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21 May 2024

Dear Sir or Madame,

One Earth Solar Farm – section 46 notification under the Planning Act 2008

Overview

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero is hereby notified in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “Act”), of One Earth Solar Farm Ltd’s (the “Applicant”) intention to submit a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed One Earth Solar Farm (the “Project”). The Applicant intends to make this application in early 2025.

We have previously provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that the Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as defined by those regulations and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

The submission of the DCO application will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the “APFP Regulations”), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The consultation will commence on Wednesday 29 May 2024 and end on Tuesday 9 July 2024.

One Earth Solar Farm

The Project is proposed to be located on approximately 1,500 hectares of land to the north of Newark, close to the settlements of South Clifton, North Clifton, Fledborough, Newton on Trent and Ragnall (“the Proposed Site”) within the administrative boundaries of Newark & Sherwood District Council, West Lindsey District Council, Bassetlaw District Council, as well as Lincolnshire County Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, inverters, transformers, substations, a Battery Energy Storage System, along with underground cables to connect to the High Marnham substation.

- 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 Project. 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 Project.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

Consultation documents

Please find enclosed the information that has been sent to the section 42 consultees:

- A covering letter sent to those consultees identified pursuant to section 42(1)(a), section 42(1)(b), and section 42(1)(d), which includes a copy of the plan showing the site boundary of the Project.
- Notice of the proposed application which will be publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

From the start of the consultation period on 29 May 2024, consultation materials will be available online at <https://oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/>. This includes the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), including a non-technical summary of the preliminary effects and a consultation booklet with details about the project.

A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request. If, however, the Secretary of State requires the material in an alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact us.

There will also be a series of public events held in the area around the Proposed Site to enable anyone to find out more about the Project and share their views. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk or 0800 169 6507.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Boyd
Project Lead, One Earth Solar Farm

Enclosure