

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

## Planning

### TOWN PLANNING

#### DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of two irregular shaped areas of highway to the north of Laverick Grove at Pemberton in Wigan.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Wigan Council, under references A/19/87673/OUTMAJ & A/21/91969/RMMAJ.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Wigan Borough Council, Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan, WN1 1YN in the 28 days commencing on 11 July 2023, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the addresses stated below quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/5471. Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 08 August 2023. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

C Newton, Casework Manager

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#### DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of a footway along Freemason Row at Liverpool, in the City of Liverpool.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Liverpool City Council, under reference 17F/0874.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Central Library, William Brown Street, Liverpool, L3 8EW, in the 28 days commencing on 11 July 2023, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the addresses stated below quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/5474.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on 08 August 2023. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

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#### ECOTRICITY (HECK FEN SOLAR) LIMITED NOTICE PUBLICISING CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

#### THE PLANNING ACT 2008

#### HECKINGTON FEN SOLAR PARK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited ("the Applicant") of Lion House, Rowcroft, Stroud, GL5 3BY (company number 13225224) is consulting on its proposals to make changes to its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Heckington Fen Solar Park ("the Application") between 11 July and 18 August 2023. The Application (Reference No. EN010123) was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 13 March 2023.

On 13 June 2023, the Applicant notified the Examining Authority appointed by the Secretary of State that it was proposing to make a formal request to change an element of the Application. The details of those changes are set out below. Ecotricity is holding a targeted consultation on the proposed changes. This notice explains the changes and how you can take part in the consultation.

#### Summary of the Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel arrays, associated energy storage and supporting infrastructure, including a grid connection to, and extension works at, Bicker Fen Substation, which together comprise Heckington Fen Solar Park ("the Proposed Development").

The Proposed Development is located in East Heckington, Lincolnshire. A map showing the location can be viewed at the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010123/EN010123-000119-2.8%20-%20Location%20and%20Order%20Limits%20Plan.pdf>

Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project pursuant to section 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity exceeding 50 MW. It is for this reason that the project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.

#### Summary of changes sought

Following submission of the Application, and as a result of ongoing discussions with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), it has become clear that additional works at Bicker Fen Substation are required to enable the grid connection. These works lie outside of the current Order Limits at the Bicker Fen Substation.

These works are necessary as a consequence of the Proposed Development and include:

- a new section of NGET infrastructure at the Bicker Fen substation comprising a busbar extension including a section breaker, a bus coupler, and a feeder circuit on land owned by NGET to the south of Bicker Fen substation; and
- a new cable sealing end ("CSE") compound on land owned by NGET to the west of Bicker Fen Substation.

The Applicant's Proposed Development is the "tipping point" of generation at the Bicker Fen substation, necessitating the above works. The reason for this change now is due to further technical information being known and for completeness to ensure that the DCO contains the relevant provisions and permissions to allow the full project to be constructed; it also gives a complete picture of the related environmental impacts associated with the NGET connection works.

#### Environmental Information

The Proposed Development is 'environmental impact assessment (EIA) development' for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement (ES) accompanied the application. As the proposed change results in new or different likely significant environmental effects to those presented in the Application, the Applicant has undertaken further Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) relevant for the proposed change and the outcome of the assessments and the additional environmental information is summarised in the consultation document referred to below.

#### Further information