

SECTION 47(6) PLANNING ACT 2008 – ROSEFIELD SOLAR FARM

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Notice 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”) has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The SoCC has been prepared in respect of a proposed application (the “Application”) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order (‘DCO’).

Rosefield Solar Farm would comprise the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (‘PV’) array electricity generating facility and battery storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (‘MW’) and import/export connection to the National Electricity Transmission System (“the Proposed Development”).

The Proposed Development would be located on approximately 771 hectares of land within the administrative boundary of Buckinghamshire Council close to the settlements of Steeple Claydon, East Claydon, Middle Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Calvert (“the Site”).

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.

As the Proposed Development would generate in excess of 50MW of electrical capacity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. Accordingly, the Applicant must apply to the Secretary of State for a DCO under the Planning Act 2008.

The Applicant will shortly commence a pre-application consultation on the Proposed Development which will run between **Wednesday 18 September and 11.59pm on Thursday 14 November 2024**. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain views on the Proposed Development ahead of the submission of the DCO application.

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 SoCC 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 www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk, at the deposit locations set out in Table 1 or can also be made available on USB or in hard copy on request to the Applicant from 18 September 2024.

The consultation materials (including the PEIR) can be viewed in the same way from the start of the consultation period on Wednesday 18 September 2024.

Copies of the consultation materials will also be available on USB or in hard copy on request to the Applicant from the start of the consultation period. The Applicant will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of charge. Hard copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available free of charge. Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. Materials in an alternate format can be requested using the contact information below.

In addition, the Applicant is hosting a number of public events to enable people to find out more about the Proposed Development and share their feedback. See Table 2 for more information.

Those wanting to submit a consultation response must do so by the deadline of 11.59pm on Thursday 14 November 2024. A response can be provided in any of the following ways from the start of consultation on 18 September 2024:

- Complete an online questionnaire at <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/>
- Return a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Return a questionnaire by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Submit comments by email to info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or in writing to the Freepost address.

For more information on the consultation, to request copies of documents and USBs, or to arrange to speak to a member of the team, people can contact us by calling 0800 8611097 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5:30pm). Alternatively, email info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk or visit the project website, <https://rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/>

Table 1: Deposit locations

| Deposit location | Opening hours |
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| 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 | Wednesday 9.30am – 1pm Friday 1 – 5pm Saturday 9.30am – 1pm |

**Please check opening times before travelling*

Table 2: Public event locations

| Public event location | Date and time |
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| 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 |