

The Planning Inspectorate
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07 January 2025

Dear Rammiel Burnie,

Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

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

Elements Green Trent Ltd (“The Applicant”) intends to build a new solar energy generation station and an associated on-site Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (“Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park”) on land within the district of Newark and Sherwood and the county of Nottinghamshire. The development would be located to the land north-west of Newark-on-Trent, west of the A1, north of the A617, east of Eakring, and south of Eganton, occupying two main areas to the north and north-west of Staythorpe.

When built, Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park would have an anticipated solar electricity generation capacity of approximately 1,120 megawatts (MW) Direct Current (DC) / 800 MW Alternating Current (AC) of electricity, to be connected to the existing National Grid Staythorpe Substation. In doing so, the scheme has potential to provide enough clean, affordable energy to meet the power needs of approximately 400,000 homes while contributing to the Government’s goals of decarbonisation and net zero emissions.

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

The DCO application will contain full details of Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park 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 the Great North Solar and Biodiversity Park

The Applicant is undertaking consultation on the proposals for Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park between Thursday 09 January 2025 and Thursday 20 February 2025. 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 Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park (under section 42 and section 44 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park (under section 47 of the 2008 Act); and

- General public consultation on Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park (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 Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park, 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 Newark Advertiser and the Nottingham Post on 02 January and 09 January 2025, The Guardian on 06 January 2025 and the London Gazette on 06 January 2025; and
- 4) A site plan showing the location of the proposed application.

Consultation materials

As Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development 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 result 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 Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park and to inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process.

In addition to the PEIR, the Applicant has produced a Central Booklet and Feedback Form. These consultation documents provide information and invite feedback on the proposals for Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park.

The consultation materials include:

- The PEIR (including appendices, plans and figures);
- A non-technical summary of the PEIR;
- Additional documents including the Central Booklet and Feedback Form.

Consultation materials are available free of charge online at www.gnrsolarpark.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 of 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 09 January 2025 and Thursday 20 February 2025 (on or before this date).

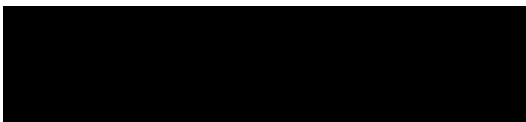
Contacting the Applicant

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

- **Email:** info@gnrsolarpark.co.uk
- **Online:** www.gnrsolarpark.co.uk
- **Post:** FREEPOST GNR SOLAR
- **Phone:** 0808 175 4054 (open 09:00-17:00, Monday to Friday. A voicemail service will operate for out of office hours)

Yours faithfully,

Mark Noone



Project Director

On behalf of Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

