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**Subject:** RE: Concern regarding fenwick site

Good afternoon Hannah,

Thank you for your recent e-mail in relation to the proposed Fenwick Solar Farm project, which is currently in the Pre-Application stage. An Application is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate during Quarter 2 of 2024. Please note that the Pre-Application consultation process is led by the developer, and the Planning Inspectorate's role is to provide procedural advice, which we publish.

The developer is responsible for ensuring that it complies with the legislative requirements surrounding consultation, which are set out in the Planning Act 2008. This includes a legal requirement for the developer to consult with Statutory Bodies, affected communities and persons with an interest in the land. Your e-mail provides your comments on the merits of the Proposed Development and adequacy of its consultation. As such, if you have not already done so, it is important that you make these comments directly to the developer. If you are not satisfied that the developer is taking these into account, you should raise this with the Local Authority also.

For further information, please see our [Advice Note 8.1](#) on Responding to the developers pre-application consultation. In particular, [paragraph 7.4](#) which explains how you can raise any concerns about the developer's pre application consultation.

According to the [developer's website](#), an informal community consultation is ongoing, from Tuesday 27 June 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 24 July 2023. You can access a brochure regarding this consultation on the [developer's website](#), which includes details of how to provide feedback, and forthcoming consultation events. There will also be an opportunity to provide further feedback during the Developer's statutory consultation, which according to their website is due to take place in December 2023. You can make general enquiries about this with the developer or register for their project updates via the following contact details: Phone: 01964 782219  
Email: [fenwick.enquiries@boom-power.co.uk](mailto:fenwick.enquiries@boom-power.co.uk).

**Information about the Planning Inspectorate's remit once the Application is submitted:**  
When an application is formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination, an assessment is made on whether it is of a satisfactory standard to proceed to an Examination. One key element of this assessment is to check whether the Applicant has fulfilled its statutory consultation duties. In order to help make an informed decision on this matter the Inspectorate writes to all host and neighbouring Local Authorities for their views on the adequacy of the consultation. The Applicant is also statutorily required to demonstrate in its submitted application where they have shown regard to responses received during their period of statutory consultation.

If the Application has been accepted for Examination, you will be able to register as an Interested Party and make Relevant Representation; Please read our Advice Note on How to Register to participate in an Examination for further information. Once an Examining Authority is appointed, it will make an initial assessment of the issues arising from the submitted application as well as from the Relevant Representations, which will contribute to their Examination of the proposed development.

In order to assist parties in understanding the Planning Act 2008 process, the Planning Inspectorate has prepared a suite of Advice Notes, which are available on our website. The Advice Note 8 series provide an overview of the examination of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects for members of the public. Hopefully you will find these of assistance. You may wish to note that the Planning Inspectorate has set up a [project page for the Fenwick Solar Farm scheme](#) where documents received and issued during the course of the Examination will be published. In advance of the application being submitted you can register for updates by entering your email address in the "Email updates" section of the project page. You will then receive an email notification when any new information is published on the project page. Information could include notes of meetings we have with the Applicant at pre-application stage; any procedural advice we issue; and notification when the Application is submitted, along with the application documents and information about submitting a relevant representation if the Application is accepted for examination.

Hopefully this e-mail is of assistance but if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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**Subject:** Concern regarding fenwick site

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my concern surrounding the development of the Fenwick/Sykehouse solar farm.

I attended the consultation at the Old George on 5th July, but had not received any information about the development by post prior to this.

Whilst I support the principle of clean energy, I am hugely concerned about the impact of the development on the area; many of these concerns relate to access to the site during construction.

Structural integrity: on the rare occasions large vehicles pass my house, the whole building shakes. With 20+ vehicles passing daily for up to two years, I have huge concerns about the structure of my house being damaged (to include but not exclusive of window and door frames being loosened). Presumably, each vehicle passes twice - once in and once out.

Road integrity: The roads surrounding the village from all directions are already in poor repair: pot holes and subsidence caused by traffic and flooding have left it already dangerous to cars and motorcycles. The subsidence pushes motor vehicles off course, and I am concerned this will be exacerbated with increased volume of heavy traffic.

Single track road: two ways into the village are via single track roads. The passing spots are already in very poor repair and have been known to pop tyres when entering them, even at slow speeds. Increased frequency of needing to access them to cope with increased traffic will increase this problem (as well as leading to frustrations of being stuck behind slow moving lorries down twisty roads with few safe spaces to overtake)

Safety: part of the appeal of this area was having safe roads where my cats could venture outside. It may seem silly, but I would be genuinely fearful that increased volume of lorries gives them a far higher chance of being killed on the road.

Noise of lorries: whilst I do sometimes work from the office, I regularly work from home, and am concerned that the noise during the day would make video calls more difficult.

During the consultation, it was said that access had not been fully considered so they were not in a position to discuss it fully.

Projects important to me would include getting mains drains into the village; we are all currently on septic tanks, and have been campaigning for years to be linked to a better system. I would expect the negative wildlife impact to be mitigated as standard.

I am more than happy to have a call to discuss concerns further.

Best wishes  
Hannah Rogers



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