

Section 48 – Planning Act 2008 – Rosefield Solar Farm

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice under Section 48 of the Planning Act is hereby given that Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (11618221) of Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (the “Applicant”) proposes to make an application (“the Application”) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order (‘DCO’). The Applicant intends to make the Application in Q2 2025.

The Application is for the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”) at land south of Buckingham, close to the settlements of Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Middle Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Calvert (“the Site”) within the administrative boundary of Buckinghamshire Council. The Rosefield Solar Farm would cover an area of approximately 771 hectares.

The DCO would authorise:

- construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.
- other association and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Rosefield Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect to the Rosefield Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- 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 Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the 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.
- Offsite highway works (if required).
- The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and and/or convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) development and accordingly a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (‘PEIR’) has been produced and is included as part of the consultation materials. The PEIR sets out the preliminary environmental information on the Proposed Development. The Applicant is carrying out an EIA and will submit an Environmental Statement as part of its DCO application. The Applicant has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (‘SoCC’) in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 which explains how the Applicant will consult with the local community and stakeholders about the Proposed Development. The SoCC can be

viewed free of charge at <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/>, or at the deposit locations set out below. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the SoCC.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **18 September 2024 to 14 November 2024**. The Applicant will publish consultation materials including a consultation booklet showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, a consultation questionnaire and the PEIR. These will be available online free of charge from 18 September 2024 to 14 November 2024 at <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/> being a website maintained by or on behalf of the Applicant. Copies of the consultation materials will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at locations listed below (Table 1), as well as on USB or in hard copy on request to the Applicant from 18 September 2024.

There are a number of ways to find out more about the Proposed Development including:

- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the Site at the following times and locations:
 - Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar, **Thursday 3 October (2pm-6pm)**
 - East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall, **Friday 4 October (4pm-8pm)**
 - Quainton Memorial Hall, **Saturday 5 October (10am-2pm)**
 - Steeple Claydon Village Hall, **Friday 18 October (3.30pm-8pm)**
 - Quainton Memorial Hall, **Saturday 19 October (10am-2pm)**
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on the project website: <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/>. The virtual exhibition will be accessible from 18 September 2024 to 14 November 2024.
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available from 18 September 2024 online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area (listed below) and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR, which will be available from 18 September 2024, by going to <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/document-library/> or visiting a deposit point.
- Getting in touch using the contact details below.

Table 1: Deposit points

Deposit location	Opening hours
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Monday to Thursday 8am-11pm Friday to Saturday 8am-12am
Winslow Community Library Park Rd, Winslow MK18 3DN	Monday 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm Friday 1 – 5pm Saturday 9.30am – 1pm

**Please check opening times before travelling*

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant using the e-mail address, Freepost address or Freephone number provided below.

The Applicant will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials including the PEIR free of charge. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of

consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 18 September 2024 to 14 November 2024 through any of the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) or submitting your comments to the following address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire or submitting your comments by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Proposed Development.

Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 14 November 2024.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the Application for a DCO once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for Examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- By Freephone: 0800 8611097
 - By email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
 - By Freepost: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL
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