

Notification of Statement of Community Consultation for Oaklands Farm Solar Project

Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation

Oaklands Farm Solar Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of BayWa r.e. UK Ltd) (BayWa) has published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by section 134 of the Localism Act 2022) (the Act).

BayWa is seeking a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the development of Oaklands Farm Solar in South Derbyshire. A DCO is required due to the Project's potential generating capacity of over 50MW, and its classification as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

The DCO would authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of a 163MW solar farm and 37.5MW energy storage facility on land between Walton on Trent and Rosliston, South Derbyshire, along with all associated infrastructure including a grid connection at the former Drakelow power station.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development therefore an Environmental Statement (ES) will accompany the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Applicant has a duty to consult with local communities before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Applicant is also required to produce a Consultation Report detailing how the public's views have been taken into consideration and how the consultation requirements of the Act have been complied with. The SoCC sets out how BayWa will consult local communities, residents, businesses and organisations in the vicinity of the Project and all associated infrastructure.

Following publication of the SoCC, BayWa will undertake a statutory period of consultation and invite comments on the Project between the 21st April 2022 and 6th June 2022.

The SoCC is available for inspection, free of charge as follows:

- ◆ On the Project website:
www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm
- ◆ In hard copy format at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times**
Swadlincote Library and Information Centre Address: Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, Swadlincote Derbyshire DE11 0AD Email: swadlincote.library@derbyshire.gov.uk	Monday: 9.30am - 5pm Tuesday: 9.30am - 5pm Wednesday: 9.30am - 5pm Thursday: 9.30am - 7pm Friday: 9.30am - 5pm Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm Sunday: Closed
Barton Under Needwood Community Library Address: Barton Under Needwood Library, Dunstall Road Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire DE13 8AX Email: barton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk	Monday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm Thursday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm Friday: 10am - 2pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm Sunday: Closed
Burton Library Address: Burton Library, Riverside, Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire DE14 1AH Email: burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk	Monday: 9am - 6pm Tuesday: 9am - 5pm Wednesday: 9am - 5pm Thursday: 9am - 7pm Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 8:30am - 4:30pm Sunday: Closed

**The opening times of these organisations are dependent on and are governed by them and may be subject to change.
Covid restrictions may apply.*



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Public information Days during statutory consultation

We are interested in hearing your views on the Project and will be undertaking formal (statutory) consultation **between 21st April 2022 and 6th June 2022**. We will be holding public consultation events during the consultation period where members of the project team will be available to discuss the proposals and answer any questions you may have. Materials including maps, visual aids and explanatory information will be available for review and comment during the consultation dates set out above. Exhibitions will take place at the following dates and locations:

Walton on Trent Village Hall

34 Main St, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ
Friday 6th May 2022 - 1pm to 7pm

Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall

Main Street, Rosliston, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 8JW
Saturday 7th May 2022 - 12noon to 4pm

How to have your say

Details of the statutory consultation and how to be involved are set out in the SoCC. **Please note: consultation documents will only be available from the start of the consultation on 21st April 2022.** Any responses or representations in respect of the Project can be made during the consultation period via the feedback form (available at events, above noted locations, on the project website and upon request) or in writing via:

- ◆ Email – info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk
- ◆ Feedback forms – available online via the project website (www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm) and consultation events. Alternatively, get in touch to request a hard copy and we will post it to you
- ◆ Freepost – FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required)
- ◆ Virtual Exhibition - accessible via: www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm

If you have any queries about the consultation process you can call **0800 699 0081** (Freephone - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays)

The deadline date for comments is 11.59pm 6th June 2022

Should the SoCC or associated documents be required in a different format (e.g. large text), please contact the Applicant using any of the methods above.