

05 November 2024

The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Dear Sir / Madam,

Frodsham Solar

Notice of proposed application for a Development Consent Order pursuant to section 46 of the Planning Act 2008.

Frodsham Solar Limited ("The Applicant") intends to build a new solar energy generation station and an associated on-site Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ("Frodsham Solar") on land at Frodsham Marsh, Frodsham, Cheshire West and Chester.

The proposed design for Frodsham Solar would enable the generation of approximately 130 megawatts (MW) of electricity, as well as the storage of approximately 100 MW of electricity in a BESS. Frodsham Solar also includes the associated infrastructure for connection to the local electricity distribution network, as well as a private wire connection, that would enable local businesses to utilise electricity generated.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for Frodsham Solar. As the development will generate over 50 MW, the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") when the application is submitted.

The DCO application will contain full details of Frodsham Solar and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Planning Act ("the 2008 Act") and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations").

Consultation on Frodsham Solar

The Applicant is undertaking consultation on the proposals for Frodsham Solar between Thursday 07 November 2024 and Thursday 19 December 2024. This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities (under section 42 and section 43 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by Frodsham Solar (under section 42 and section 44 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Frodsham Solar (under section 47 of the 2008 Act); and

- General public consultation on Frodsham Solar (under section 48 of the 2008 Act).

Notice under section 46 of the 2008 Act

Please treat this letter as notice to the Planning Inspectorate, under section 46 of the 2008 Act, of the Applicant's proposed application in relation to Frodsham Solar, and please find enclosed:

- 1) Example covering letter to statutory consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations;
- 2) Example covering letter to land interests under section 44 of the 2008 Act;
- 3) Copy of the notice publicising the application under section 48 of the 2008 Act. The notice is published in the Chester Standard and the Chester Chronicle on 31 October and 07 November 2024, The Guardian on 31 October and the London Gazette on 04 November 2024; and
- 4) A site plan showing the location of the proposed application.

Consultation materials

As Frodsham Solar is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of the 2017 Regulations, the Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"). This has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate and reports the results of the EIA process that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of Frodsham Solar and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process.

In addition to the PEIR, the Applicant has produced a Community Consultation Leaflet and Feedback Form. These consultation documents provide information and invite feedback on the proposals for Frodsham Solar.

The consultation materials include:

- Notice publicising the proposed DCO application under section 48 of the 2008 Act;
- The PEIR (including appendices, plans and figures);
- A non-technical summary of the PEIR; and
- Additional documents including the Community Consultation Leaflet and Feedback Form.

Consultation materials are available free of charge online at www.frodshamsolar.co.uk. Consultation materials will also be provided in paper copy or on USB by request to the Applicant. Please note that a reasonable charge up to £500 may apply to providing printed copies of the PEIR, but other documents are free of charge. Details of how to request these documents and the related charges, if any, are set out in the enclosed section 48 notice.

The Applicant has requested for responses to be submitted between Thursday 07 November 2024 and Thursday 19 December 2024 (on or before this date).

Contacting the Applicant

If you would like further information about this notification or the consultation on Frodsham Solar, please visit our website or contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- **Email:** info@frodshamsolar.co.uk
- **Online:** www.frodshamsolar.co.uk
- **Post:** FREEPOST FRODSHAM SOLAR
- **Phone:** 0808 175 4004 (open 09:00-17:00, Monday-Friday. A voicemail service will operate for out of office hours)

Yours faithfully,

Mark Flaherty

Development Manager

On behalf of Frodsham Solar