

## **SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008**

### **REGULATION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009**

#### **DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER AT BYERS GILL**

#### **NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (“DCO”)**

Notice is hereby given that JBM Solar Limited (“the Applicant”) of 33 Broadwick St, London W1F 0DQ intends to apply to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) to authorise the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar farm capable of generating over 50MW Alternating Current (AC) of electricity with co-located Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”), located between Darlington and Stockton-on-Tees in north-east England (the “Proposed Development”). The Proposed Development’s site area is approximately 563 hectares and comprises six solar photovoltaic (PV) panel areas (Panel Areas A-F). An on-site substation would be located within Panel Area C.

The Proposed Development would comprise:

- up to 21km of 33kilovolt (kV) underground cabling between the Panel Areas and the on-site substation;
- approximately 10km of 132kV underground cable to connect the Proposed Development to the grid connection at the existing Norton substation (located to the north-west of Stockton-on-Tees);
- supporting infrastructure comprising BESS; transformers and inverters for managing the electricity produced; storage containers to hold this equipment; and security measures such as fencing, CCTV and lighting; and
- environmental mitigation and enhancement measures to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on the surrounding environment and nearby communities.

While the Proposed Development could include compulsory acquisition powers, the Applicant is seeking to avoid the use of such powers if at all possible.

The Proposed Development 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. Additionally, the Applicant will be making preliminary environmental information available.

Copies of the PEIR, together with a Non-Technical Summary, our Statement of Community Consultation and other consultation documents, plans and maps detailing our consultation process and details of the Proposed Development may be inspected free of charge until 23:59pm on Friday 16 June 2023 on the project website ([www.byersgillsolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.byersgillsolarfarm.co.uk)) and at the following location:

Location	Day of opening	Opening times
Norton Library - 87 High St, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees TS20 1AE	Monday	9.30am – 5pm
	Tuesday	
	Thursday	
	Wednesday	9.30am – 7pm
	Friday	9.30am – 1pm
	Saturday	
Sunday	Closed	

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant free of charge (excluding the PEIR which will have a cost of £0.35 per page) using the email address, postal address or telephone number provided below:

- Telephone: 0800 197 0018
- Email: [enquiries@byersgillsolar.com](mailto:enquiries@byersgillsolar.com)
- Freepost\*: Byers Gill Solar

*\*No stamp is required.*

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between **Friday 5 May and Friday 16 June 2023**.

A consultation feedback questionnaire is available as part of the consultation materials, and online at [www.byersgillsolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.byersgillsolarfarm.co.uk). When providing your response, please include your name and address, or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode online. Please supply any response by submitting your completed feedback form online, or by using the contact methods above.

**Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on Friday 16 June 2023.**

JBM Solar will consider and have regard to all responses when refining the Proposed Development once the consultation has closed. 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 the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.

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