

Rosefield Solar Farm

Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Phase Two Consultation

4 September 2024



Table of Contents

- Table of Contents 1**
- 1. Introduction 2**
 - 1.1. Rosefield Solar Farm2
 - 1.2. Environmental Impact Assessment4
 - 1.3. More information4
- 2. Rosefield Solar Farm 6**
 - 2.1. About our proposals6
 - 2.2. How solar farms work8
 - 2.3. About the developers.....9
- 3. Consulting the community 10**
 - 3.1. Developing our approach to consultation 10
 - 3.2. Our approach to statutory consultation 12
 - 3.3. Timing 13
 - 3.4. What will we consult on? 13
 - 3.5. Who will we consult? 13
 - 3.6. How will we consult? 17
- 4. Consultation arrangements 24**
 - 4.1. How to find out more24
 - 4.2. Responding to the consultation24
 - 4.3. How we will consider the responses25
 - 4.4. Further information25

1. Introduction

1.1. Rosefield Solar Farm

- 1.1.1. Climate change is a challenge we must all play our part in addressing – from the small changes we need to make in our everyday lives to the transformational changes we need to make across our whole economy, including how we power our homes, businesses and transport systems.
- 1.1.2. Over the next decade, the fossil fuels that once powered our economy need to be replaced with sources of low-carbon electricity. Solar is an important part of the way we can meet this challenge – it is reliable and can be built quickly. This is particularly important as the UK focuses on boosting its domestic supply of clean energy.¹
- 1.1.3. Rosefield Solar Farm ('Rosefield') is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located in Buckinghamshire. Backed by EDF Renewables and PS Renewables, Rosefield would make an important contribution to our future energy network by producing enough clean, secure electricity to power more than 57,000 homes every year.²
- 1.1.4. Rosefield is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP') because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts ('MW'). This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.
- 1.1.5. Unlike planning applications which are determined by local planning authorities, NSIP applications are submitted to and determined by the relevant Secretary of State, in this case, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.
- 1.1.6. Applying for a DCO is a fixed legal process, which is illustrated in Figure 1. A key part of this process is the requirement for consultation with the local community and other stakeholders, including statutory consultees, before the DCO application is submitted. This is known as a 'statutory consultation'. The statutory consultation will be the second phase of consultation on our proposals for Rosefield.
- 1.1.7. We³ completed our first phase of consultation (called a 'non-statutory consultation') between 28 September and 10 November 2023 on our early

¹ Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, [Powering Up Britain: Energy Security Plan](#), 2023.

² Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

³ Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (company No. 11618221), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (referred to in this document as Rosefield).

plans for Rosefield. This was to introduce our early proposals and gain feedback on them while they were still being developed.

- 1.1.8. The feedback we received from the community during our first phase of consultation, as well as the environmental surveys and technical work carried out since, has helped us to develop our proposals to the extent that we are now ready to carry out our statutory consultation, also referred to as our phase two consultation.
- 1.1.9. The feedback we receive during our phase two consultation will help us refine our proposals for Rosefield before we submit our DCO application.
- 1.1.10. Before we carry out the phase two consultation, we must publish a statement of how we will consult with the local community – known as a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC'). This SoCC has been prepared and publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).
- 1.1.11. It also reflects the feedback we have received from the host local authority for Rosefield – Buckinghamshire Council – which we have consulted in the preparation of this document.
- 1.1.12. As part of our DCO application, we will submit a Consultation Report detailing how we consulted, the feedback that we received during statutory consultation and how we have had regard to it. When considering our DCO application, the Secretary of State must consider whether the consultation that we have undertaken has been adequate.
- 1.1.13. This SoCC sets out how we will consult with the local community. It includes:
 - A brief summary of the Rosefield proposal
 - When consultation will be carried out
 - Who will be consulted
 - Where people can find out more about Rosefield
 - How we will consult (including on Preliminary Environmental Information)
 - How feedback will be collected and used to inform our proposals.

