

**Section 48 Planning Act 2008 - Tillbridge Solar**  
**REGULATION 4 THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS**  
**AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009**  
**REGULATION 13 THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**  
**ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**  
**NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**  
**(DCO) FOR Tillbridge Solar Limited**

- 1) Notice is hereby given that **Tillbridge Solar Limited** of **111 Park Street, Mayfair, London, United Kingdom, W1K 7JF** (the “Applicant”) proposes to make an application (the “Application”) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the “Act”) for the DCO defined above. The Applicant anticipates making the Application towards the end of 2023.

**Description of the Scheme and its location**

- 2) Tillbridge Solar (the “Scheme”) will consist of:
- a. the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity located on a “Principal Site” approximately five kilometres (km) to the east of Gainsborough and approximately 13 km to the north of Lincoln.
  - b. A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located on the Principal Site, allowing for the generation, storage, import and export of electricity to the national electricity transmission network.
  - c. Supporting electrical infrastructure on the Principal Site, including up to two substations (with a 400 kilovolt (KV) underground cable circuit interconnecting the two).
  - d. A Cable Route Corridor, comprising underground 400 kV cables connecting the Principal Site in West Lindsey, Lincolnshire, to National Grid’s Cottam substation in Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire.
  - e. Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures/green infrastructure, 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 the Scheme 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, amongst other things, authorise:
- construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a ground mounted solar PV and BESS with an export capacity of over 50MW on the Principal Site;
  - associated and/or ancillary works to facilitate the export/import of electricity from/to the Principal Site to/from the National Grid, including underground electrical cables connecting the Principal Site to the National Grid Cottam substation, up to two new substations located on the Principal Site, landscaping, biodiversity areas, access tracks, construction compounds and offices;
  - the permanent compulsory acquisition and temporary possession (if required) of land and/or rights;
  - the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land as well as the creation of restrictions where necessary;
  - the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Tillbridge Solar Farm; and
  - such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

- 5) The proposed Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant is, therefore, required to carry out an EIA and submit an Environmental Statement with the Application containing a detailed description of the Scheme and information about its likely significant effects on the environment. Information currently available about the likely significant environmental effects of the Scheme is set out in the Preliminary Environmental Information (“PEI”) Report and summarised in a non-technical summary (“NTS”) that form part of the consultation documents.

### Statutory consultation

- 6) Consultation on the Scheme will take place between **30 May 2023** and **11 July 2023**.
- 7) Copies of the consultation documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed Scheme – including the PEI Report and NTS, statutory consultation leaflet, project information booklet, feedback questionnaire, exhibition banners, maps and plans showing the overall location of the Scheme, the Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document – will be available for inspection, free of charge, from **30 May 2023 until 11 July 2023** on the downloads section of our website ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library))
- 8) Printed copies of the consultation leaflet and feedback questionnaire can be collected free of charge from the below locations. Copies of the full PEI Report and NTS, SoCC and project information booklet are available for inspection only (and to not take away). We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times prior to visiting. All documents are available on a USB device, which can be requested by getting in touch using the details in this notice. USBs are limited to one per household.

Location	Opening times
West Lindsey District Council, Guildhall Marshall’s Yard, Marshalls Yard, 13b Beaumont St, Gainsborough DN21 2NA	Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm)
Lincoln Central Library, Free School Lane, Lincolnshire LN2 1EZ	Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to 5pm), Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 4pm)
Gainsborough Library, Cobden St, Gainsborough DN21 2NG	Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to 5pm), Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 1pm)
Saxilby Library, St Andrews Centre, William St, Saxilby LN1 2LP	Tuesday (10:30am to 3:30pm), Wednesday (10:30am to 4pm) and Friday (10:30am to 1pm)
Retford Library, Churchgate, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 6PE	Monday to Friday (9am to 6pm) and Saturday (9am to 3.30pm)

- 9) A number of public information events will be held throughout the consultation period where the people can view the proposals (including printed materials and PEI Report) in person and meet the project team. The details of the events are as follows:

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (please visit our website or get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm

Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (please visit our website or get in touch to register)	Monday 10 July 2023	6:30pm to 8pm

- 10) These events provide an opportunity to find out more about the Scheme. Attendees do not need to register in advance to attend an in-person event. To register to attend a webinar, attendees should contact the project team (details below) or visit the website ([tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)).
- 11) For further information or queries, please call 0800 046 9643 (free of charge); write to FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp); email [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) or visit [tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com).

#### To obtain copy documents

- 12) A full set of consultation documents can also be provided free of charge on a USB device upon request to the Applicant (limit one per household) on 0800 046 9643 (free of charge) or by email at [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com).
- 13) If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply. However, a printed version of the NTS can be provided free of charge.
- 14) All other consultation documents (excluding the PEI Report) can be made available in hard copy, large print, audio or braille format, free of charge upon request to the Applicant on 0800 046 9643 or by email at [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com). Requests for translated summary documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Have your say

- 15) **Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity.** Any response or representation in respect of the proposed Application must (i) be received by Tillbridge Solar Ltd on or before **23:59 hours on 11 July 2023**, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. If you would prefer your comments to be anonymous please provide your postcode only.
- 16) A response can also be made by: completing a feedback questionnaire which can be requested from the project team in electronic or hard copy format free of charge, collected from a consultation event or aforementioned local information point; completing an online feedback questionnaire through the Applicant's website at [tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com) or by submitting a response in writing and sending it to us by post at **FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR** (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp) or by email at [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com).
- 17) Any comments received as part of this consultation will be considered by the Applicant and any of its appointed agents with respect to the further development of the Scheme and Application. Responses will form the basis of a consultation report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for

examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of that consultation report.

- 18) However, we will request that personal details are not placed on the public record. Personal details will be held securely in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of this Scheme and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties. A copy of the Scheme's Privacy Policy can be found at: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Tillbridge-Solar-Privacy-Policy.pdf>
- 19) For further information or queries, including in respect of the consultation documents, plans and maps, please call 0800 046 9643 (call free of charge); write to FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp); email [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) or visit [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com).