



# Green Hill Solar Farm

## **NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7 AND 8 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (COMPULSORY ACQUISITION) REGULATIONS 2010 AND REGULATION 20 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State has accepted a request by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (Company registration number 13362769) of Unit 25.7 Coda Studios, 189 Munster Road, London, England SW6 6AW (the “Applicant”) to include additional land within Development Consent Order (DCO) application (Reference No. EN010170) for the Green Hill Solar Farm (“the Scheme”).
2. The DCO application for the Scheme was submitted by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited to the Secretary of State c/o to the Planning Inspectorate pursuant to section 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008 on 23 May 2025 and was accepted for examination on 19 June 2025. The Examination of the DCO application is ongoing.
3. On 10 November 2025, the Applicant submitted to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate a request for the DCO application to include authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of interests in and rights over additional land for the Scheme (the “Proposed Provision”) and this was accepted for Examination on 21 November 2025.

### **Summary of the Scheme**

4. The DCO application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) generating station, with a generating capacity of more than 50MW (AC) and associated infrastructure on land within the administrative areas of West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council and Milton Keynes City Council.
5. The Scheme will consist of the following:
  - Green Hill A, A.2, B, C, D, E, F, G, and Green Hill BESS: eight solar array sites and a dedicated battery energy storage system (BESS) site. The solar array sites will include solar panels, conversion units, inverters and 132 kilovolt (kV) substations in Green Hill A, B, E, F and G, and two 400 kV substations, located in Green Hill C and Green Hill BESS.
  - A battery energy storage system at the Green Hill BESS and/or Green Hill C sites.
  - Underground electricity cables within a cable corridor connecting the Green Hill sites, substations and the energy storage system to the National Grid substation at Grendon.
  - Associated infrastructure, mitigation and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works including fencing, security, local grid connections, temporary access roads, permanent means of access, highway works, temporary works compounds and work sites.



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) and 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008. As an onshore generating station in England with a capacity greater than 50 MW (AC), 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, rights in, on, under and over land and the imposition of restrictions that are required to construct, operate and maintain the Scheme. In addition, it contains powers for the possession and use of land on a temporary basis to facilitate the construction and maintenance of the Scheme.

### Summary of the Proposed Provision

8. The Proposed Provision seeks powers of compulsory acquisition in respect of additional land at the following locations ("the Additional Land"):

Plot and Change No	Description of Land
01-011-b Change 1	209.19 sqm of access track, hedgerow and trees lying to the east of Newland Road and north of Walgrave in the Parish of Walgrave
01-011-c Change 1	170.77 sqm of Public Adopted Highway and verge (Newland Road) north of Walgrave in the Parish of Walgrave
02-029-b Change 3	332.76 sqm of agricultural land, hedgerow, light tree coverage lying to the west of Rectory Farm and south of New Lodge Farmhouse in the Parish of Walgrave.
03-031-a Change 3	757.57 sqm of agricultural land and hedgerow lying to the north of Mere Farm Business Complex and west of Hannington Grange Farm in the Parish of Hannington.
08-089-b Change 6	265.26 sqm of access track lying to the east of Earls Barton Road and to the south of Wilby Road in the Parish of Mears Ashby
12-126-b Change 7	184.99 sqm of agricultural land, hedgerow and access track lying to the north of Appleton's Place and west of Recycling Site in the Parish of Earls Barton.
12-128-b Change 7	667.54 sqm of the A45, highway verge and central reservation lying to the north of Appleton's Place and west of Recycling Site in the Parish of Earls Barton.
12-129-b Change 7	168.35 sqm of woodland lying to the north of Appleton's Place and west of Recycling Site in the Parish of Earls Barton.
12-130-b Change 7	150.83 sqm of woodland lying to the north of Appleton's Place and west of Recycling Site in the Parish of Earls Barton.
12-131-c Change 7	395.66 sqm of Public Adopted Highway and verge (Grendon Road) lying to the north west of Castle Ashby Park and south of the A45 in the Parish of Earls Barton.
12-131-d Change 7	13.40 sqm of Public Adopted Highway and verge (Grendon Road) lying to the north west of Castle Ashby Park and south of the A45 in the Parish of Earls Barton.
12-136-b Change 7	14.06 sqm of agricultural access, gate, hedgerow and stone barrier lying to the north of Appleton's Place and west of Recycling Site in the Parish of Earls Barton.
16-210-c Change 9	10700.60 sqm of agricultural land and light tree coverage lying to the west of A509 and to the east of Horn Wood in the Parishes of Bozeat and Easton Maudit



