



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Fosse Green Energy Solar
<b>File reference</b>	EN010154
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	6 September 2023
<b>Meeting with</b>	Fosse Green Energy Limited
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed, and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

#### Scoping Opinion

The Applicant confirmed that it had no points of clarification on the Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion. There have been a few changes to the early design since submission of the Scoping Report:

- Design still considering both South Fixed (SF) and East-West Tracking (EWT) layouts (both options may be retained through to submission);
- Decentralised battery storage;
- Indicative interconnecting route corridors identified;
- Location of National Grid Substation is not yet confirmed;
- Overhead lines no longer being considered, buried power lines will be confirmed during forthcoming non-statutory consultation;
- Original northern corridor route option for cabling to be removed.

The Applicant will also be in contact with local councils on the scope of the noise and archaeological assessments.

The Applicant explained that the ecological, geophysical and Agricultural Land Category (ALC) surveys are ongoing. Winter photography is being planned and further surveys are due to commence shortly.

#### Project Update and next steps and non-statutory consultation

The non-statutory Consultation will run for six weeks from 11 September 2023 to 20 October 2023. The consultation will cover an area approximately 3km from the proposed DCO boundary. There will be four physical events and one online. The Applicant indicated they would be writing to 13,000 addresses in advance of the Consultation along with emails issued to elected representatives, seldom heard groups and special and local interest groups. Advertisements would be both printed and digital.



## The Planning Inspectorate

The Applicant shared with The Inspectorate that it has engaged as follows:

- Officer members briefing for Lincolnshire County Council
- Officer briefing for North Kesteven District Council
- Presentation at the Witham and Brant Parish Cluster
- Briefing with the local MP

Engagement has yet to take place with:

- Members at North Kesteven District Council
- Technical engagement with Officers and Statutory Environmental Bodies
- Lincolnshire Fire Service

The Applicant explained they are taking measures to make sure everyone can understand the process for the Proposed Development and are able to access all events.

From here, the Applicant plans to carry out a non-statutory Consultation; informal and formal engagement on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC); Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) preparation; and finally, the statutory Consultation in early 2024.

### **AOB**

The Applicant confirmed the anticipated submission date will be Q4 2024. The Inspectorate requested that the holiday season is taken into consideration around this time in light of stakeholder availability. The use of the Inspectorate's draft document review service was discussed. The Applicant was advised to look at other projects on the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) website for an understanding of the content of previous applications.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in October 2023 once the non-statutory Consultation has closed.