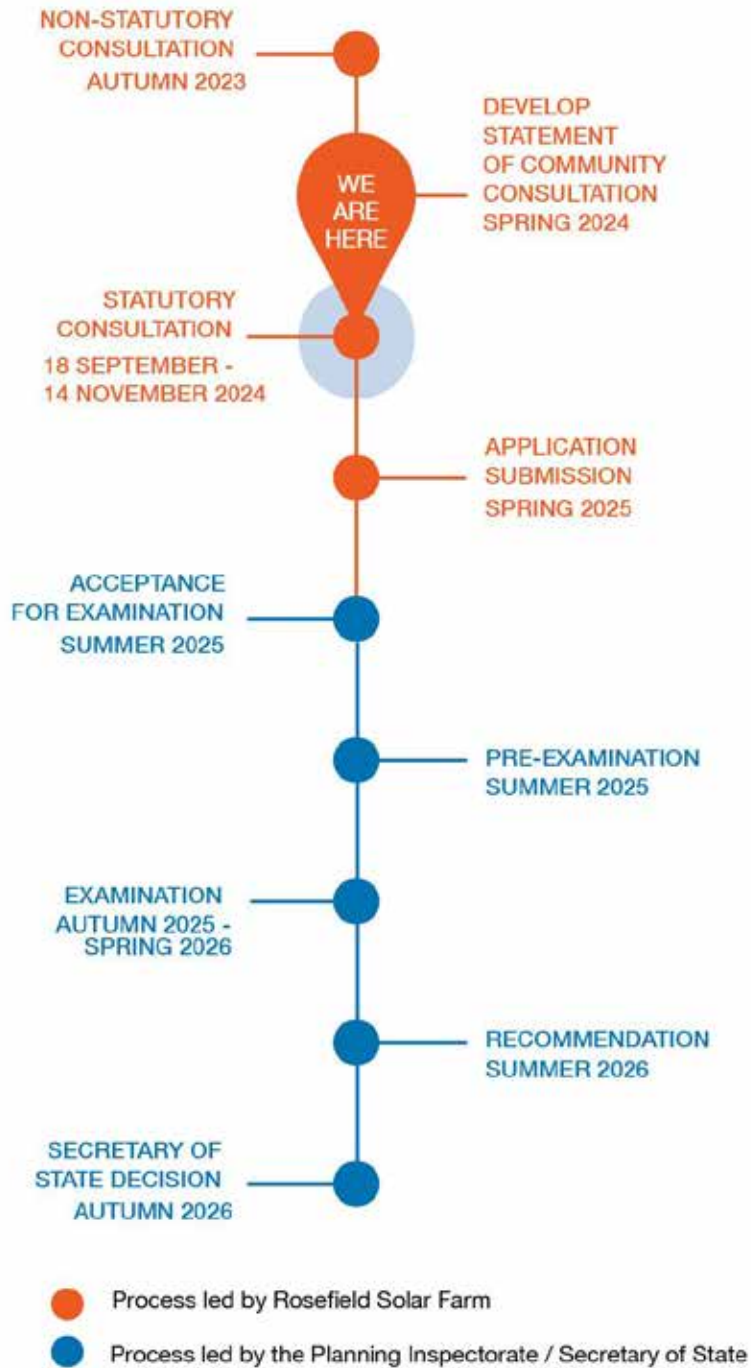
1.2. Environmental Impact Assessment

- 1.2.1. Rosefield is classed as an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development requiring an assessment of its likely significant effects on the environment under The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Where appropriate, we will also describe measures that are proposed to avoid, reduce, or mitigate any significant adverse effects. We will report on this process in a document called an Environmental Statement ('ES') when we submit our DCO application.
- 1.2.2. At the statutory consultation, we will be sharing the preliminary results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as information on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects. We will do so in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') document.

1.3. More information

- 1.3.1. You can find more information about the Planning Act 2008, the Planning Inspectorate and its role, as well as how to participate in the DCO process on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>, or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000.

