

## SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

### REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009.

### REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017.

## Notice of Acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application (the "Application") by East Pye Solar Limited (Company Number 14684189), whose registered office is Unit 25.7 Coda Studios, 189 Munster Road, London, England, SW6 6AW ("the Applicant") for a DCO under the Planning Act 2008.

2. The Application (Reference No. EN0110014) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 5 March 2026 and was accepted for examination on 2 April 2026.

### Summary of the Scheme

3. The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 100MW (AC) and associated infrastructure including a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), 132kV and 400kV Project Substations, Grid Connection Infrastructure, a New National Grid Substation and other ancillary works such as temporary construction compounds, enclosures and fencing, security, drainage, highways and access works, mitigation and enhancement measures (the "Scheme").

4. The Scheme is located within the administrative areas of Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council and comprises approximately 1,213 hectares (ha) of land located south of Norwich and North of Harleston, with the Scheme concentrated east of Long Stratton, with an additional cluster of Solar PV electricity generating stations located south of Great Moulton. The Scheme is near to the villages of Pulham Market, Hempnall, Tasburgh, Silver Green, Saxlingham Nethergate, Woodton, Brooke and Seething.

5. A map showing the location of the Scheme can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: [www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014](http://www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014)

6. Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity greater than 100 MW. It is for this reason that the Scheme falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.

7. The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Scheme, the temporary stopping up or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows and the application and disapplication of legislation.

### Environmental Impact Assessment Development

8. Due to its nature and size, the Scheme is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Scheme constitutes development for which an EIA is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

9. The Application form and its accompanying documents (including accompanying plans, maps, the Environmental Statement, and the draft DCO (the "Application Documents")) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the East Pye Solar page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab until at least the end of the Relevant Representation period on 10 June 2026: [www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014/documents](http://www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014/documents)

10. This link will also be available on the Applicant's project website: [www.eastpyesolar.co.uk](http://www.eastpyesolar.co.uk)

11. An electronic copy of the Application Documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email [info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk), write to **FREEPOST East Pye Solar** (free of charge; you do not need a stamp) or telephone **0808 281 3175** (free of charge).

12. The Application Documents can be made available in hard copy format on request to the Applicant. Document requests can be made using the contact details at the bottom of this notice. Please note that reasonable printing costs may apply. Requests may be made for documents in bespoke or alternative formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) or specific individual documents. Given the size and format of the Application Documents, a full suite of documents to publication specifications will cost £5,000.

### Making Representations

13. Becoming an Interested Party gives you the right to make representations about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate. Any person may register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation on the Application during the Relevant Representation period, which must be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate.

14. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form.

15. The Registration and Relevant Representation Form can be accessed and completed online on the East Pye Solar page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: [www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014](http://www.national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110014)

16. If you require guidance, or other methods to obtain and complete a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate, c/o QUADIENT, 69 Buckingham Avenue, SL1 4PN. The Application reference (EN0110014) should be quoted in any correspondence.

17. The government guidance 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation', provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: [www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation)

18. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate on or before 23:59 on Wednesday 10 June 2026.

19. It should be noted that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published alongside a representation. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state why when submitting the representation. If necessary, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name and personal data redacted. Please note that all representations submitted will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices)

### Contacting the Applicant

20. To contact the Applicant for further information or queries about the Application, please call **0808 281 3175** (free of charge, open 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday, except bank holidays. A voicemail service operates outside these hours), writing to **FREEPOST East Pye Solar** (no stamp or further details required) or emailing [info@eastpyesolar.co.uk](mailto:info@eastpyesolar.co.uk).