

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 now consulting on layout changes to some elements of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm between 21 May 2025 and 16 July 2025. This letter invites you to provide feedback on these proposed changes 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 on subsequent changes made to the proposed layout of the battery energy storage system ('BESS'), Main Collector Compound and Rosefield Substation, to gain valuable feedback ahead of submitting our DCO application later this year.

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.

The DCO application will contain full details of the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm and, as it is classed as a 'environmental impact assessment' ('EIA') development, will be accompanied

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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.

As part of this targeted consultation, we have published the results of assessments on relevant environmental topics for the proposed changes in a 'PEIR Addendum' (see www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads). This confirms that the proposed changes would not affect the outcomes of the environmental assessments detailed in the PEIR during Phase Two Consultation.

The proposed changes

At Phase Two Consultation we presented and assessed two different scenarios for the location of the BESS, Main Collector Compound and Rosefield Substation. This was to account for the uncertainty of the location and layout of the proposed replacement National Grid East Claydon Substation².

Feedback from this consultation, ongoing engagement with National Grid and further environmental studies have helped us to identify a single preferred layout for these elements of Rosefield Solar Farm. While these changes would not materially affect the outcome of the environmental assessments presented within the PEIR, we recognise the value of gaining feedback on these important changes ahead of submitting our DCO application.

The proposed changes to our layout that are subject to this consultation are described below and in more detail within the PEIR Addendum:

1. Proposed location of the Rosefield Substation and Main Collector Compound

At Phase Two Consultation: Two scenarios were presented for the location of the Rosefield Substation and Main Collector Compound. Our preferred option, Scenario One, located these elements next to the replacement National Grid East Claydon Substation in Field E11. Scenario Two located these elements further south, closer to Granborough Road in Field E23.

Proposed change: Feedback from Phase Two Consultation has enabled us to discount Scenario Two. We are now proposing to locate the Rosefield Substation and Main Collector Compound closer to the replacement National Grid East Claydon Substation in line with Scenario One. The potential siting area for these elements shown in Scenario One has been extended to the southeast into Field E20, acknowledging that the exact location of the replacement National Grid East Claydon Substation has not yet been confirmed.

2. Proposed location of the battery storage

² <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/east-claydon-substation>

At Phase Two Consultation: Battery storage was proposed to be located in two zones in the central (Fields D8/D9) and eastern (Field E23) areas of the site (between Granborough Road and East Claydon Road).

Proposed change: We are no longer proposing to locate battery storage within the eastern area of the site, in response to feedback received to Phase Two Consultation. This means that battery storage is now only proposed to be located in one zone within the central part of the site in Fields D8/D9, next to Claydon Road.

The enclosed plan shows our updated layout within the eastern part of Rosefield Solar Farm, with an extract of the previous proposed layout in this area for comparison.

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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Plan showing proposed layout changes within the eastern part of Rosefield Solar Farm, with an extract of the previous proposed layout in this area for comparison (as presented at Phase Two Consultation).