Figure 1: Planning process for NSIPs and indicative timescales for Rosefield



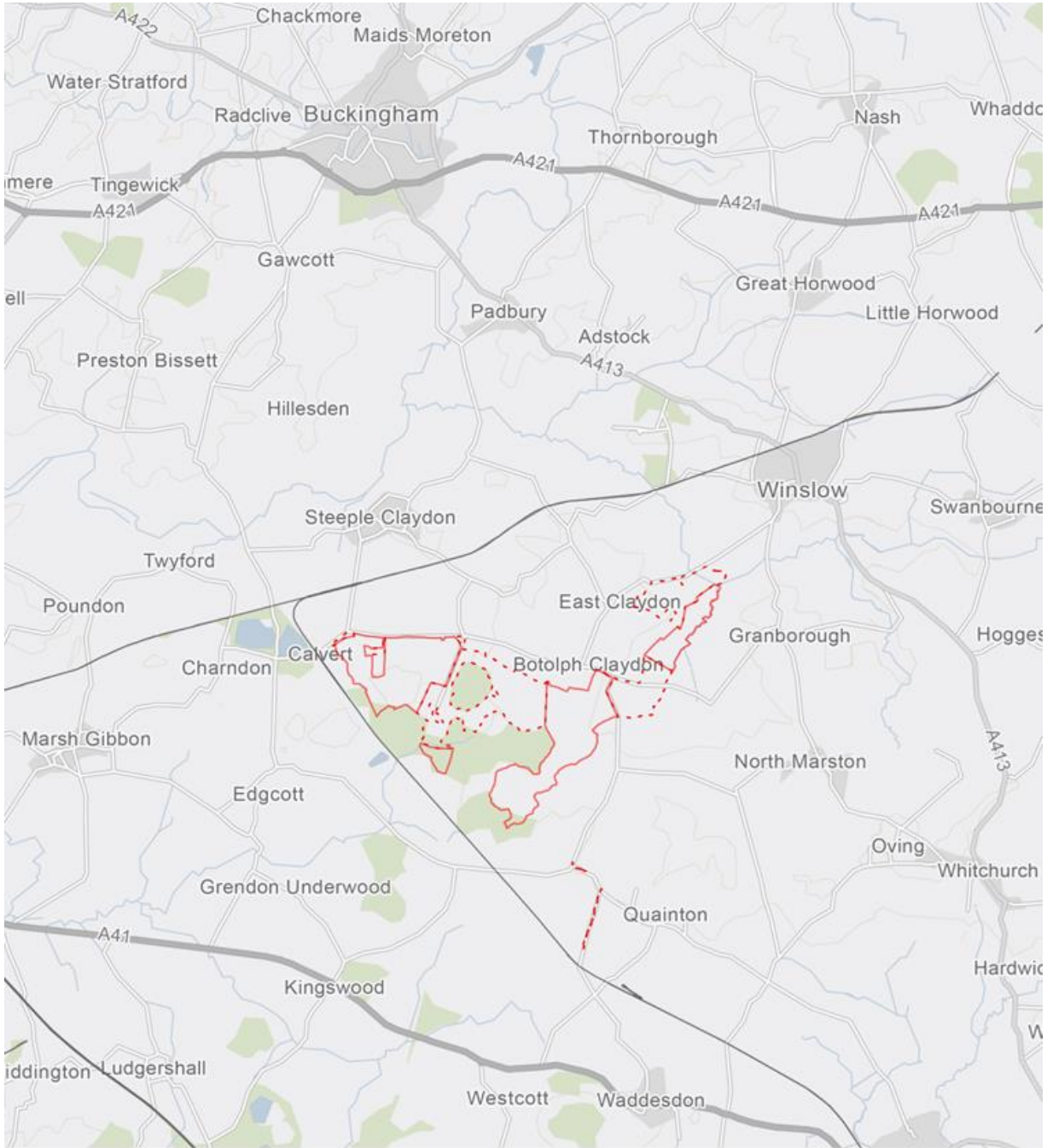
These dates are indicative and subject to change.

2. Rosefield Solar Farm

2.1. About our proposals

- 2.1.1. Rosefield is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Rosefield to the National Grid East Claydon Substation, and any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping.
- 2.1.2. We have secured a grid connection agreement with National Grid that would allow us to export up to 500MW of clean and secure electricity to this network, through the East Claydon Substation owned by National Grid. There would also be capacity to import power from the network.
- 2.1.3. Rosefield is located in the local authority area of Buckinghamshire Council (the host authority). Figure 2 shows the proposed location of Rosefield.
- 2.1.4. Since the first phase of consultation, our proposed Site boundary has been refined. We have:
- Reduced it in areas where we have further refined our proposed underground cable route search areas.
 - Removed the area immediately south of Botolph Claydon to help protect the amenity of the village.
 - Expanded it to accommodate a cable corridor to connect into the National Grid's proposed replacement East Claydon Substation.
 - Added a small section of Snake Lane and Lee Road for potential road widening works.

Figure 2: Location of Rosefield



LEGEND:



Potential area for solar, battery, ecological enhancements and setbacks

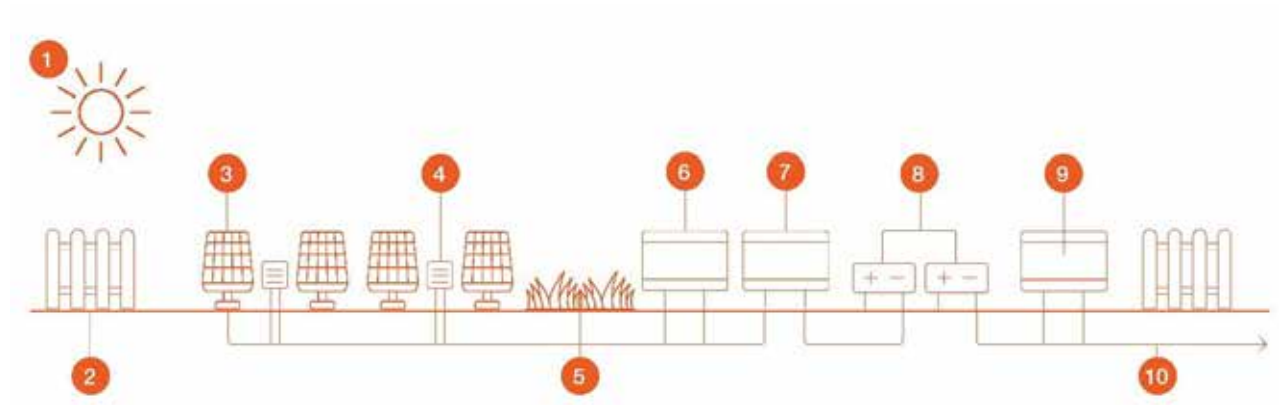


Potential area for underground cable routes, access tracks and temporary construction compounds (locations to be determined)

2.2. How solar farms work

2.2.1. The main elements that typically make up a solar farm are outlined below, with each element illustrated in Figure 3.

