for the construction, operation and decommissioning of Springwell Solar Farm.

We have now commenced statutory pre-application consultation in relation to Springwell Solar Farm. I am writing to you because you have been identified as a consultee under section 42(1)(d) of the Act. We invite you to submit your feedback on the proposals by 22 February 2024.

Your land or property will not be required to construct or operate Springwell Solar Farm, however, you have been identified as a person who may be entitled to make a relevant claim if the DCO were to be made and fully implemented.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the plan showing the site boundary of the Proposed Development.

This letter explains how to take part in the public consultation and how you can share your views on our proposals.

Springwell Solar Farm

Springwell Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm and battery storage facility located in North Kesteven, Lincolnshire. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Springwell to the National Electricity Transmission System, as well as any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping and ecological planting.



If consented, Springwell Solar Farm would make an important contribution to our future energy network by producing enough clean, secure and affordable energy to power over 180,000 homes every year¹.

The planning process

As Springwell Solar Farm would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical capacity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Act. This means that we must apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Act. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Infrastructure Assessment) Regulations 2017.

We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') that sets out the preliminary environmental information on the Proposed Development. The purpose of this document is to enable consultees to understand the likely significant environmental effects of Springwell Solar Farm and to help inform consultation responses.

More guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/.

How you can find out more

The statutory consultation will run from Thursday 11 January to Thursday 22 February 2024 and we would welcome your feedback at this stage. There are a range of ways that you can find out more about our proposals and take part in the consultation.

We will be hosting a number of public events to allow people to find out more about Springwell Solar Farm and speak with the team at the following times and locations:

- Wednesday 24 January Scopwick Village Hall (4pm 8pm)
- Thursday 25 January Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm 7pm)
- Friday 26 January The Venue, Navenby (Midday 4pm)
- Saturday 27 January Metheringham Village Hall (11am 3pm)
- Tuesday 20 February Blankney Old School (3pm 7pm)

As part of our consultation, we have published a consultation booklet showing the nature and location of Springwell Solar Farm and a questionnaire for respondents to share their feedback with us. We have also prepared a Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") in accordance with section 47 of the Act.

Copies of these consultation documents – as well as the PEIR – are now available to view and download free of charge on the project website at the following link: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads.

Printed copies of these documents will be available to inspect at the following deposit points during the consultation period:

Location	Opening hours
Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place,	Monday: 9 am–5 pm
Sleaford NG34 7SR	Tuesday:9 am-5 pm
	Wednesday: 9 am–5 pm

¹ Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

Thursday: 9 am–6 pm Friday: 9 am–5 pm Saturday: 9 am–1 pm Sunday: Closed

The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ

Opening times may vary, please contact venue (venuenavenby@gmail.com / 07505 145061) to

arrange access.

Monday: 9am – 6pm Tuesday: 9am – 6pm Wednesday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 6pm

Friday: opening times may vary.

Saturday: opening times may vary.

Sunday: opening times may vary.

Copies of these documents are available in hard copy or on USB on request. We will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of change. Hard copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire are also available free of charge.

Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact information below.

How you can share your views

If you wish to submit a consultation response, you must do so in writing by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at <u>www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/questionnaire.</u>
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address:
 Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to <u>info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk</u> or in writing to the above Freepost address.

Should you have any questions, wish to discuss the proposals further or to request copies of the consultation documents, please do get in touch by:

- Calling 0800 038 3486 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Emailing info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- Writing to the team at Springwell Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local

Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application to the Planning

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Inspectorate in Q3 2024. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted on Springwell Solar Farm, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

Any comments received will be analysed by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process.

For certain parties, those who own an interest in land or are affected by Springwell Solar Farm, the Applicant is under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of its DCO application. In respect of other people, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Further information on the privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/.

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Yours sincerely,



Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire

EDF Renewables UK

Enc.

Plan showing site boundary



Appendix F-1.5 Sample letter sent to additional statutory undertakers







11th January 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Springwell Solar Farm

Statutory pre-application consultation: 11 January to 22 February 2024

Section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

Overview

I am writing regarding Springwell Energyfarm Limited's intention to submit a development consent order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') for the construction, operation and decommissioning of Springwell Solar Farm.

We have now commenced statutory pre-application consultation in relation to the Springwell Solar Farm DCO application. I am writing to you because you have been identified as a consultee under section 42(1)(d) of the Act. We invite you to submit your feedback on the proposals by 11:59pm on 22 February 2024.

You have been written to as, having carried out diligent inquiry, Springwell Energyfarm Limited considers that you may be a person who is either: (1) an owner, lessee, tenant, or occupier of the land included within the proposed site boundary; or (2) a person who has the power to sell or convey the land or release the land within the proposed site boundary. We have not yet been made aware of the precise location of your assets, however we wanted to ensure you were notified of this consultation.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the site boundary of Springwell Solar Farm edged in red and shaded pink.

This letter explains how to take part in the public consultation and how you can share your views on our proposals.

