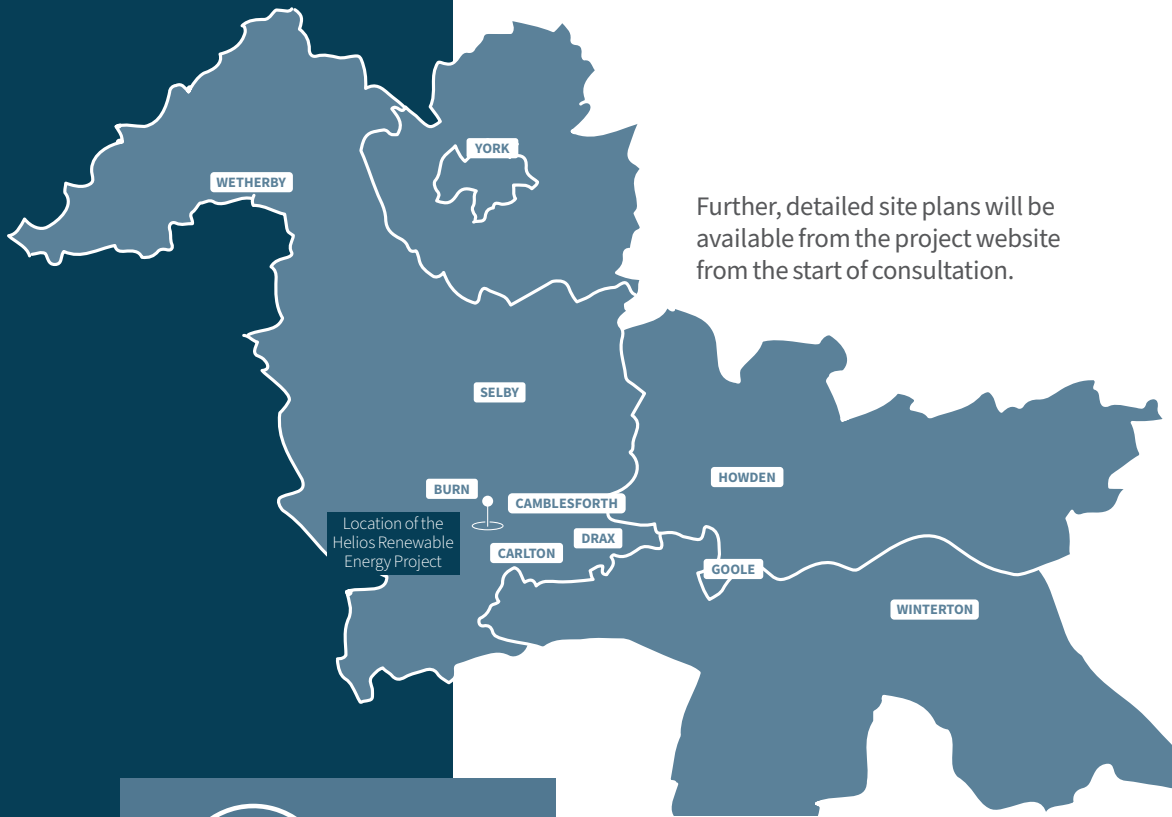




**HELIOS** RENEWABLE  
ENERGY  
PROJECT

**Statutory Consultation Newsletter**

Autumn 2023



Further, detailed site plans will be available from the project website from the start of consultation.



**190MW** of clean renewable energy.

Enough to power around **47,500 homes** each year.

Saving an estimated **36,500 tonnes** of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.

## Launch of Statutory Consultation

We are shortly launching the Helios Renewable Energy Project statutory consultation. We will be consulting on proposals for a solar farm with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure on land west of the village of Camblesforth, and north of the village of Hirst Courtney in Selby, North Yorkshire.

**The statutory consultation will run from 26 October until 7 December 2023.**

This leaflet explains how, when and where, to find out further information about the statutory consultation process, how to view the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and consultation materials, as well as how to contact the project team and provide feedback.



## Publication of our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

We have published our SoCC which sets out how and when we will formally consult with the local community about the Helios Renewable Energy Project proposals. It contains details about how to contact us and provide feedback on the proposals. From 12 October 2023, the SoCC can be viewed online at [www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](http://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk), or in the following locations (subject to opening times, please check online or contact the venues before you travel):

-  **Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby YO8 4EQ**
-  **Snaith Library, 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole DN14 9HE**
-  **Goole Library, Carlisle Street, Goole DN14 5DS**

## The Planning Process

As the proposed development is for electricity generation of over 50MW, an application to the Planning Inspectorate will be submitted under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) regime (Planning Act 2008) for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Following statutory consultation, we will submit an application to the Planning Inspectorate which will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will decide whether to grant or refuse development consent.