Figure 3: The components of a solar farm



This diagram shows the main elements that typically make up a solar farm. It is not to scale and for indicative purposes only.

2.2.2. Solar farms use energy from the **sun (1)** to generate electricity, with battery storage and a substation feeding it into the National Grid.

2.2.3. **Fencing (2)** encloses the operational areas to keep the site secure and the community safe. Deer fencing is usually used where solar panels are located, with more robust fencing near the project substation and battery storage.

2.2.4. The **solar panels (3)** are set up in rows, connected to each other by cables to transfer the electricity generated by the panels to inverters.

2.2.5. **Inverters (4)** are needed to convert the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels into alternating current (AC) electricity, which is suitable for use in homes and businesses. Inverters can be located underneath the solar panels or in areas sometimes referred to as 'Balance of Solar System'. The 'Balance of Solar System' also includes switchgears (which control the electrical equipment), and transformers (which 'step up' the voltage to the required level for sending to the solar farm substation).

2.2.6. **Landscape and biodiversity areas (5)** to mitigate environmental effects and help boost biodiversity across the site.

2.2.7. **Collector compounds (6)** can be used to reduce the amount of underground cabling that is needed by collecting electricity from a number of inverters.

- 2.2.8. The **solar farm substation (7)** receives all the electricity generated by the solar farm, then raises the voltage, before sending it on to the **National Grid substation (9)** to enter the network.
- 2.2.9. The main role of **battery storage (8)** is to store electricity at times when demand is lower and release it to the National Grid when it is most needed.
- 2.2.10. **Underground cables (10)** connect the various components of a solar farm and transport the electricity to the National Grid substation.

2.3. [About the developers](#)

- 2.3.1. Rosefield⁴ is a joint venture between EDF Renewables UK and PS Renewables.
- 2.3.2. EDF Renewables UK is a subsidiary of EDF Group, one of the world's largest low carbon electricity companies. EDF Renewables UK has 43 renewable energy sites in the UK totalling more than 1.5 GW, with 14 GW of projects in planning and development, including wind, battery and solar.
- 2.3.3. PS Renewables is an established UK-based renewable energy development and construction company, with an existing solar portfolio totalling more than 850MW.
- 2.3.4. We have a strong track record of working jointly on solar projects.
- 2.3.5. You can find out more about both organisations at: www.edf-re.uk and www.psrenewables.com.

⁴ Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (company No. 11618221), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA (referred to in this document as Rosefield).

3. Consulting the community

3.1. Developing our approach to consultation

- 3.1.1. Our approach to consultation has been informed by our early engagement with key stakeholders, as well as our phase one consultation.
- 3.1.2. The phase one consultation was held between 28 September 2023 and 10 November 2023 to introduce our early proposals and gain initial feedback on them.
- 3.1.3. We publicised this consultation by issuing press releases, publishing adverts on social media, online news platforms and in local newspapers, sending a newsletter to 2,887 local addresses around the proposed site and updating the project website with details of the consultation.
- 3.1.4. We wrote to a range of stakeholders to notify them of our consultation, offering briefings or inviting them to our in-person events, including:
- Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet
 - Grendon Underwood and Great Brickhill ward members
 - The local Member of Parliament
 - Statutory consultees and local environment, business and heritage organisations
 - The following parish councils:
 - Steeple Claydon Parish Council
 - Botolph and East Claydon Parish Council
 - Middle Claydon Parish Council
 - Calvert Green Parish Council
 - Quainton Parish Council
 - Granborough Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Hogshaw Parish Council
 - Edgcott Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council
 - Twyford Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council.

- 3.1.5. We presented materials in a range of formats to ensure that everyone with an interest in our plans could find out more and share their feedback. This included:
- Holding five in-person events, with a series of information banners and an interactive 3D model of Rosefield. Members of the project team were available at these events to answer questions.
 - Hosting a virtual exhibition on our project website.
 - Publishing a consultation booklet and questionnaire, which were available on our website, at public events, in hard copy at local community buildings and sent to community members by mail on request.
- 3.1.6. People could share their views by completing an online questionnaire, accessed through the project website, emailing the questionnaire to the project email, posting a hard-copy questionnaire to the Freepost address or submitting comments by email or in writing to the Freepost address.
- 3.1.7. The feedback we have received to date has helped us refine our proposals and shape our approach to consultation and engagement, for example, we plan to host consultation events both during and outside of normal business hours to accommodate a range of different schedules.
- 3.1.8. We have continued to engage with the community and stakeholders since the non-statutory consultation as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Ongoing engagement following non-statutory consultation activity