Springwell Solar Farm

Springwell Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm and battery storage facility located in North Kesteven, Lincolnshire. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Springwell Solar Farm to the National Electricity Transmission System, as well as any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping and ecological planting.

If consented, Springwell Solar Farm would make an important contribution to our future energy network by producing enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000 homes every year.¹

The planning process

As Springwell Solar Farm would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical capacity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Act. This means that we must apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Act. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Information Assessment) Regulations 2017.

We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') that sets out the preliminary environmental information on Springwell Solar Farm. The purpose of this document is to enable consultees to understand the likely significant environmental effects of Springwell Solar Farm and to help inform consultation responses.

More guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/.

How you can find out more

The statutory consultation will be open between Thursday 11 January and 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024 and we would welcome your feedback at this stage. There are a range of ways that you can find out more about our proposals and take part in the consultation.

We will be hosting a number of public events to allow people to find out more about Springwell Solar Farm and speak with the team at the following times and locations:

- Wednesday 24 January Scopwick Village Hall (4pm 8pm)
- Thursday 25 January Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm 7pm)
- Friday 26 January The Venue, Navenby (Midday 4pm)
- Saturday 27 January Metheringham Village Hall (11am 3pm)
- Tuesday 20 February Blankney Old School (3pm 7pm)

As part of our consultation, we have published a consultation booklet which shows the nature and location of Springwell Solar Farm and a questionnaire for respondents to share their feedback with us. We have also prepared a Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") in accordance with section 47 of the Act.

Copies of these consultation documents – as well as the PEIR – are now available to view and download free of charge on the project website at the following link: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads.

Printed copies of these documents will be available to inspect at the following deposit points during the consultation period:

Location	Opening hours
Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR	Monday: 9 am–5 pm
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¹ Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

Thursday: 9 am–6 pm Friday: 9 am–5 pm Saturday: 9 am–1 pm Sunday: Closed

The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ

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arrange access.

Monday: 9am – 6pm Tuesday: 9am – 6pm Wednesday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 6pm

Friday: opening times may vary.

Saturday: opening times may vary.

Sunday: opening times may vary.

Copies of these documents are available in hard copy or on USB on request. We will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of change. Hard copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire are also available free of charge.

Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact information below.

How you can share your views

If you wish to submit a consultation response, you must do so in writing by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address:
 Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: <u>info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.</u>
- Submitting comments by email to <u>info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk</u> or in writing to the above Freepost address.

Should you have any questions, wish to discuss the proposals further or to request copies of the consultation documents, please do get in touch by:

- Calling 0800 038 3486 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Emailing info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- Writing to the team at Springwell Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local

Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in Q3 2024. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will

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set out how we have consulted on Springwell Solar Farm, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

Any comments received will be analysed by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process.

For certain parties, those who own an interest in land or are affected by Springwell Solar Farm, the Applicant is under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of its DCO application. In respect of other people, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Further information on the privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/.

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Yours sincerely,



Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire EDF Renewables UK

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Plan showing site boundary



Appendix F-1.6 Sample letter sent to non-prescribed consultees





Springwell Energyfarm Ltd Cardinal Place 80 Victoria Street London SW1E 5JL

Address 1

Address 2

Address 3

Address 4

8 January 2024

Dear NAME.

Springwell Solar Farm – public consultation from Thursday 11 January to Thursday 22 February 2024

We are now consulting on our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm, a proposed new solar farm located in North Kesteven, Lincolnshire. We would like to invite you to share your views on the proposals as part of our consultation, which we are carrying out before submitting an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

This letter explains how to take part in the public consultation and how you can share your views on our proposals.

How you can find out more

Our statutory consultation is running from Thursday 11 January to Thursday 22 February 2024. There are a range of ways that you can find out more about our proposals and take part in the consultation.

- Reading the consultation booklet showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, how we are assessing potential environmental effects, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps.
- Attending a public event that we hold in community venues around the proposed Springwell Solar Farm site at the following times and locations:
 - Wednesday 24 January Scopwick Village Hall (4pm-8pm)
 - Thursday 25 January Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm-7pm)
 - Friday 26 January The Venue, Navenby (Midday-4pm)
 - Saturday 27 January Metheringham Village Hall (11am-3pm)
 - Tuesday 20 February Blankney Old School (3pm-7pm)
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on our website: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Reviewing our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which sets out the preliminary environmental information on our proposals.



• Contacting us on 0800 038 3486 or info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk or by Freepost (Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).

Copies of our consultation documents – as well as the PEIR – are now available to view and download free of charge on the project website at the following link: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads.

Printed copies of these documents will be available to inspect at the following locations during the consultation period:

Location	Opening hours
Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR	Monday: 9 am–5 pm
	Tuesday:9 am–5 pm
	Wednesday: 9 am-5 pm
	Thursday: 9 am–6 pm
	Friday: 9 am–5 pm
	Saturday: 9 am–1 pm
	Sunday: Closed
The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ	Opening times may vary, please contact venue (<u>venuenavenby@gmail.com</u> / 07505 145061) to arrange access.
	Monday: 9am – 6pm
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Copies of the consultation materials are available on USB or in hard copy on request. We will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of change. Hard copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will also be available free of charge. Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact information below.

