

SECTION 48 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

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

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) to construct, operate, maintain and decommission three solar photovoltaic (PV) generating stations each with a generating capacity of more than 50MW and associated infrastructure on land in Lincolnshire (Cottam Solar Project).

1. Notice is hereby given that Cottam Solar Project Limited (Company registration number 12711231) of Unit 202 Coda Studios, 189 Munster Road, London, England SW6 6AW (“the Applicant”), proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order for the Cottam Solar Project (the “Application”).
2. The Cottam Solar Project will consist of:
- (a) Cottam 1, 2 and 3: three solar array sites with one site located in the area around Coates (Cottam 1), one site located east of the village of Corringham (Cottam 2) and one site located to the north-east and south-east of the village of Blyton and east of Pilham (Cottam 3), in the district of West Lindsey, Lincolnshire including solar panels, conversion units, inverters, and 132kV substations in Cottam 2 and 3 and a 400kV substation in Cottam 1.
 - (b) An energy storage system located within Cottam 1.
 - (c) Underground electricity cables connecting Cottam 1 solar array sites, substations and the energy storage system to the National Grid substation at Cottam Power Station; and
 - (d) Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works, for example, fencing, security, local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.
3. The majority of Cottam Solar Project is located within the administrative boundary of West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council with the grid connection infrastructure also located within the administrative boundary of Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.
4. The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:
- Construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of solar PV electricity generating stations and associated development including grid connection and energy storage facility;
 - Compulsory acquisition of land, including interests in land, rights over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override, suspend or extinguish rights over land and powers for the temporary use of land;
 - The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation including legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant; and
 - Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
5. Cottam Solar Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

This means that the proposed works involved constitute development for which an EIA is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. The Environmental Statement will provide a detailed description of the Cottam Solar Project and its likely significant environmental impacts. Information compiled so far about the Cottam Solar Project’s likely significant environmental effects is set out for consultation in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (the PEIR) and summarised in a non-technical summary.

Phase Two consultation

6. The Applicant is undertaking a second phase of consultation on the proposals for the Cottam Solar Project between **15 June 2022 and 27 July 2022**.
7. A copy of the PEIR, together with a Non-Technical Summary, our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents, plans and maps explaining our consultation process and details of the nature and location of the Cottam Solar Project can be found on the Applicant’s website in the documents library at www.cottamsolar.co.uk. These documents will be free to read, download and print from 15 June 2022 until 27 July 2022.
8. All of the consultation documents may also be inspected free of charge at the following locations from 15 June 2022 until 27 July 2022. We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times prior to visiting.

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	

9. The Applicant will host public information events to provide opportunities to view the relevant consultation documentation and 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

Venue	Date and Time
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

10. These drop-in events offer an opportunity to find out more about the Cottam Solar Project. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend an in-person event. To register to attend an online event, attendees should contact the project team (details below).
11. For further information or queries, please call 0808 1691848 (free of charge); write to FREEPOST CAWB Solar Projects (free of charge); you do not need a stamp; email info@cottamsolar.co.uk or visit www.cottamsolar.co.uk.

To obtain copy documents

12. A full set of consultation documents can also be provided free of charge on a USB memory stick upon request to the Applicant on 0808 1691848 (free of charge) or by email at info@cottamsolar.co.uk.
13. Additional hard copies of the PEIR can be provided at a cost of £500 per copy. All other consultation documents can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request to the Applicant on 0808 1691848 (free of charge) or by email at info@cottamsolar.co.uk. Requests for translated summary documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
14. Feedback can be provided through the Applicant’s website at www.cottamsolar.co.uk. Hardcopy feedback forms will also be available at public information events, by request, or at the aforementioned public locations. The feedback form will also be posted directly to all homes and businesses within the Core Consultation Zone as set out in our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). A copy of the SoCC is available at www.cottamsolar.co.uk.
15. Any responses to or other representation in respect of the Cottam Solar Project can also be sent to the Applicant by email to info@cottamsolar.co.uk or by post (free of charge) to FREEPOST CAWB Solar Projects.
16. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO **must** be received by the Applicant on or before **Wednesday 27 July 2022**.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses to consultation and publicity when developing its DCO application. Individual responses may be made publicly available, or made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities, in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and data protection legislation. Respondents do not have to provide any personal information, but this information will help the Applicant to understand the range of responses and enable the Applicant to send you further information relating to the Cottam Solar Project. Personal information will be kept confidential where possible. Please refer to our Privacy Notice for more details: <https://www.cottamsolar.co.uk/terms-and-conditions>.