

Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) to construct, operate, maintain and decommission solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and associated infrastructure on agricultural land either side of the East Coast Main Line near Essendine (Mallard Pass Solar Farm).

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

1. Notice is hereby given that Mallard Pass Solar Farm Ltd (the “Applicant”) of S10 Blyth Workspace Commissioners Quay, Quay Road, Blyth, England, NE24 3AG, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (the “Application”).
2. Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited is a partnership between Windel Energy and Canadian Solar Inc.
3. Mallard Pass Solar Farm (the “Project”) will be partly situated in South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, and partly in Rutland. It will cover an area of approximately 906 hectares (ha) and will generate in the region of 350 MW of renewable energy. The Project includes a solar array, infrastructure to connect to the national grid, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works.
4. The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:
 - Construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar PV electricity generating facility with a capacity of over 50 MW;
 - Associated and/or ancillary works including construction of a substation and cable works to connect to the National Grid substation, the creation of environmental mitigation and enhancement areas and the creation of permissive paths;
 - Alterations to streets, including the creation and modification of temporary and permanent accesses to the solar site, the temporary removal of street furniture and any necessary temporary diversion and/or stoppings up of public rights of way;
 - The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights;
 - The overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
 - The application and/or disapplication of legislation including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant matters; and
 - Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient for the purposes of the Project.

5. The 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 (ES). A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will also be made available for consultation.

Stage Two consultation

6. The Applicant is undertaking a second stage of consultation on the proposals for the Project between **Thursday 26 May 2022 and Thursday 04 August 2022**.
7. During this time, a copy of the PEIR, together with a Non-Technical Summary, our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents explaining our consultation process and details of the Project may be inspected free of charge at the following locations, known as Community Access Points (CAP) sites*:
 - **Essendine Village Hall**, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ
(Opening hours Friday 10 June, 5 pm – 7 pm; Friday 17 June, 10 am – 12 pm.
Venue to organise and publicise additional opening hours via local media.)
 - **Stamford Arts Centre**, 27 St Mary’s St, Stamford PE9 2DL
(Opening hours Monday – Saturday, 9 am – 10 pm.)
 - **Ryhall Village Hall**, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR
(Opening hours Monday – Friday, 9 am – 9 pm. Saturday - Sunday, 9 am – 12 pm.)

*Opening times have been checked, but they are dependent on the organisation itself and may be subject to change.

8. The documents relating to the proposed DCO for the Project will be on display at the above locations and times and available for inspection free of charge from 26 May 2022 until at least 04 August 2022.
9. The Applicant will host public information events to provide opportunities to view the relevant documentation and speak with members of the project team. The details of the events are as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
Friday 17 June 2022	Online	11 am – 1 pm
Saturday 25 June 2022	Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Rd, Essendine, Stamford PE9 4LQ	11 am – 5 pm
Wednesday 29 June 2022	Stamford Town Hall, St Mary’s Hill, Stamford PE9 2DR	3 pm – 8 pm
Thursday 30 June 2022	Greatford Village Hall, Carlby Rd, Greatford, Stamford PE9 4PP	3 pm – 8 pm
Friday 01 July 2022	Ryhall Village Hall, Church St, Ryhall, Stamford PE9 4HR	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 05 July 2022	Online	6 pm – 8 pm

10. These drop-in events offer an opportunity to find out more about the Applicant’s updated proposals. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend our events. A detailed step-by-step guide for how to access our community webinars are available on the Project website (www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say). Should any changes to our consultation activities be required, new details will be publicised in line with the methods set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

11. For further information or queries, please call **0808 196 8717** (free of charge); write to **FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm** (free of charge; you do not need a stamp); email info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk or visit www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk.

To obtain copy documents

12. All consultation materials and further details in relation to the Project can be found on the Project website (www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/documents) and will be kept online until at least 04 August 2022. These will be free to read, download and print.
13. A full set of consultation documents can also be provided free of charge on USB upon request to the Applicant.
14. Additional hard copies of the PEIR can be provided at a cost of £350 per copy. All other consultation documents can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request.

Have your say

15. Feedback can be provided through the Applicant’s website at www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/have-your-say.
16. Feedback forms will also be available to collect at public information events and at the aforementioned public locations (CAPs), to download from the Project website, and be issued upon request. Completed feedback forms can be emailed or posted back to the Applicant at the details provided, or submitted at the public information events.
17. Any responses to or other representation in respect of the Project should be sent to the Applicant by email to info@MallardPassSolar.co.uk or by post (free of charge) to FREEPOST Mallard Pass Solar Farm.
18. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO **must** (i) be received by the Applicant **on or before Thursday 04 August 2022**, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, and (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation.

19. The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received during this time before submitting its application for a DCO. Responses and representations will form the basis of a Consultation Report, and therefore may become public. Personal details will be held securely and solely for purposes in connection with the statutory consultation, DCO process and further development of the Project. Outside of these purposes the Applicant may be required to provide personal details if the Planning Inspectorate requests original responses. Otherwise, personal details will not be disclosed to any third parties. For further details please see our Privacy Notice at www.MallardPassSolar.co.uk/privacy-policy-gdpr. A hard copy of the privacy notice can be provided upon request at the contact details below.