



Wednesday 7 January 2026

Dear Consultee,

Kingsway Solar Farm Development Consent Order

Targeted Consultation: 7 January – 4 February 2026

Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010165

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Kingsway Solar project (the “Scheme”), which is a proposed solar farm and overhead line connection, that will generate around 500 MW of electricity and connect to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).

We previously contacted you in September 2025 when we were holding the full Statutory Consultation on the Scheme. This letter is being sent to you as part of a targeted consultation exercise that is being carried out to gather feedback on a number of localised changes to the Scheme since the version shared for that Statutory Consultation.

We are consulting you in your capacity as a prescribed consultee under Section 42(1) of the Act and Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

The Scheme

The Scheme is being promoted by Kingsway Solar Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Downing Renewable Developments. The Scheme is proposed to be located on land to the east of Cambridge, between Burwell and Balsham in Cambridgeshire, and is located within the administrative boundaries of Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Scheme would comprise the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and approximately 15 km of overhead line connection into the planned National Grid Burwell South substation (due to be located south of the existing Burwell substation, the exact location yet to be confirmed by National Grid). The Scheme will also include associated infrastructure, including co-located battery energy storage systems (BESS) and inter-array connections to link together the land parcels where the solar panels are located. The BESS is associated development to ensure that energy can be stored when it is generated and not demanded. The BESS will have a direct relationship with the solar PV panels and it will support the operation of this by storing electricity produced during times of peak capacity until it is needed.

The Scheme comprises a generating station of approximately 500 megawatts and the installation of an above ground electric line greater than two kilometres in length. The Scheme therefore qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1)(a), 14(1)(b), 15(2) and 16 of the Act. A Development Consent Order (“DCO”) application for the Scheme (the “Application”) will be made by the Applicant to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the “Secretary of State”) via the Planning Inspectorate, who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the

Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the Application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to grant the DCO.

Why we are writing to you

You are receiving this letter as you were previously consulted during the Statutory Consultation carried out under Section 42(1) of the Act and Regulation 3 of the APFP Regulations.

This letter is being sent to you as part of our targeted consultation, which is being undertaken to seek feedback on a number of localised changes to the Scheme.

Changes to the Scheme and purpose of this consultation

Since our Statutory Consultation (held between Wednesday 17 September and Wednesday 29 October 2025), we have been reviewing the feedback received and continuing to carry out surveys and assessments to help inform our Scheme design. As a result of the feedback received, further surveys undertaken and design refinements, we have identified some localised changes to the Scheme design which this targeted consultation is specifically focussed on.

As we have already gathered feedback on the wider proposals during our Statutory Consultation, we encourage you to refer to the specific changes outlined in the enclosed materials when providing your comments.

Details of the proposed changes being consulted on are provided in the enclosed materials, and is also available on the Documents pages of the Scheme website (www.kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk).

Responding to the consultation

Responses to this targeted consultation must be received by **11:59pm on 4 February 2026** and should be submitted in writing either via email (enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk) or by post (by writing: FREEPOST DOWNING KINGSWAY– no stamp needed).

All responses should be made in writing, state the grounds of the response or representation, indicate who is making the response or representation, and provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Responses to this targeted consultation will be considered alongside feedback received during the Statutory Consultation and will inform the further development of the Scheme and Application. All responses will be documented in the 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 your comment may be communicated to others as part of that consultation report.

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 the Scheme and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties.

The Development Consent Order process

Information about the Act and DCOs can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/%20the-process/>

If you have any questions about this letter, the Scheme or consultation, please do not hesitate to contact enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk or 0800 012 9881.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Vernon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Vernon
Head of NSIP Projects
Downing Renewable Developments

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