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14 August 2024

Dear Parish Council/Meeting,

Application by Tillbridge Solar Limited (the “Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) for the Tillbridge Solar Project (the “DCO Application”) Consultation on the Applicant’s Intention to Submit a Request to the Examining Authority to Change the DCO Application: 19 August 2024 to 16 September 2024 Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) reference: EN010142

Why we are writing to you

We have previously written to you to inform you of the pre-application consultation that was undertaken in respect of the Tillbridge Solar Project (the “Scheme”).

Following this consultation, the Applicant submitted the DCO Application for the Scheme on 10 April 2024. The DCO Application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 8 May 2024. The Examining Authority (ExA) was appointed on 20 June 2024.

As you may be aware, the Applicant has continued to engage with affected landowners to seek to reach agreement regarding the acquisition of the relevant freehold interests, property rights, and/or temporary land use required for the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of the Scheme. As a result of this ongoing engagement, as well as a number of refinements to Scheme layout and design made following submission of the Application, the Applicant has determined that a number of minor amendments should be made to the DCO Application. The majority of these amendments will be to reduce the extent of the Order limits in certain locations, but some refinements to site accesses are also proposed.

In order to make these amendments to the Order limits, the Applicant intends to submit a request to change the DCO Application (“Change Application”) to the ExA. The Applicant notified the ExA of its intention to make the Change Application on 18 July 2024.

Before finalising the Change Application and submitting it to the ExA, the Applicant is seeking feedback from all affected landowners on the proposed changes, as well as a number of other parties who may have an interest in the Change Application. This letter is being sent to you as part of a targeted consultation exercise, as a parish council/meeting located in the vicinity of the proposed changes.

Appended to this letter are plans which show the new location and extent of the Order limits as compared to their previous extent.

The consultation period

The targeted consultation on the Change Application will run from 19 August 2024 and we invite responses on or before 16 September 2024. Following this targeted consultation period, the Applicant will finalise our changes to the Scheme having regard to the consultation responses received.

The Applicant will then submit the Change Application to the ExA which, if granted, would amend the DCO Application in accordance with the changes proposed. The examination of the DCO Application would then proceed with the revised Order limits and other minor amendments that are proposed. All relevant revised application materials would be made available to review on the National Infrastructure Planning website as part of the 'Examination Library' for the Scheme which can be accessed at this link provided (<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010142/documents>).

This targeted consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on the changes proposed through the Change Application. By responding, you will enable us to take your views into account as we develop and refine our proposals.

Consultation materials

Appended to this letter are plans which show the Order limits that were included in the DCO Application and the proposed revisions to the Order limits which have been submitted to the ExA and are being considered as part of a change to the Application. This will allow you to identify the changes to the Order limits that relate to your parish council/meeting boundary. Also enclosed is a brochure which outlines the total number of proposed changes in the extent of the Order limits along with an explanation of why the changes are being proposed.

These documents are also available from the start of the consultation period via the Scheme website (tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library). If you have any problems accessing the consultation documents on the Scheme website from 19 August 2024, please let the Applicant know at your earliest convenience, using the contact details contained within this letter. The consultation materials are provided to help you understand the proposals and inform any comments you may have on the Change Application.

The DCO Application and all supporting documentation is available to review on the National Infrastructure Planning website (national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010142) and should be considered alongside the materials enclosed within this letter. In particular, the Environmental Statement is a key document for your consideration as it provides the Applicant's assessment of the environmental impacts that could occur as a result of the Scheme.

Responding to the consultation

Consultation on the Change Application will take place between 19 August 2024 and 16 September 2024. The Scheme website (www.tillbridgesolar.com) will be updated on the start date with the relevant consultation information, as detailed in this letter. All enclosures – as listed at the bottom of this letter – will also be available electronically from 19 August 2024.

Any response or representation must (i) be received by the Applicant on or before **11.59pm on 16 September 2024**, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. Should you wish your comments to remain anonymous, please provide your postcode only.

Any responses to this consultation or other representations in respect of the Change Application should be sent to the following:

- By post: **FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR** (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp)
- By email: info@tillbridgesolar.com

Enquiries in relation to the consultation documents and/or general queries regarding the Change Application during the consultation period should also be directed to the Applicant using these details, or by using the telephone number on the following page. Additional printed copies of the consultation documents can be provided free of charge on request, and special requests (such as large-print, braille or translated documents) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Any comments received as part of this consultation will be considered by the Applicant and any of its appointed agents with respect to the finalisation of the Change Application. The responses that we receive will form the basis of a consultation report that will be included as part of the Change Application submitted to the ExA. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be kept in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of that consultation report.

However, we will request that personal details are not placed on the public record. Personal details will be held securely in accordance with the relevant data protection legislation and will

be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of the Scheme and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties¹.

The Development Consent Order process

Information about the Planning Act and Development Consent Orders can be found on PINS' National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

If you have any questions about this letter, the Change Application or the Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the project team on info@tillbridgesolar.com or 0800 046 9643.

Yours sincerely,



Luke Murray
Project Director, Tillbridge Solar Limited

- Enc. [Copy of the Order limits submitted – April 2024]
[Copy of the proposed revised Order limits – August 2024]
[Copy of Change Application plan(s) specific to your parish council/meeting boundary – August 2024]
[Copy of the Change Application Consultation brochure – August 2024]

¹ A copy of the Scheme's Privacy Policy can be found at: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Tillbridge-Solar-Privacy-Policy.pdf>