A map showing the location of the Additional Land can be found in Appendix A of the Change Request and Consultation Report available here: [https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010170-001073-GH9.2\\_Change%20Application%20and%20Consultation%20Report.pdf](https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010170-001073-GH9.2_Change%20Application%20and%20Consultation%20Report.pdf)

and on Sheets 1, 3, 8, 12 and 16 of the Land Plan available here: [https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010170-001110-GH2.2\\_C\\_Land%20Plan\\_Revision%20C%20\(Tracked\).pdf](https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/EN010170-001110-GH2.2_C_Land%20Plan_Revision%20C%20(Tracked).pdf)

### **Statement of Reasons relating to the Additional Land**

9. In accordance with good practice as well as the requirements of compulsory acquisition guidance, the Applicant has continued to engage with interested parties, including affected landowners and stakeholders, since the submission of the DCO application.

The Additional Land included within the proposed provision is required as a consequence of ongoing consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers.

- Change 1: Extend the Order Limits from the southern end of Field AF29 within Green Hill A to connect the proposed new permissive path to the public highway named Newland Road, approximately 700m to the north of the village of Walgrave.
- Change 3: Extend the Order Limits to overlap with the bridleway located along the southern boundary of Green Hill A.2 and change the compulsory acquisition status of a separate plot of land to create links between the proposed permissive path and the existing bridleway.
- Change 6: Extend the Order Limits on the western side of Green Hill E to connect the permissive path to the Byway Open to All Traffic.
- Change 7: Change to the Order Limits of the Cable Route Corridor between Green Hill E and Green Hill BESS at the crossing of the A45 to provide greater flexibility in the routing of the grid connection cable towards field boundaries.
- Change 9: Change to the compulsory acquisition status of land to the east of Horn Wood within Green Hill F to provide a greater buffer from the adjoining ancient woodland.

Further details are provided in the Change Application and Consultation Report accompanying the application for Additional Land.

An updated Statement of Reasons forms part of the application for Additional Land and can be accessed via the link below.

### **Statement of Funding for The Proposed Compulsory Acquisition of Additional Land**

10. The details of the Funding Statement submitted as part of the DCO Application remain relevant in relation to the Proposed Provision and the acquisition of interests in and rights over the Additional Land. The Funding Statement sets out how the compulsory acquisition of rights over land will be funded, and the same mechanisms for funding will apply to the compulsory acquisition of rights over the Additional Land.



An updated Funding Statement forms part of the Change Application and can be accessed via the link below.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment Development**

11. The Applicant has reviewed and appraised each of the proposed changes in the context of the likely significant environmental effects previously reported in the Environmental Statement submitted in support of the DCO application, to ascertain whether any of the proposed changes, either individually or cumulatively, would give rise to any new or different likely significant effects, beyond those previously reported in the Environmental Statement.

The outcome of this work for each proposed change is summarised in the Supporting Environmental Information Report and can be accessed via the link below.

### **Change Application and accompanying documents**

12. The Change Application and its accompanying documents can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Green Hill Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab until at least 14 January 2026:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010170/documents?stage-examination=Change%20Request%201>

The documents that will be available are:

- The application for Additional Land (Change Request and Consultation Report) which includes a map showing the location of the Additional Land at Appendix A
- Supporting Environmental Information Report
- Statement of Reasons which includes revisions to make provision for the Additional Land
- Funding Statement which includes revisions to make provision for the Additional Land
- Book of Reference identifying affected land interests in the Additional Land
- Revised plans to make provision for the Additional Land, including revised Land Plans
- A copy of the Draft DCO which includes revisions to make provision for the Additional Land

13. An electronic or paper copy of the documents listed above may be requested from the Applicant by emailing [info@greenhillsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@greenhillsolar.co.uk), writing to FREEPOST GREEN HILL SOLAR FARM (free of charge; no need for a stamp) or telephoning 0800 012 9882 (free of charge). Subject to reasonable requests, these documents will be provided free of charge.

14. The full suite of DCO Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request to the Applicant at a cost of £5,000. 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.

### **Making Representations about the Proposed Provision for Additional Land**

15. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Proposed Provision) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, which can be accessed and completed online by following the instructions at the relevant link on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010170/>

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 or email [greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). Completed hard copy forms should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/OP, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Application reference (EN010170) 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 information and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://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 by **11:59pm on 14 January 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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>

### **Contact us**

20. Further information about the Application may be obtained from the Applicant through the contact details provided below.

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