## The Proposals

The plans include:

- Solar PV modules
- Mounting structures for the solar panels
- Field stations
- On-site substation and battery energy storage compound
- Cabling for distribution of energy
- Cables for connecting to the grid
- Fencing, security measures, and supplementary infrastructure

The BESS will store, and then supply, electricity to the network at times of peak energy demand to make the renewable energy output of the solar farm a secure and reliable part of the UK's energy supply.

### Our revised proposals

Since informal consultation in summer 2022, we have refined our design, in accordance with local community feedback and the results of technical assessments.

**This has resulted in substantial changes, with the solar farm now reduced from 757ha to 476ha.** Some of this land will be used for landscaping, biodiversity improvements and public rights of way. Further details about the updated proposals will be available during the statutory consultation period on the consultation website at [www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](http://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)

## The Benefits



**Net zero** – the proposals will deliver 190MW of renewable energy. This will make a significant contribution towards the UK Government's legally-binding commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050.



**Reversible** – at the end of the solar farm's life (40 years), all equipment will be dismantled, removed, and largely recycled, with the site then returned to agricultural use.



**Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)** – the proposals will include a wide-ranging strategy of landscape and ecological improvements to provide a significant uplift to nature.



**Landscaping** – the solar farm will be screened to reduce visual impact, with the planting and restoration of hedgerows, and the establishment of native trees and other vegetation.



**Agricultural Land** – a solar farm allows intensively farmed and degraded agricultural land to rest, free from fertilisers and pesticides. This will boost the organic matter of the soil and protect the long-term agricultural use of the site.



**Land Use** – solar farms provide an opportunity for multiple land uses; in addition to renewable energy production, the site can continue to be grazed by sheep to support biodiversity and farming.



**Community Benefit** – the proposals include a Community Benefit provision to support the local community. We are keen to hear about any other potential local benefits that we could facilitate or deliver directly.

## How to find out more and have your say:

**Our statutory (formal) consultation on the 'Preferred Design' commences on Thursday 26 October 2023 and runs until Thursday 7 December 2023.**

At the start of consultation, all consultation materials will be available to view online at the Project website – [www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](http://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)

Following the close of consultation, we will review and consider all feedback received before finalising our proposals. We will then submit an application to the Planning Inspectorate. Interested parties will be able to track the application's progress at [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

**Find out the latest information, view documents or get in touch with the team:**



## We welcome your feedback

We are keen to hear your thoughts on our plans. Feedback can be made via paper feedback forms at our events, or completed online at the project website. You can also request a paper copy of the feedback form, or send comments directly to us via the contact details below:

 **Email**  
[info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](mailto:info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)

 **Online**  
[www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](http://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)

 **Freepost**  
**FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION**  
**(no further address or stamp required)**

If you have any queries about the consultation process **or require documents in an alternative format (e.g. large print)** you can call: **0800 699 0081**  
(Freephone – Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays).

**The deadline for feedback is 11.59pm on 7 December 2023.**

## Virtual exhibition

We will also be hosting a virtual exhibition on our Project website, where you can find all the relevant information. Please visit: [helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](http://helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)

The virtual exhibition will be live throughout the consultation period from **26 October to 7 December 2023**




## Consultation documents

Electronic copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which comprises a detailed set of documents, including maps, figures, photomontages, a set of plans showing the Project's location, as well as a shorter Non-Technical Summary (NTS), can be accessed online and will be available to view free of charge for inspection during the statutory consultation period. The NTS and other supporting documents will also be available to view at the public consultation events.

When a copy of the documents is requested from the Applicant, this can be provided on a USB device free of charge. The documents can be made available in hard copy format on request subject to a printing charge.

## Public Consultation Events

We are holding public consultation events at the following times and locations:

 **Camblesforth Hall,**  
Brigg Lane, Camblesforth,  
Selby, YO8 8HJ

Wednesday 8  
November 2023  
2pm–7pm

 **Carlton Village Hall,**  
Church Lane,  
Carlton, DN14 9PB

Thursday 9  
November 2023  
12pm–5.30pm

## About us

The Helios Renewable Energy Project is being brought forward by Enso Green Holdings D Limited, a joint-venture partnership between Enso Energy and Cero Generation. Enso Energy is one of the UK's most experienced renewable energy developers, with an unparalleled focus on solar energy. Cero Generation is a leading solar energy company, working across Europe to support the transition to a net zero future.

Find out more at: [www.ensoenergy.co.uk](http://www.ensoenergy.co.uk)