

By email only

21 May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Rosefield Solar Farm

Statutory pre-application consultation: 21 May – 16 July 2025

Sections 42 and 43 of the Planning Act 2008: Duty to consult on a proposed application

[Overview](#)

We¹ are consulting on a minor addition to the site boundary of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm ('the Order Limits') between 21 May 2025 and 16 July 2025. This letter invites you to provide feedback on this proposed change by responding to this targeted, statutory consultation.

[Why we are writing to you](#)

Rosefield Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm and battery storage facility located in Buckinghamshire. The proposals also include infrastructure to connect Rosefield Solar Farm to the National Grid, as well as any necessary supporting site infrastructure and environmental mitigation, including landscaping and ecological planting.

As Rosefield Solar Farm would generate in excess of 50 megawatts ('MW') of electrical capacity it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act'). We are therefore required to submit a Development Consent Order ('DCO') application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Act for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of Rosefield Solar Farm.

You have previously been consulted on our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm as part of our statutory Phase Two Consultation which took place between 18 September – 5 December 2024. We are now consulting with you now as, since Phase Two Consultation, we have made a change to the proposed Order Limits to include additional land.

The enclosed plan shows the full extent of the Order limits of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm (outlined in red), with the proposed additional land shown in blue.

We are consulting you under Section 42 of the Act either as a prescribed consultee under Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and/or a local authority statutory consultee under Section 42(1)(b) and Section 43 of the Act as we consider that you may have an interest in the proposed changes.

We are therefore inviting you to share your feedback on the proposed changes as part of this consultation.

¹ Rosefield Energyfarm Ltd (company No. 11618221), whose registered office is at Alexander House 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland, England, DH4 5RA.

The DCO application will contain full details of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm and, as it is classed as an 'environmental impact assessment' ('EIA') development, will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017. As part of our Phase Two Consultation, we published a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which summarises the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm.

The PEIR – along with other consultation documents published as part of our Phase Two Consultation - are available to view and download free of charge on the project website: www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk.

The proposed change

Feedback from two phases of consultation – between 28 September and 10 November 2023 and between 18 September and 5 December 2024 – has helped to shape our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm. Outputs of ongoing environmental assessments and technical work have also helped us to refine our proposals in recent months. This includes looking at how we could make use of internal routes to move between different parts of the site.

To access areas proposed for landscaping and environmental enhancements in Parcel 1a (see enclosed plan), we have identified an existing track currently used by traffic associated with HS2 for the same purpose (planting and maintenance of landscaping). We are proposing to incorporate this track into the Order Limits for the lifetime of the Proposed Development. This would allow light vehicles, such as tractors, to access this area for planting and maintenance.

Using this track removes the potential requirement to temporarily divert a Public Right of Way during construction and makes best use of existing tracks within the proposed site. No changes to the existing track are proposed.

A copy of a plan showing further changes made across the site is also available to view and download on the project website (www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk).

Share your views

This consultation will be open from 21 May to 16 July 2025 and we would welcome your feedback on the proposed changes described above **only**. If you wish to submit a consultation response, you must do so by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on 16 July 2025. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Submitting your comments by email: info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk
- Posting your written comments (no stamp required) to: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL

Should you have any questions about the proposed changes, please get in touch with us by email (info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk) or by phoning 0800 861 1097 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining our proposals for Rosefield Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted on Rosefield Solar Farm, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

Any comments received will be considered by Rosefield Energyfarm Limited and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the DCO process.

For those who own an interest in land or are affected by Rosefield Solar Farm, we are under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of our DCO application. Further information on our privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/. The Planning Inspectorate has published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire

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Plan showing the full extent of the Order Limits of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm (in red) and proposed additional land (shown in blue)