How you can share your views

We would very much welcome your feedback on our proposals. If you would like to submit a consultation response, you must do so in writing by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/questionnaire.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address:
 Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.

- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to <u>info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk</u> or in writing to the above Freepost address.

Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application in Q3 2024. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

Any comments received will be analysed by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process.

For certain parties, those who own an interest in land or are affected by Springwell Solar Farm, the Applicant is under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of its DCO application. In respect of other people, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Further information on the privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/.

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Should you have any questions, wish to discuss the proposals further or to request copies of the consultation documents, please do get in touch by:

- Calling 0800 038 3486 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Emailing info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- Writing to the team at Springwell Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local

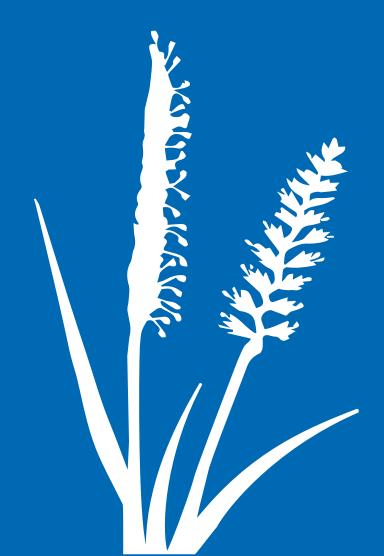
Yours sincerely,

Matthew Boulton

Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire

EDF Renewables UK

Appendix F-1.7 Section 42 enclosure (copy of section 48 notice)





Section 48 - Planning Act 2008 – Springwell Solar Farm Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice is hereby given that **Springwell Energyfarm Ltd (13484004)** of Alexander House, 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton le Spring, DH4 5RA ("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 for a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). The Applicant intends to make the Application in Q3 2024.

The Application is for the proposed **Springwell Solar Farm** ("the Proposed Development") at land north of Sleaford, **close to the settlements of Blankney, Scopwick, Kirkby Green and Ashby de la Launde** ("the Proposed Site") within the administrative boundaries of North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. The Springwell Solar Farm would cover an area of approximately 1,972 hectares (ha), split across three distinct areas, which are described below:

- Springwell West: Springwell West forms the southernmost part of the Proposed Site and is intersected by the A15 with Brauncewell to the south and Navenby to the northwest.
- Springwell Central: Springwell Central is located in the centre of the Proposed Site, adjacent to RAF Digby and B1191 to the west, Ashby de la Launde to the south and relatively open agricultural fields to the east.
- Springwell East: Springwell East is bounded by the settlements of Scopwick to the south, Kirkby Green to the south east, Blankney in the north, B1188 to the west and a railway line to the east.

The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.
- other associated and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Springwell Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect the Springwell Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as offices and
 welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the
 Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the Proposed Site used for landscaping
 which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures,
 amenity improvements and fencing.
- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact



Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') has been produced and is included as part of the consultation materials. The PEIR sets out the preliminary environmental information on the Proposed Development. The Applicant is carrying out an EIA and will submit an Environmental Statement as part of its DCO application.

The Applicant has produced a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 which explains how the Applicant will consult with the local community and stakeholders about the Proposed Development. The SoCC can be viewed free of charge at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads, or at the deposit locations set out below from **Monday 11 December 2023**. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the SoCC.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024. The Applicant will publish consultation materials including a consultation booklet showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, a consultation questionnaire and the PEIR. These will be available online free of charge from 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024 at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads in the Document Library tab. Copies of the consultation materials will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at locations listed below, as well as on USB or in hard copy on request to the Applicant from 11 January 2024.

There are a number of ways to find out more about the Proposed Development including:

- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the Proposed Site at the following times and locations:
 - Wednesday 24 January Scopwick Village Hall (4pm 8pm)
 - Thursday 25 January Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm 7pm)
 - o Friday 26 January The Venue, Navenby (Midday 4pm)
 - Saturday 27 January Metheringham Village Hall (11am 3pm)
 - Tuesday 20 February Blankney Old School (3pm 7pm)
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on the project website: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk. The virtual exhibition will be accessible from 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024.
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area (listed below) and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads or visiting a deposit point.
- Getting in touch using the contact details below.

Location	Opening hours*
Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR	Monday: 9 am–5 pm
	Tuesday:9 am–5 pm
	Wednesday: 9 am–5 pm
	Thursday: 9 am–6 pm
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Saturday: opening times may vary.

Sunday: opening times may vary.

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Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant using the e-mail address, Freepost address or Freephone number provided below.

The Applicant will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of change. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between **11 January 2024** to **22 February 2024** through any of the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) or submitting your comments to the following address: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire or submitting your comments by email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.

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 Proposed Development.

Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the Application for a DCO 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 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 the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

• By Freephone: 0800 038 3486

• By email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

By Freepost: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL



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