Activity	Summary
Near neighbour engagement	<p>We have written to 31 residents living near the site to request access to complete surveys to help us understand potential visual and amenity impacts.</p> <p>We are grateful to the 14 residents who provided access to their properties to allow us to complete these assessments.</p>
Community engagement	<p>We have created an on-site surveys page on our project website to ensure that the community is being kept up to date with on-site activity: https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/on-site-surveys/</p> <p>We are continuing to answer enquiries through our communications channels.</p>

Engagement with host authority We have continued to hold meetings with Buckinghamshire Council since the close of our non-statutory consultation. The purpose of these meetings has been to share updates on Rosefield, including discussions on our approach to consultation and engagement, and to seek feedback on certain aspects of our proposal, such as ecology, archaeology and other topics.

Engagement with statutory consultees We have met with statutory and technical consultees to assist with the EIA process and the evolution of our design. This includes relevant statutory bodies such as National Grid, Anglian Water, National Trust, Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and Buckinghamshire Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust.

3.2. Our approach to statutory consultation

- 3.2.1. Our statutory consultation will be inclusive and open to anyone with an interest in Rosefield who considers that they may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposals or has a view that they would like considered.
- 3.2.2. Our multi-phase approach to consultation has ensured that community input has already helped to shape the plans we are presenting. The feedback that we receive from this phase of consultation will help us to further refine our proposals and inform our assessments before we submit our DCO application.
- 3.2.3. We are committed to making sure that everybody has the opportunity to understand and provide their feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Our key objectives for achieving this through our pre-application consultation include:
- Ensuring thorough engagement and consultation on our proposals.
 - Ensuring proposals are clearly presented, and issues easily understood.
 - Providing sufficient opportunities for interested parties to understand and influence our plans.
 - Gathering high quality responses to, and feedback on, our plans to help inform proposals.
 - Delivering a consultation that meets the legal requirements and is in accordance with the relevant guidance from the Planning Inspectorate (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects 2024).

3.3. Timing

- 3.3.1. The statutory consultation will run for eight weeks from 18 September to 14 November 2024. All responses must be received by 11:59pm on 14 November 2024.

3.4. What will we consult on?

- 3.4.1. During the statutory consultation, we will be asking for views on:
- The proposals for Rosefield, including the potential locations of its elements and our proposed environmental enhancements and mitigation.
 - The PEIR, which will present an initial account of the likely significant environmental effects of Rosefield during construction, operation and decommissioning, as well as preliminary details on mitigation measures that we may need to introduce to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any potentially significant adverse effects.
 - How Rosefield could contribute to the local community, including local initiatives or organisations that Rosefield could support over its lifetime.

3.5. Who will we consult?

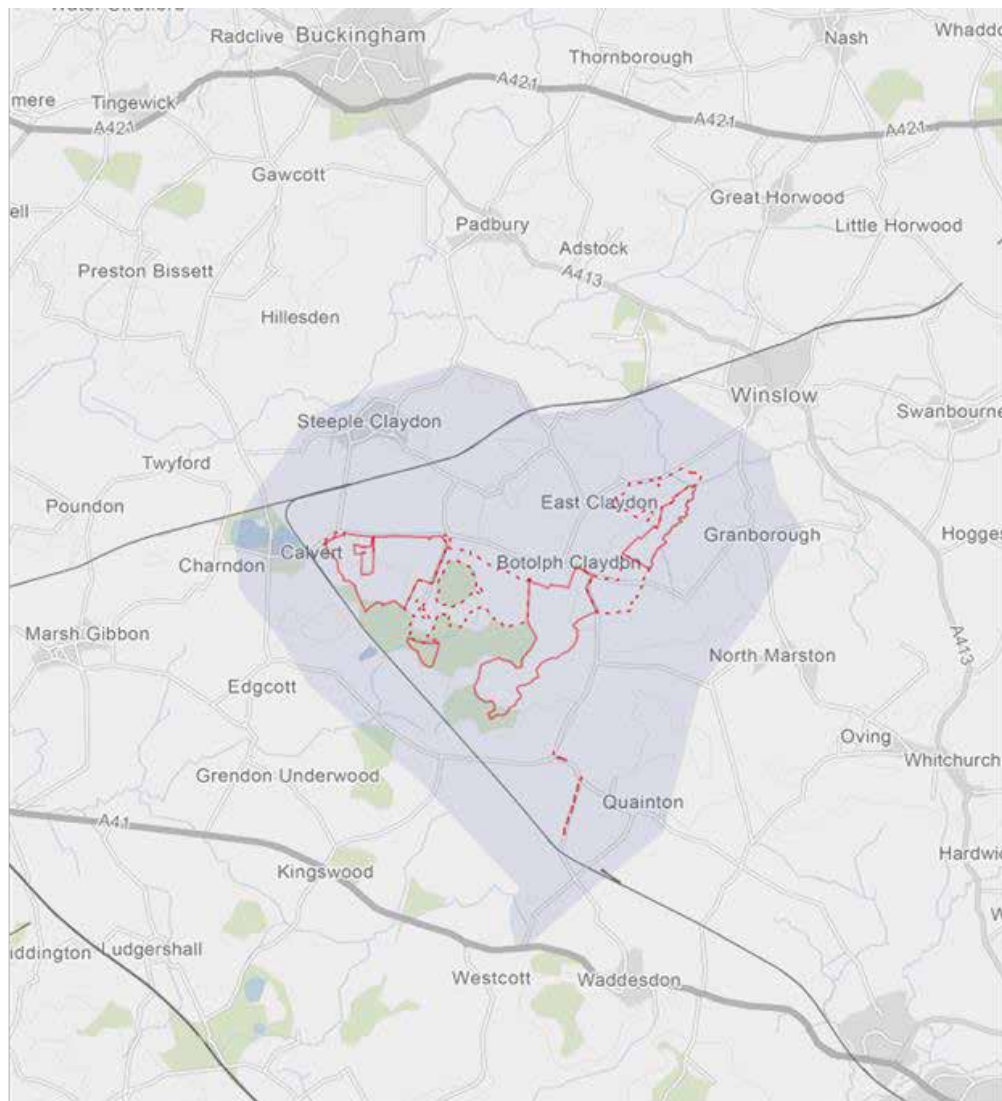
- 3.5.1. The consultation will provide an opportunity for anyone interested in our proposals to find out more and share their feedback.
- 3.5.2. We have defined two geographic zones – an inner zone and an outer zone – for the purpose of consulting with the local community. This recognises the fact that levels of potential impact are likely to vary with distance to the site. These zones have informed how we will publicise the consultation and are set out below, with further detail about the consultation information detailed in sections 3.6.5-3.6.32.
- 3.5.3. We will publicise the consultation in both zones using our project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.4. We will also email those people who have previously registered to receive project updates.

