

2024 to 22 February 2024 at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/ downloads in the Document Library tab. Copies of the consultation materials will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at locations listed below, as well as on USB or in hard copy on request to the Applicant from 11 January 2024.

There are a number of ways to find out more about the Proposed Development including:

- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the Proposed Site at the following times and locations:
 - o Wednesday 24 January - Scopwick Village Hall (4pm - 8pm)
 - o Thursday 25 January – Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm - 7pm)
 - o Friday 26 January – The Venue, Navenby (Midday - 4pm)
 - o Saturday 27 January – Metheringham Village Hall (11am - 3pm)
 - o Tuesday 20 February – Blankney Old School (3pm - 7pm)
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on the project website: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk. The virtual exhibition will be accessible from 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024.
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area (listed below) and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/ downloads or visiting a deposit point.
- Getting in touch using the contact details below.

Location	Opening hours*
Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR	Monday: 9 am–5 pm Tuesday: 9 am–5 pm Wednesday: 9 am–5 pm Thursday: 9 am–6 pm Friday: 9 am–5 pm Saturday: 9 am–1 pm Sunday: Closed
The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ	Opening times may vary, please contact venue (venueavenby@gmail.com / 07505 145061) to arrange access. Monday: 9am – 6pm Tuesday: 9am – 6pm Wednesday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 6pm Friday: opening times may vary. Saturday: opening times may vary. Sunday: opening times may vary.

**please check opening times before travelling*

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant using the e-mail address, Freepost address or Freephone number provided below.

The Applicant will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of charge. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024 through any of the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) or submitting your comments to the following address: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire or submitting your comments by email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Proposed Development.

Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the Application for a DCO once 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 below:

- By Freephone: 0800 038 3486
- By email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- By Freepost: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL (4529445)

SECTION 48, PLANNING ACT 2008 REGULATION 4, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

RIVER THAMES SCHEME

NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that the Environment Agency (EA) and Surrey County Council (SCC) (the “Applicants”) (whose registered offices are at Horizon House, Deane Road, Bristol, BS1 5QH and Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8EF respectively) propose to make an application (“the Application”) for development consent under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The River Thames Scheme has been designated as a project of national significance following Secretary of State direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Application relates to the River Thames Scheme which runs through Runnymede Borough (between Egham Hythe and Chertsey) and through Spelthorne Borough (between Littleton North lake and the Desborough Cut). The Application will also include other related works within Elmbridge Borough (at Desborough Island and Molesey Weir), London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (at Teddington Weir) and London Borough of Hounslow (temporary provision of car parks).

Once built, the flood channel will be considered in legal terms to be a ‘flood defence structure’ and it is intended that it will also be a ‘main river’. Further information on what this means is contained in the statutory consultation brochure and on the consultation website set out below.

The Application will, among other things, seek development consent for:

- The creation of a new flood channel in two sections through the boroughs of Runnymede and Spelthorne, totalling over 5 miles (8.5km) long;
- Capacity improvements to the Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington weirs to increase the amount of water that can flow through them. This would involve installing more gates that can be opened when river levels rise;
- Capacity improvements to the River Thames through lowering the middle part of the bed of the River Thames downstream of Desborough Cut;
- New green open spaces associated with the flood channel, with access for local communities and facilities such as sports fields, accessible pathway network, nature play spaces and associated new landscape features;
- Priority areas for habitat creation, enhancement and mitigation, which link existing and new wildlife corridors, improve fish passage and build upon the network of existing wildlife sites;
- New or improved active travel provision associated with the flood channel corridor in areas of enhanced public connection, linking to the existing network and two new pedestrian and cycle bridges across the River Thames at Chertsey and Desborough Island;
- Changes to the road layout and utilities, including temporary diversions during construction;
- Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures and other ancillary works;
- The temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion (if required) of any street and/or public rights of way;