

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

Notice is hereby given that The Drovers Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) (Company Number 14684480), whose registered office is at Unit 25.7 Coda Studios 189 Munster Road, London, England, SW6 6AW has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

### The Scheme

The Applicant is proposing a new solar project located on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre, West Norfolk. The Drovers Solar Farm could supply approximately 500MWac of renewable energy to the National Grid and would 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 Drovers Solar Farm proposals, having regard to the feedback received during public consultation.

The Drovers Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 as it has a proposed generation capacity of over 50MW. As a NSIP the Applicant must submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Applicant is a subsidiary of Island Green Power Group Limited (IGP).

### Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

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 proposed Scheme 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 Drovers Solar Farm and give the opportunity for local communities to have their say and help develop the final design.

This notice provides formal notification of the publication of the SoCC which can be viewed, free of charge, on the document library at: [www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk). A hard copy of the SoCC is also available to inspect at the information point detailed below.

### The Consultation Process

The Applicant will be holding its statutory consultation between 21 May and 9 July 2025. 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 statutory consultation period on the Scheme website: [www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk).

Hard copies of the SoCC will be available for inspection from 23 April 2025 until 9 July 2025 at the information point listed below.

Hard copies of the PEIR and Non-Technical Summary will be available for inspection from 21 May until 9 July 2025 at the information point listed below.

Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and the Consultation Feedback Form will be available at the information point listed below to take away free of charge from 21 May until 9 July 2025.

Electronic copies of the SoCC, PEIR and Non-Technical Summary can also be viewed on the library's computer. While access to the computer at the library is free, a membership for the library may be required. We recommend contacting the library to check the opening times prior to visiting.

Venue	Address	Opening times	Contact details
Swaffham Library	Swaffham Library, The Pightle, Swaffham, PE37 7DF	<p>During staffed hours, a membership is not required to access the library.</p> <p><b>Staffed hours:</b>                      Tuesday and Thursday 10am-7pm                      Friday 1pm-7pm                      Saturday 10am-4pm</p> <p>During open access hours, a membership is required to access the library.</p> <p><b>Open access hours:</b>                      Monday: 8am to 7pm - Open Library access                      Tuesday: 8am to 10am - Open Library access                      Wednesday: 8am to 7pm - Open Library access                      Thursday: 8am to 10am - Open Library access                      Friday: 8am to 1pm - Open Library access                      Saturday: 8am to 10am - Open Library access                      Sunday: 10am to 4pm - Open Library access</p> <p><i>Please note: Membership is free, and we recommend getting in touch with the library for more details.</i></p>	<p>Email:  <a href="mailto:libraries@norfolk.gov.uk">libraries@norfolk.gov.uk</a>                      Phone: 01760 721513</p>

A hard copy of the PEIR can be provided on request, though there will be a cost associated with this. The cost of printing and delivering the PEIR will be confirmed prior to the start of the consultation period.

The SoCC, Consultation Information Booklet, Consultation Feedback Form, Consultation Newsletter, and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request to the Applicant on 0800 0129 154 (free of charge) or by email at [info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk).

Requests for translated documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests for multiple copies of these documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis and a reasonable charge may apply to cover printing and postage costs.

Feedback can be provided through the Consultation Feedback Form on the Applicant's website between 21 May and 9 July 2025 [www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk). Hard copy Consultation Feedback Forms will also be available at the information point detailed above between 21 May and 9 July 2025 and at the in-person consultation events listed below.

The Consultation Feedback Form, responses to the consultation or other representation in respect of The Drovers Solar Farm can also be sent to the Applicant by email to [info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk) or by post to FREEPOST THE DROVES SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required).

Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO **must** be received by the Applicant on or before **11.59PM on Wednesday 9th July 2025**.

### Information Events

The Applicant 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
<b>Sporle Community Centre</b> , 78 The Street, Sporle, King's Lynn, PE32 2DR	Saturday 31 May 2025 <b>11:00 - 17:00</b>
<b>Narborough Community Centre</b> , Chalk Lane, Narborough, PE32 1SR	Monday 2 June 2025 <b>10:00 - 14:00</b>
<b>Swaffham Assembly Rooms</b> , 1 Market Place, Swaffham, PE37 7AB	Wednesday 11 June 2025 <b>12:00 - 19:00</b>
<b>Westacre Theatre</b> , River Road, West Acre, King's Lynn, PE32 1UA	Friday 20 June 2025 <b>10:00 - 14:00</b>

### Webinars

The Applicant will also be hosting two webinars for stakeholders to join via telephone or online via Livestorm, an online web conferencing platform for webinars and virtual meeting.

Date	Time
Thursday 5 June 2025	12:30 - 13:30
Wednesday 25 June 2025	18:30 - 19:30

We will require attendees to register for these online events in advance via the automated registration form on the Livestorm website. The link to the registration form for the webinars will be available on the Scheme website. Instructions on how to register and attend the webinars will also be provided on the Scheme website.

### Get in Touch

**Emailing:** [info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk)

**Calling our Freephone:** 0800 0129 154

**Writing to us at:** FREEPOST THE DROVES SOLAR FARM (no stamp or further details required)

**Visiting our website at:** [www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.drovesolarfarm.co.uk)