Inner zone

- 3.5.5. The inner zone covers people who live and work closest to the proposed site and their political representatives. Our consultation activity will be most intensive within this zone. A map of this zone is shown in Figure 4.
- 3.5.6. This zone includes all properties within one and a half kilometres of the areas where we are proposing to place solar, battery storage and the Rosefield Substation, extending in some locations to consider the potential wider effects of the proposal and human geographic boundaries. For example, we have extended the inner zone boundary to include:
- Villages with Public Rights of Way that connect into the areas proposed for solar and battery storage, such as Quainton and Steeple Claydon.
 - Locations that were highlighted as important to the local community in non-statutory consultation feedback, such as Quainton Hill.
 - Properties that are near the proposed main access route.
- 3.5.7. A newsletter will be sent to all properties within the inner zone at the beginning of consultation. Where possible, it is intended that public events and deposit points will be focused in or close to this area.
- 3.5.8. We will write to ward members of Buckinghamshire Council, the local Members of Parliament, parish councils and community groups within this zone to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels. Parish Councils located within this zone include:
- Calvert Green Parish Council
 - Steeple Claydon Parish Council
 - Middle Claydon Parish Council
 - East and Botolph Claydon Parish Council
 - Hogshaw Parish Council
 - Quainton Parish Council
 - Granborough Parish Council
 - Winslow Parish Council
 - Grendon Underwood Parish Council
 - Twyford Parish Council
 - Charndon Parish Council
 - Edgcott Parish Council

- North Marston Parish Council
- Hillesden Parish Council
- Westcott Parish Council

Figure 4: Inner zone



LEGEND:



Potential area for solar, battery, ecological enhancements and setbacks



Potential area for underground cable routes, access tracks and temporary construction compounds (locations to be determined)



Inner consultation zone

Outer zone

- 3.5.9. The outer zone covers those living and working in the area outside of the inner zone, who may be affected by or have an interest in our proposals due to the proposals being brought forward in their local authority area. This zone follows the local authority boundary of Buckinghamshire Council.
- 3.5.10. We will publicise the consultation to people in this zone through the project website, by placing adverts in local newspapers and on social media, and by issuing press releases to local media outlets.
- 3.5.11. In addition to these methods, we will write to all Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet members, and the parish councils listed below, to offer them a briefing or invite them to our public events, and support them in promoting the consultation using their existing communication channels.
- Marsh Gibbons Parish Council
 - Waddesdon Parish Council
 - Little Horwood Parish Council
 - Great Horwood Parish Council
 - Preston Bissett Parish Council
 - Woodham Parish Council
 - Swanbourne Parish Council
 - Padbury Parish Council.

Statutory consultees and community organisations

- 3.5.12. At the same time as consulting the local community, we will also consult a range of statutory consultees as set out by Section 42 and Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and additional organisations that we recognise to have an interest in the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. These groups include:
- The host and neighbouring local authorities
 - Statutory bodies (such as the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and others)
 - Other community groups and organisations that may have an interest in the proposals (such as Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust, Winslow and Villages Community Board, Buckingham and Village Community Board, Aylesbury & District Group Ramblers and others)

- People with an interest in land (e.g. owners or tenants) that may be affected by the proposals.

