

**HELIOS RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT**

**SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008**

**REGULATION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009**

**NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE HELIOS RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that Enso Green Holdings D Limited, (the “Applicant”) of Ropemaker Place, 28 Ropemaker Street, London, EC2Y 9HD, intends to apply to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) to authorise the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a renewable energy generating project known as the Helios Renewable Energy Project (the “Proposed Development”). Enso Green Holdings D Limited is a joint venture between Enso Energy and Cero Energy.

The Proposed Development includes the installation of ground mounted solar arrays, battery energy storage and associated development comprising grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation and maintenance of the development for the delivery of over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The Proposed Development will occupy approximately 476 hectares (approximately 1175 acres) of land located to the west of the village of Camblesforth and to the north of the village of Hirst Courtney in North Yorkshire, within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council.

The DCO will authorise, amongst other things:

- Solar PV modules and mounting structures;
- Field stations including invertors, transformers and switchgears;
- On-Site substation;
- Battery energy storage system;
- Underground cables connecting the areas of solar PV modules to the on-site substation;
- Underground grid connection cable which will connect the Proposed Development to the national grid at Drax Power Station;
- Compounds, fencing, security and ancillary infrastructure;
- Access works;
- Environmental mitigation and enhancement measures, such as archaeological mitigation, and landscape and ecological mitigation and enhancements;
- Temporary construction areas together with works to secure construction access for the Proposed Development;
- The temporary and permanent compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights which are required for the Proposed Development and/or are required to facilitate or are incidental to the Proposed Development;
- Overriding easements and other rights over or affecting the land for the Proposed Development;
- The application and or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Proposed Development including legislation relating to compulsory acquisition; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits and consents as are necessary and convenient.

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The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an EIA is required and the application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES).

The Applicant will be providing environmental information compiled to date regarding the Proposed Development in the form of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). A non-technical summary of the PEIR will also be made available.

The consultation on the Proposed Development will take place from 26 October 2023 to 7 December 2023. The consultation documents, plans and maps detailing the consultation process and showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, including the PEIR, non-technical summary and Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) can be accessed free of charge from 26 October 2023 to 7 December 2023 from the Applicant's website: <https://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/>

USB drives containing copies of the above consultation materials can also be provided on request to the Applicant. To request a USB drive please contact the Applicant using the email address, postal address or telephone number provided at the bottom of this notice.

USB drives and the above consultation documents will also be available to access free of charge at the following public exhibitions:

<b>Camblesforth Hall</b> Brigg Lane, Camblesforth, Selby, YO8 8HJ	<b>Wednesday 8 November</b> <b>2pm to 7pm</b>
<b>Carlton Village Hall</b> Church Ln, Carlton, Goole DN14 9PB	<b>Thursday 9 November</b> <b>12pm to 5.30pm</b>

The following documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of:

- Non-Technical Summary of PEIR – Free;
- Full PEIR with annexes – £1,000;
- Site Location Plans – Free

Any person may comment on the Proposed Development or otherwise respond to this notice. Any responses to, or other representation in respect of, the Proposed Development should be sent to the Applicant using the following methods:

- Email to [info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk](mailto:info@helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk)
- Project website [www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/get-in-touch/](http://www.helios-renewable-energy-project.co.uk/get-in-touch/)
- Post to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required).

Responses and representations must be received by the Applicant no later than 11.59pm on Thursday 7 December 2023.

When making a response or representation in respect of the Proposed Development, please include your name and an address where further correspondence can be sent.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses before submitting its application for a DCO. Responses and representations will be reported in a Consultation Report that will be considered by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for

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examination. Therefore, responders should be aware that the contents of any response or representation may be made public as part of the Consultation Report.

If you have any questions about this notice, the consultation, the consultation documents or the Proposed Development please contact the project team using the email or postal addresses listed above or by calling 0800 699 0081.

Dated: 26 October 2023