

**Notice of Consultation  
Tillbridge Solar  
Section 47 Planning Act 2008  
Notice Publicising a Statement of Community Consultation**

Tillbridge Solar Limited (“we”) intends to provide a new solar energy and storage scheme (the “Scheme”) within the administrative boundary of West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, with the grid connection infrastructure also located within the administrative boundary of Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

As the proposed generating capacity exceeds 50 megawatts (MW), the Scheme, known as Tillbridge Solar, is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (the “Act”).

The Scheme will consist of:

- the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity located on a “Principal Site” approximately five kilometres (km) to the east of Gainsborough and approximately 13 km to the north of Lincoln.
- A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located on the Principal Site, allowing for the generation, storage, import and export of electricity to the national electricity transmission network.
- Supporting electrical infrastructure on the Principal Site, including up to two substations (with a 400 kilovolt (KV) underground cable circuit interconnecting the two).
- A Cable Route Corridor, comprising underground 400 kV cables connecting the Principal Site in West Lindsey, Lincolnshire, to National Grid’s Cottam substation in Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire.
- Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures/green infrastructure, and other ancillary works, for example, fencing, security, local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.

**Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

We will apply to the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, for a Development Consent Order (DCO), which would authorise the construction of the scheme under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act).

In accordance with Section 47 of the Act, before making our application, we have produced a SoCC, setting out how we will consult with the local community about our proposals. The statement is available to the public at the local information points (listed below) between Tuesday 30 May and Tuesday 11 July 2023. Following our provision of the SoCC, we will carry out the consultation in accordance with the SoCC.

This notice contains information on where and when the SoCC can be inspected and provides a summary of the consultation details. Full details of the consultation can be found in the SoCC. The SoCC can be viewed online, alongside our consultation materials, at **[www.tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)** or at the following local information points during our consultation period (from Tuesday 30 May until Tuesday 11 July 2023). Hard copy documents (including the SoCC) can also be requested by contacting the project team using the details in this notice.

## Local information points

<p><b>West Lindsey District Council Office</b>          Guildhall Marshall's Yard, Marshalls Yard,          13b Beaumont St, Gainsborough DN21          2NA          Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm)</p>	<p><b>Lincoln Central Library*</b>          Free School Lane, Lincolnshire LN2 1EZ          Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to          5pm), Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday          (9am to 4pm)</p>
<p><b>Gainsborough Library*</b>          Cobden St, Gainsborough DN21 2NG          Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to          5pm), Thursday (9am to 6pm), and          Saturday (9am to 1pm)</p>	<p><b>Saxilby Library*</b>          St Andrews Centre, William St, Saxilby LN1          2LP          Tuesday (10:30am to 3:30pm), Wednesday          (10:30am to 4pm) and Friday (10:30am to          1pm)</p>
<p><b>Retford Library*</b>          Churchgate, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 6PE          Monday to Friday (9am to 6pm) and Saturday (9am to 3:30pm)</p>	

*\*These libraries also have computer and internet access. We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times before visiting.*

## Public information events

You can also view printed copies of our consultation materials (including the SoCC) at our public information events, where you can speak with our team and share your views. The events will be held at the following venues:

Venue	Date	Times
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm

## Online events

In addition to the above in-person events, we are holding two webinar events on:

- Wednesday 7 June 2023 between 6.30pm and 8pm
- Monday 10 July 2023 between 6.30pm and 8pm

Members of the public can join the webinars via telephone or online. To register for a webinar please visit [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com) or get in touch using the contact details

below. These events will have a question-and-answer facility with members of the project team available to respond during the webinars.

### **Preliminary Environmental Information**

The Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, which means a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report has been produced (to describe the environmental effects of the Scheme) and is being consulted on, alongside the other consultation documents, as well as a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEI Report. It also means that an Environmental Statement (ES) will be produced and submitted with the application in due course.

### **Feedback**

You can provide your feedback on the Scheme and the information included in the consultation materials to us either online or in writing, by:

- Going to our website and completing an online feedback questionnaire – **[www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)** – you can access the form directly by visiting (**[www.tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)**)
- Collecting a questionnaire from one of our consultation events, information points (listed above), or on request (by contacting us by email, phone or post)
- Returning your completed questionnaire to us at one of our events, by email (**[info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)**) or by post (by writing 'FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR' on a blank envelope – please note you do not need a stamp)
- Providing your free form comments by email or post. Please note that we will not accept comments over the phone, however we can assist you wherever possible.

**The deadline for comments is 23.59 on 11 July 2023.**

**If you require materials in an alternative format (e.g. large print or braille) please let us know.**

### **Contact us**

You can also contact us via email, over the phone, or by post.

- **Email us at:** [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
- **Call our Freephone information line on:** 0800 046 9643
- **Write to us at:** FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note that you do not need a stamp).

To find out more about Tillbridge Solar and take part in our statutory consultation go to the project website: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)