3.5.13. The proposed DCO application will also be publicised as required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

3.6. How will we consult?

3.6.1. This section sets out how we intend to consult during the phase two consultation.

3.6.2. We will present information in a variety of formats and enable feedback to be submitted in a number of ways to encourage participation in the consultation. More detail on the consultation techniques we will use is provided in sections 3.6.5-3.6.32.

3.6.3. Should we carry out any further phases of consultation prior to submission of the DCO application, including, if necessary, in response to substantial changes to the project or its effects, our approach to consultation will be informed by the new National Infrastructure Planning Guidance published on 30 April 2024. We will use some, but not necessarily all, of the means of consultation set out in this document and will work with Buckinghamshire Council to assist us in deciding the most appropriate activities for any further phases of consultation.

3.6.4. Following the statutory consultation period, we will continue to provide updates about Rosefield on our website and to statutory consultees as appropriate.

Consultation information

3.6.5. Information about our proposals will be published for consultation in the following formats:

- **A consultation newsletter:** a newsletter issued to addresses within the inner zone setting out how to find out more about the proposals and participate in the consultation; including information on accessing materials, the locations and timings of the public events, and how people can share their feedback. This will additionally be published on the project website to view and download.
- **A consultation booklet:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, mailed on request and published on the project website to view and download.

- **A questionnaire:** the main way we will collect feedback from the community. The questions will be easy to understand and the responses will be considered as we refine our plans. This will be available in hard copy at deposit points and the public events, posted on request and published on the project website to view and download.
 - **A 3D model:** a virtual model of the proposed Rosefield site will be available to view at the public events.
 - **A website:** the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to a virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
 - **A virtual exhibition:** containing the exhibition banners on display at the public events and a link to the online questionnaire and project website. It will host contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
 - **Exhibition banners:** an accessible summary of our proposals for Rosefield, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps which will be displayed at the public events. The exhibition banners will also be available in the virtual exhibition and as PDFs to download from the project website.
 - **The Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR):** containing the initial results of our ongoing environmental assessments as well as preliminary information on measures to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset any likely significant adverse effects.
- 3.6.6. Printed copies of the SoCC and consultation documents – including the PEIR – will be available in local libraries and community venues (‘deposit points’) close to the proposed site for Rosefield and maintained throughout the consultation period (see Table 2 below). USBs containing all of these documents will also be available to take away. All materials will be published on the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk).
- 3.6.7. Deposit points have been selected to ensure they are within or near the inner zone, are accessible and have opening times to accommodate people with different time commitments.
- 3.6.8. The locations of the deposit points, which are listed in Table 2 below, will be publicised in our consultation material, including the newsletter, consultation booklet and on the project website.
- 3.6.9. We will provide hard copies of the consultation booklet, questionnaire and SoCC free of charge on request – as well as USBs containing all of the consultation materials (including the PEIR). We will review requests for hard copies of the PEIR 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.

- 3.6.10. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

Table 2: Deposit points

Location	Opening hours*
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Sunday to Thursday 8am – 11pm Friday and 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

Website and virtual exhibition

- 3.6.11. From the start of consultation, the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) will host all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, as well as links to the virtual exhibition and online questionnaire. It will also include details of the deposit points and public events as well as hosting contact information for people to get in touch with the team.
- 3.6.12. The interactive virtual exhibition will be accessed through the website and will provide an alternative format for people to learn about the proposals. It will include information boards which will be on display at the public events, links to documents and the online questionnaire.

Public events

- 3.6.13. We will hold in-person public events during the consultation period to enable anyone with an interest in the proposals to find out more about them and ask questions to members of the team. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available at these events for members of the public to take away. Completed questionnaires will be able to be returned at the events.

- 3.6.14. The dates and times of these events are listed in Table 3 below. The events are being held in accessible venues around the proposed Rosefield site and have been organised at a range of dates and times to ensure that people with different schedules are able to attend. This includes events after normal working hours and on the weekend.
- 3.6.15. Details about the dates and times of the public events will be published on the project website, in the consultation newsletter and booklet. The schedule will also be included in supporting publicity such as newspaper and social media adverts. We will consider requests for additional events throughout the consultation period on a case-by-case basis. Any further events would be publicised on the project website, using social media adverts and, if possible, at the venue.
- 3.6.16. In the unlikely event that there are changes to the locations or times of our events, we will publicise this information on our website.

