



Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)

Rosefield Solar Farm



What is an NSIP?

- Infrastructure Projects – Energy, Transport, Water and Waste
- Size and type that is nationally significant, requiring national approval
 - The Planning Act 2008



The Application Process – Six Stages

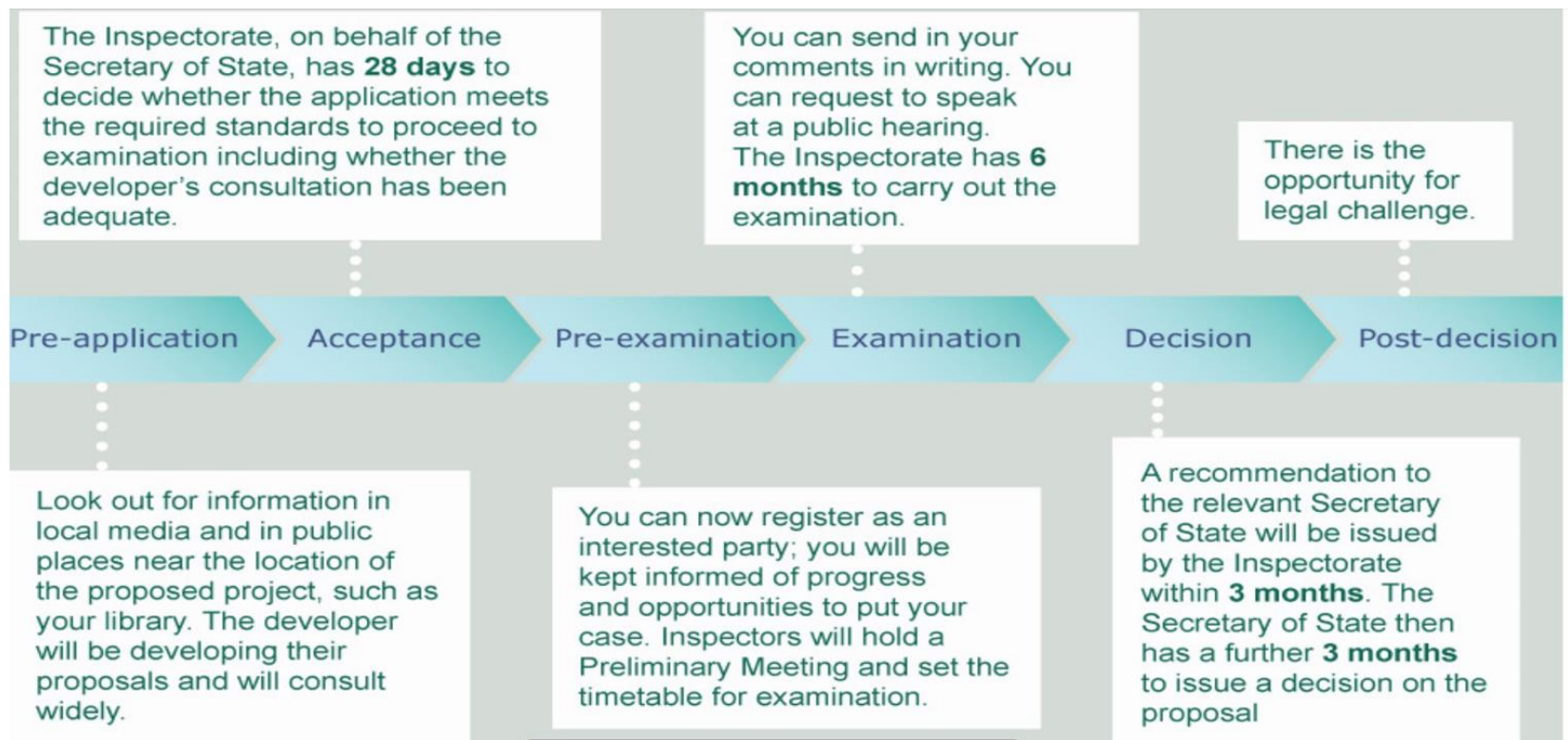




Figure 2: Illustrative plan of Rosefield during operation

Current Rosefield Solar Farm - Proposals

- A proposed new solar farm with battery storage
 - East of Calvert
 - South, West & North-East of Botolph Claydon
 - West of Shipton Lee
- Generate more than 50MW of electricity
- Connection to East Claydon sub-station
- Directly affected Wards
 - Grendon Underwood
 - Great Brickhill

Rosefield Timeline



The Process So Far

- Pre-application stage of DCO process
- Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate 21 December 2023
- Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) – BC commented August 2024
- SoCC published – 4th September 2024
- Formal Notice given to the SoS on 16 September 2024 of their intention to submit a DCO application in Q2 of 2025.
- Formal Consultation is currently taking place between 18 September 2024 and 14 November 2024
- The following documents are published as part of the consultation:
 - The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
 - A non-technical summary of the PEIR
 - Consultation booklet, Questionnaire. Map with grid references to enable locational feedback

Key Changes to the Proposal Since Initial Engagement

- Solar panel area reduced from 448ha to 279ha
- Solar Panels set away from Botolph Claydon by at least 155m
- 23% of the site is set aside for landscaping, particularly around Finmere Wood and Runt's Wood
- Two scenarios suggested for the proposed substation to serve the site depending on the National Grid upgrade
- Set out their commitment to Community Benefit Fund (CBF) £400 PMW per year
- Approach to construction and decommissioning outlined

Roles and Responsibilities LA

- Formal consultation between 18 September and 14 November 2024
- Specialist Officers reviewing information
- Review of the PEIR by specialist officers
- LA will be responding to the consultation following a review of the documents

Roles and Responsibilities- Community

- A number of workshops will be taking place run by applicants for Rosefield Solar Farm
- Opportunity to review the PEIR
- Attendance at exhibitions or workshops is encouraged so you can ask questions about the project
- This is an opportunity to provide comments as part of the statutory consultation process

Update to Advice Notes

The Planning Inspectorate has recently issued new advice notes. The following are likely to be most relevant to Rosefield Solar Farm:

- Cumulative Effects Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessments
- Scoping Solar Development

To review the documents, please visit [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and search for: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice pages

Questions

