



FVS Dean Moor Limited
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Project/File: 33313464100

Recipient's Name

Case Officer
The Planning Inspectorate
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Dean Moor Solar Farm – Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008

We write to provide the Secretary of State with notification for the purposes of Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the '2008 Act') that FVS Dean Moor Limited ('The Applicant') proposes to commence statutory consultation pursuant to section 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a renewable energy generating station known as Dean Moor Solar Farm.

The consultation will begin on Monday 11 March 2024 and the deadline for receiving responses is 11.59pm on Friday 26 April 2024.

Proposed Development

As you will be aware, the Applicant is proposing the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of a solar energy generating station comprising solar photovoltaic ('PV') arrays, associated infrastructure, and landscape and biodiversity enhancements (the 'Proposed Development') on approximately 279.5 hectares ('ha') of land located between the villages of Gilgarran and Branthwaite in West Cumbria (the 'Site'). The Proposed Development is located within the administrative boundary of Cumberland Council.

The Proposed Development will have the capacity to export up to 150 mega-watts ('MW') of electricity at any time.

The principal components of the Proposed Development will comprise:

- Solar PV modules;
- PV module mounting structures;
- Solar Inverters-Transformers;
- BESS equipment comprising Battery Units, Power Conversion Systems ('PCS'), and associated infrastructure;
- Point of Connection ('POC') infrastructure comprising Customer and Distribution Network Operator ('DNO') Substation buildings and external electrical equipment within a weld mesh Security Fence;

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- Perimeter Fencing (deer fence), Gates, CCTV cameras, on-site cabling, and other associated infrastructure;
- Access from the highway and internal access tracks; and
- Landscape planting and ecological enhancements.

Further information relating to the Proposed Development can be found in the Consultation Brochure and PEIR which are available as part of the suite of consultation documents. Details of how to access a copy of these documents is set out below.

The Proposed Development is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') under the 2008 Act given that it has a generating capacity of over 50MW and therefore requires the grant of a DCO. As such, the Applicant intends to make an application for a DCO to authorise the Proposed Development.

Section 42 Duty to Consult

In accordance with section 46 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant hereby supplies the Secretary of State with the same information that is being supplied to all relevant consultees identified in accordance with section 42 of the 2008 Act.

The following consultation materials will be available to view on the project website (www.deanmoorsolarfarm.com) from 11 March 2024:

- Section 42, 47 and 48 Notice;
- PEIR and PEIR Non-Technical Summary ('NTS');
- Guide to Statutory Consultation;
- Consultation Brochure;
- Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC');
- Feedback Form.

The Applicant has also included via this secure webpage www.deanmoorsolarfarm.com/pins. This includes a template of the letters being sent to statutory consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act. A copy of Applicant's statutory notice, which discharges the Applicant's notification obligations under sections 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act in a single notice, is appended to the section 42 letter. Inclusion with the letter discharges the Applicant's obligations under Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found on the project website (www.deanmoorsolarfarm.com) and in the enclosed section 48 Notice.

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Following the receipt and consideration of responses to this latest round of statutory consultation, it is expected that the DCO application would be submitted to the Secretary of State later in 2024.

Should you have any queries on the consultation documents or any other element of Dean Moor Solar Farm, you can contact us in the following ways:

- Visit the project website www.deanmoorsolarfarm.com
- Call 0800 041 8643
- Email info@deanmoorsolarfarm.com
- Write to FREEPOST: DEAN MOOR SOLAR FARM


We should be grateful if you would confirm safe receipt of this letter. In the meantime, should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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