

Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008.

Notice is hereby given that Cottam Solar Project Limited (Company Number 12711231), whose registered office is at Unit 20.2 Coda Studios 189 Munster Road, London, England, SW6 6AW (“the Applicant”) has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (‘SoCC’) in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Project

The Applicant is proposing a new solar project that crosses the border between Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. The Cottam Solar Project will produce around 600MW of renewable energy, support regional and national targets for reducing carbon emissions to net zero, contribute to improvements to local ecology and biodiversity and deliver affordable, subsidy-free energy. The Applicant will work closely with stakeholders and the local community to develop the project having regard to the feedback received during public consultation.

Cottam Solar Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it has a proposed generation capacity of over 50MW. As an NSIP the project must submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Applicant is part of Island Green Power (IGP). IGP is also developing plans for a similar solar project connecting into West Burton Power Station. Due to the proximity and overlapping nature of these projects, the proposals are being developed in parallel. This includes coordinating the consultation activities on both projects, with joint information events and opportunities to provide feedback so that communities interested in both projects do not have to submit feedback twice.

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

As part of the Cottam Solar Project proposal, the Applicant has a duty to consult the local community under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant has therefore prepared a SoCC that explains how people living in the vicinity of the proposed project boundary will be consulted throughout the pre-application process and how it intends to consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which will inform the final Environmental Statement (ES). The consultation process is designed to provide information about the Cottam Solar Project and give the opportunity for local communities to have their say and help develop the final design for the project.

This notice provides formal notification of the publication of the SoCC which can be viewed, free of charge, on the document library at www.cottamsolar.co.uk. Hard copies of the SoCC are also available from the Community Access Point (CAP) sites listed.

The Consultation Process

The Applicant will be holding its phase two public consultation between 15 June – 27 July 2022. The Applicant will host a series of consultation activities, which will be available and accessible to all interested members of the local community. All consultation materials will be available to view, free of charge, during the phase two consultation period on our website www.cottamsolar.co.uk.

Hard copies of consultation materials will be available during our phase two consultation period from CAP sites listed in our SoCC and this notice. All consultation documents are also available by request in hard copy, large print, audio or braille formats by contacting the Applicant using the details below. Please note that there may be a charge for hard copies of the PEIR. Requests for translated summary documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Feedback can be provided during our phase two consultation through our digital engagement platform, accessible via www.cottamsolar.co.uk, by email or by post using the details below. Feedback forms and FREEPOST return envelopes will also be available in hard copy at information events, from the CAP sites listed and will be posted directly to all homes and businesses within the Core Consultation Zone described in the SoCC. All feedback must be received on or before 27 July 2022.

CAP sites

Retford Library 17 Churchgate, Retford, DN22 6PE Monday - Friday 9 - 6pm Saturday 9 - 3:30pm	Saxilby Library St Andrews Centre, William Street, Saxilby, Lincoln, LN1 2LP Tuesday 10:30 - 3:30pm Wednesday 10:30 - 4pm Friday 10:30 - 1pm
Scotter Library High St, Scotter, Gainsborough, DN21 3RY Thursday 2 - 5pm Friday 10 - 1pm, 2 - 5pm	Gainsborough Library Cobden St, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG 9 - 5pm Monday to Friday 9 - 1pm Saturday
West Lindsey District Council Office Guildhall Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA Monday - Friday 9 - 5pm	Misterton Library 31 High St, Misterton, Doncaster, DN10 4BU Tuesday 2 - 5pm, Thursday 2 - 5pm,
St Mary's Church Church Road, Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2DE Monday - Sunday 8:30 - 7pm	

Information Events

We will be hosting public information events to provide further opportunities to view the consultation materials as well as speak with members of the project team. The details of the events are as follows:

Venue	Date and Time
Clayworth Memorial Hall Town St, Clayworth, Retford DN22 9AD	Wednesday 22nd June 2pm - 6pm
Saxilby Village Hall 34 High St, Saxilby, Lincoln LN1 2HA	Thursday 23rd June 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Blyton Memorial Hall Church Ln, Blyton, Gainsborough DN21	Friday 24th June 11am - 3pm
Marton and Gate Burton Village Hall Trent Port Rd, Marton, Gainsborough DN21 5AR	Saturday 25th June 12:30pm - 4:30pm
Webinar Online (please get in touch to register)	Monday 27th June 5pm - 6:30pm
Willingham Village Hall High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough DN21 5JZ	Friday 1st July 10am - 2pm
Gringley on-the-Hill Community Centre W Wells Ln, Gringley on the Hill, Doncaster DN10 4QY	Saturday 2nd July 11am - 3pm
Webinar Online (please get in touch to register)	Tuesday 12th July 6:30pm - 8:00pm

