



18 December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to inform you that the application for The Drovers Solar Farm has been formally accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

This follows the submission of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which has now entered the pre-examination stage.

About the Project

The Drovers Solar Farm ('the Project') would be located on land north of Swaffham and south of Castle Acre in West Norfolk. The Project would also include a battery energy storage system to support the grid and improve energy resilience.

As its proposed generation capacity is expected to be approximately 500 MWac, the Project exceeds the 50 MW threshold to be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

What happens next

During the pre-examination stage, the Secretary of State will appoint an Examining Authority to assess the application. Members of the public, organisations and stakeholders will be invited to submit Relevant Representations.

A Relevant Representation is a written summary of your views on the application. Submitting one allows you to become an Interested Party, giving you the opportunity to participate in the Examination, attend hearings, and comment on the process.

Relevant Representations must be submitted using the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, which will be available on the Planning Inspectorate's website, along with guidance on how to register and the deadline for responding.

Once registration closes, all Relevant Representations will be published on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website. Interested Parties will then be kept informed of the next steps, including the Preliminary Meeting, where the Examining Authority will set the Examination timetable. Interested Parties may also attend hearings during the Examination.

The project page on the Planning Inspectorate's website can be found here and will be updated throughout the Examination period: <https://national-infrastructure.consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110013>

Further advice for members of the public can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-infrastructure-planning-advice-notes>



If you have any questions about this letter or the Project, please contact our Community Relations Team:

- Email: info@drovesolarfarm.co.uk
- Freephone: 0800 0129 154 (Monday–Friday, 9:00–17:30)

Yours faithfully
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