Table 3: Public events

Public event location	Date and time
Calvert Green Village Hall and Brickworx Bar Cotswolds Way, Calvert MK18 2FJ	Thursday 3 October 2pm-6pm
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall Botyl Road, Botolph Claydon MK18 2LR	Friday 4 October 4pm-8pm
Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 5 October 10am-2pm
Steeple Claydon Village Hall 48 Queen Catherine Rd, Steeple Claydon MK18 2PY	Friday 18 October 3.30pm-8pm
Quainton Memorial Hall Station Rd, Quainton, Aylesbury HP22 4BW	Saturday 19 October 10am-2pm

Presentations and stakeholder meetings

- 3.6.17. We welcome reasonable requests for presentations and briefings from stakeholder groups, for example: local authorities, parish councils, and local community groups, during the consultation period.
- 3.6.18. A reasonable request is defined as a request:
- received during the consultation period;

- from an organisation or individual who requires an additional way to find out more about our proposals or to provide feedback, which cannot be accommodated by the consultation activities outlined in this SoCC.

3.6.19. Other activities will be carried out, if considered necessary and appropriate, to engage specific interests or seldom heard groups (see section 3.6.31-3.6.32). This could include, for example, further meetings with residents who are closest to the proposed site.

3.6.20. Details of all our consultation activity will be included in a Consultation Report which we will submit as part of our DCO application.

Publicity and advertising

3.6.21. We will publicise the consultation and associated activities in local media ahead of the start of the consultation period and will update local broadcast and print media channels on our activity during the consultation.

3.6.22. Where publication timings allow, we will seek to use local newsletters to further engage with local communities.

3.6.23. Statutory notices will be published in line with Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act.

Social media

3.6.24. We will use Meta social media advertising to help publicise the consultation and encourage those with an interest in our proposals to get involved. We would also publicise the consultation by publishing content on EDF Renewable's company LinkedIn page. We are unable to accept feedback via social media.

Consultation hotline and email address

3.6.25. To find out more information or request copies of the consultation materials, anyone can contact the consultation team by freephone (0800 861 1097) during normal business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5:30pm). Outside of these hours, callers will be able to leave a message requesting a callback.

3.6.26. Alternatively, people can email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or write to the team via Freepost (no stamp required): Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.

Collection of responses

- 3.6.27. We will produce a questionnaire inviting feedback on different elements of the proposed Rosefield. The questionnaire will be available to complete on the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk, in printed form at public events, at deposit points around the local area and on request using the project contact details.
- 3.6.28. The completed hard-copy questionnaire can be returned using the Freepost address set out in this document during the consultation period, or at the public events.
- 3.6.29. Respondents will also be able to complete the questionnaire online, which will be made available through the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk as well as the virtual exhibition.
- 3.6.30. Alternatively, respondents can write to us via email or Freepost using the details set out in this document. All written feedback will be accepted.

Seldom heard audiences

- 3.6.31. It is important to ensure that everyone with an interest in the proposals has the opportunity to comment on our proposals as part of the consultation. We want our consultation to be inclusive and gather feedback from a wide range of audiences, including those who are seldom heard in public consultations such as people without internet access, seasonal workers, younger people and socially isolated people. We will do this by:
- Writing to the local authority and organisations representing seldom heard individuals and groups directly.
 - Choosing accessible venues for deposit points and public events.
 - Publicising the consultation in digital and print editions of local newspapers.
 - Publicising the consultation using Meta social media advertising to help reach young people.
 - Holding public events at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends to enable participation by people with different time commitments.
 - Making provision for people without internet access through the consultation programme. This includes sending a consultation newsletter to every address within the inner zone, holding public events in the area, publicising the consultation in print editions of local newspapers and making hard copies of consultation materials available on-request and at deposit points.

- 3.6.32. Requests for consultation information in alternative formats (e.g. in different languages, large print or easy access) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how best to provide the information required.

4. Consultation arrangements

4.1. How to find out more

4.1.1. Anyone can find out more by:

- Contacting us on 0800 861 1097 or info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or by writing to the Freepost address (Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL).
- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the proposed Rosefield site.
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on our website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or visiting a deposit point.

4.2. Responding to the consultation

4.2.1. The consultation provides an opportunity for anyone interested in our proposals to find out more and share their feedback. We welcome feedback on our proposals for Rosefield. Anyone can share their views by:

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

4.2.2. Responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on 14 November 2024.

4.2.3. Responses must be individual. Petitions will be treated as a single response for the purpose of the Consultation Report.

4.3. How we will consider the responses

- 4.3.1. Following this consultation, we will consider all of the feedback we receive as we continue refining our proposals for Rosefield before submitting a DCO application. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.
- 4.3.2. Any comments received will be analysed by Rosefield and its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on the public record and will be held securely by Rosefield and its agents in accordance with data protection laws. Any personal details will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.
- 4.3.3. The Planning Inspectorate has also published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacynotices/customer-privacy-notice>.

4.4. Further information

- 4.4.1. For further information, please contact us by:
- Calling 0800 861 1097 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
 - Emailing info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
 - Writing to the team at Rosefield Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local.



rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk