



Little Crow
Solar Park

Statement of Community Consultation

INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd



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Introducing this Statement of Community Consultation

This Statement of Community Consultation ["SoCC"] is being prepared in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. This requires Applicants to prepare a Statement setting out how the Applicant proposes to consult people affected by the development or living in the vicinity about the proposed application. The Applicant is INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd and this SoCC sets out its approach to the statutory stages of community consultation for its proposed renewable led energy scheme on land to the east of the British Steel Site at Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 1XP.

This SoCC explains the community consultation being undertaken and covers:

- The developer and proposed development;
- The consenting process;
- Where and when the consultation is taking place and who is being consulted;
- How the consultation will be undertaken, including the materials that will be published and other engagement activities;
- Where people can view these materials and find out more; and
- The importance of feedback from local people and how they can provide their comments.

This SoCC covers the consultation running from Monday 3rd December 2018 to Monday 4th March 2019. Consultation is a key part of the development process. The Planning Act 2008 requires developers to publish their proposals widely, as well as consulting with the local community, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land partially affected by the proposed project.

This SoCC has been developed in consultation with North Lincolnshire Council. It has been designed to gather news and whilst proposals for the project are being developed, to allow people the opportunity to influence the development of the project and help members of the public understand how they can take part in the consultation. We have already undertaken a significant amount of local engagement.

This pre-application consultation follows non-statutory consultation that commenced in January 2018 and continued to the end of November 2018; this included public exhibitions undertaken in January 2018 and informal consultation with various consultees that will also be engaged as part of the application for a Development Consent Order.

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The Developer and Development

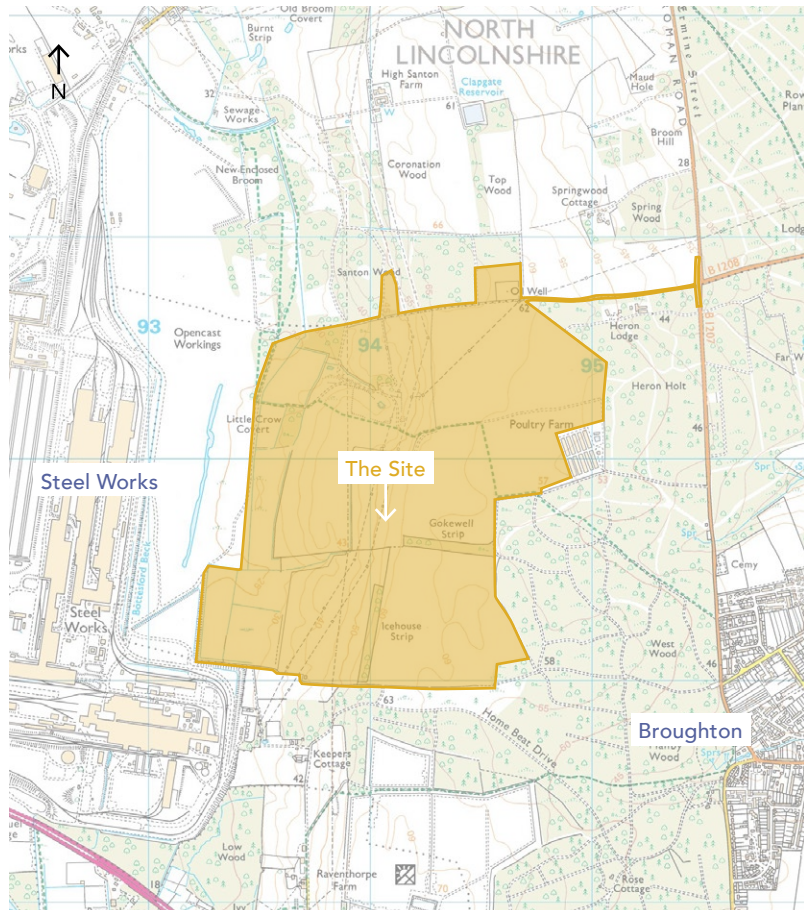
Founded in 2009, INRG Solar Ltd has established itself as one of the largest developers of solar parks in the UK, responsible for the development of dozens of solar parks with a total capacity of over 300 megawatts.

The main element of the Little Crow project is the installation of a ground mounted solar park with a maximum design capacity of up to 150MWp (megawatts peak) to achieve a maximum export capacity value of 100MW. The photovoltaic panels will be laid out in rows across the site. In order to fully utilise the network connection capacity when the solar park is not exporting at peak capacity, the proposal will also include up to 90MW of battery-based electricity storage containers. There will also be electrical connection infrastructure, and a new substation compound is planned to be centrally located within the site, and will connect to the existing overhead electricity pylons which traverse the site.

The solar park will generate clean renewable energy for the equivalent of over almost 40,000 homes a year. The anticipated CO₂ displacement is around 50,000 tonnes per annum.

The proposal will provide a clean, renewable and sustainable form of electricity making a valuable contribution to the generation of electricity at a local level. The scheme would add to the Council's progress in meeting its renewable energy target. It would also assist in meeting national targets. Biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures are also provided across the entire site.

Construction traffic will arrive to site via the M180 Junction 4, the A15, the A18, the B1208 and B1207. From the M180 junction 4, vehicles will use the A15 northbound to the Briggate Lodge Roundabout and then travel east along the A18 towards Brigg. From the A18, vehicles will turn left onto the B1208. The B1208 measures between approximately 5.5 and 6 metres wide. Vehicles will travel along the B1208 to the junction with the B1207 and then continue straight ahead into the site access. No construction vehicles associated with the development proposal would travel through Broughton.



Site Location Plan

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The Consenting Process and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The Little Crow Solar Park represents a significant planning and investment project and is defined as a National Significant Infrastructure Project [“NSIP”] in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy [“BEIS”], via the Planning Inspectorate [“PINS”], and if successful will be granted a Development Consent Order [“DCO”] which authorises and permits the development.

INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will seek powers in the DCO to construct, maintain, operate and then decommission the project. PINS will consider the application. Prior to submission of the application and during the examination period, interested parties will be entitled to raise their views and participate in the consenting process. When the examination has concluded, PINS will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for BEIS having assessed the project in accordance with national policy and taking into account the local impact. The Secretary of State will then determine the application.

Below is a summary of how the DCO application process works and further information on PINS and the planning process can be found here <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

- **Pre-application** – INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd notifies and consults the public, statutory consultees and those with an interest in the affected land on its proposed application, through early non-statutory consultation.
- **Submission** – INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will review the feedback received during consultation and finalise the proposals taking the feedback into account. A DCO application will then be submitted to PINS, who will appoint the examination team for the application.
- **Acceptance** – after the application is submitted, PINS will decide whether it is suitable for examination.
- **Pre-examination** – if accepted for examination, there will be an opportunity for people to register their interest in the application with PINS. Anyone registered will be kept informed of the progress of the application by PINS, including how they can provide comments. PINS will invite all those registered to a preliminary meeting that will explain the timetable and format of the examination.
- **Examination** – the examination lasts six months. People who have registered their interest will be able to take part in the examination and send their comments to PINS.
- **Decision** – following the examination, PINS will make its recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State has the final decision as to whether consent is to be granted.

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Classification as an Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] Development

INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd is voluntarily preparing an Environmental Statement to support the DCO application. This means that an Environmental Impact Assessment will be carried out. This process will consider whether Little Crow Solar Park is likely to have significant effects on the environment. It will also look at potential measures for mitigation of such effects, if and where required.

Various technical and environmental studies have already been carried out, and as part of this consultation, INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd is publishing a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ["PEIR"] and Non-Technical Summary ["NTS"]. The PEIR is available from 1st December 2018 and INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd must consult on it before it can make its application for a DCO. The PEIR takes the format of a Draft Environmental Statement.

INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will supply copies of the PEIR to legally defined consultees. A copy of the PEIR is also available to others for a charge. Otherwise you can review a copy freely at the venues listed on page 8 or on INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd website: www.littlecrowsolar.co.uk

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Consultation Timetable, Scope and Responses

We recognise that residents and communities have differing requirements for information, so our process of consultation will reflect this. The formal pre-application consultation is taking place from 3rd December 2018 to 4th March 2019. The formal consultation will deal with all aspects of the development proposal and INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will be using the following methods:

- **Project website** – documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the project are available at www.littlecrowsolar.co.uk along with a full list of consultation events.
- **Newsletter** – to be sent to those most likely to be affected by the development, posted on the project website and made available to the wider community at local libraries and Council offices.
- **Media** – press-release and advertisements will be issued during the pre-application process to include details of the consultation process and public exhibitions.
- **Public exhibitions** – will be held at the locations around the development site and available to view at the project website www.littlecrowsolar.co.uk
- **Political engagement / Parish Council briefings** – local politicians, councils and relevant community groups will be consulted and kept informed on all aspects of the project.

Responses must be submitted to INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd on or before 4th March 2019 using the contact information overleaf. INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will have regard to all relevant responses to consultation and will demonstrate this in a publicly available Consultation Report to be submitted in support of the application for the project.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

The following events will be held at the locations and times shown below. The SoCC, PEIR and the NTS will be available to view (free of charge), as well as other materials, and INRG Solar and their Planning Consultants will be available to answer questions.

- **Tuesday 11th December 2018, 2.30pm – 7.00pm:** Appleby Village Hall, School Lane, Scunthorpe, DN15 0AS.
- **Wednesday 12th December 2018, 2.30pm – 7.00pm:** Scunthorpe Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1AB.
- **Monday 17th December 2018, 2.30pm – 7.00pm:** Broughton Village Hall, 59 High Street, Broughton, North Lincolnshire, DN20 0JX.

INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will also present the latest scheme to the local Parish Councils early in the New Year:

- **Tuesday 8th January 2019, 7.00pm:** Appleby Parish Council, Appleby Village Hall, School Lane, Appleby, DN15 0AS.
- **Monday 28th January 2019, 7.30pm:** Broughton Parish Council, Phil Grundy Community & Sports Centre, Scawby Road, Broughton, Brigg, DN20 0AF.

All events have disabled access, however for specific mobility or access requirements please contact us (see page 10 for contact details).

HARD COPY REFERENCE LOCATIONS

In order to ensure the information is accessible locally, INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd community materials, maps, technical reports and plans will be available to view at the following locations:

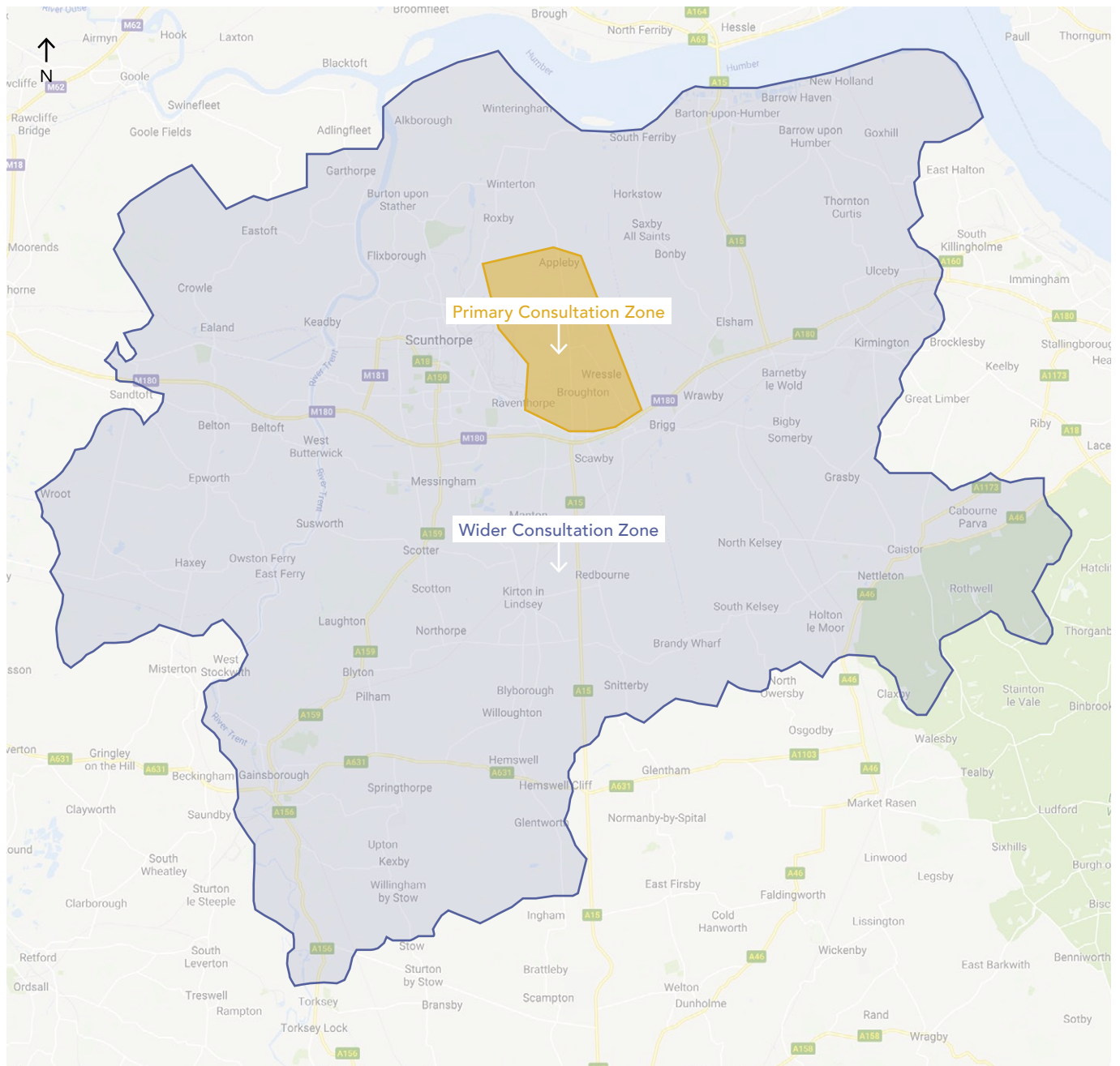
Location	Address	Standard Opening Hours
Scunthorpe Central Library	Carlton Street, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 6TX	Monday: 9am – 5pm Tuesday: 9am – 5pm Wednesday: 9am – 7pm Thursday: 9am – 5pm Friday: 9am – 5pm Saturday: 9am – 4pm Closed on Bank Holidays
Park Library	Avenue Vivian, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 8LG	Monday: 2pm – 7pm Tuesday: closed Wednesday: 10am – 1pm Thursday: closed Friday: 1pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 1pm Closed on Bank Holidays
Bottesford Library	Cambridge House, Cambridge Avenue, Bottesford, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 3LG	Monday: 1pm – 5pm Tuesday: closed Wednesday: 1pm – 7pm Thursday: 10am – 1pm Friday: 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 1pm Closed on Bank Holidays
North Lincolnshire Council Civic Centre	Development Management Team, North Lincolnshire Council Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN16 1AB	Monday: 9am – 5pm Tuesday: 9am – 5pm Wednesday: 9am – 5pm Thursday: 9am – 5pm Friday: 9am – 4.30pm Closed on Bank Holidays

Opening times have been checked, but they are dependent on the organisation itself and may be subject to change

THE SIZE AND COVERAGE OF THE PROPOSED CONSULTATION

In order to create as many opportunities as possible for people to become involved, the consultation exercise is designed to encompass a wide geographic area which reasonably includes any person who might be affected by the development proposals. There are two distinct elements to the area of consultation; a 'Primary Consultation Zone' and 'Wider Consultation Zone', a newsletter will be mailed to all residents and business addresses within the Primary Consultation Zone, and consultation events will take place in the main communities in both zones. A map of the consultation area is provided below and includes approximately 2,500 addresses. This covers the villages of Broughton, Wressle, Santon, Appleby, High Risby and Low Risby.

Consultation for the 'Wider Consultation Zone' will predominantly involve advertisements in the local press. The advertisements will announce the dates and venues for the three public exhibitions scheduled for December 2018.



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Submitting Feedback and What Happens Next

There are several ways to submit feedback and you can contact INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd in any of the ways set out below. When responding, please state who you are, or on whose behalf you are making the response; the grounds of your response; and an address where we can respond back to you.

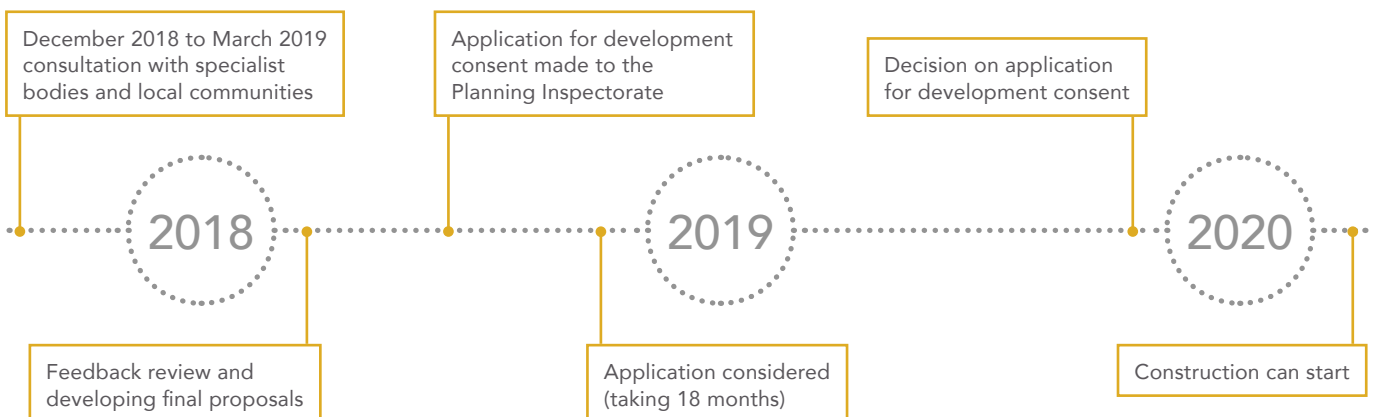
- By email to: info@littlecrowsolar.co.uk
- In writing to: Little Crow Solar Park, C/O Pegasus Group, First Floor, South Wing, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4QL
- By phone: 01454 625 945
- Through the website: www.littlecrowsolar.co.uk
- Twitter: @littlecrowsolar

PINS website provides an alternative way for you to follow the key project stages. You can also register with PINS for project updates via: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects>

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

At the close of consultation, all responses received will be carefully considered and taken into account in the development of the project. If, as a result of the feedback, the project changes to such an extent that it is necessary to undertake further consultation, then this further consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the principles set out in this SoCC. If we are in position to finalise the application, then we aim to move forward and submit the application by Spring 2019. When the application has been accepted by PINS, INRG Solar (Little Crow) Ltd will advertise that the application has been submitted and accepted.

The wider project timeline is set out below:



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Consultation in Addition to Community Consultation

In addition to the statutory requirements that have informed the preparation and publication of this SoCC, the 2008 Act requires that a number of additional groups are consulted in addition to the community consultation. These prescribed persons include relevant local authorities, persons with an interest in the land, technical stakeholders, transport authority and emergency services.

We have identified the list below and will consult with these bodies directly, inviting them to comment on the project proposal. We are happy to consider any additions you feel should be included.

Anglian Water	North East Lincolnshire Council
Appleby Parish Council	North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Bassetlaw District Council	North Lincolnshire Highways Authority
Broughton Parish Council	North Lincolnshire Local Flood Authority
Cadent Gas Ltd	Northern Power Grid
Campaign to Protect Rural England	Ofgem
Design Council	Robin Hood Airport
Doncaster Council	Selby District Council
East Midlands Council	Shire Internal Drainage Board
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Stagecoach
Equality and Human Rights Commission	The Civil Aviation Authority
Forestry Commission	The Coal Authority
Highways England	The Environment Agency
Humberside Airport	The Forestry Commission
Humberside Fire and Rescue	The Health and Safety Executive (Midlands Office)
Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner	The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (Historic England)
Kingston upon Hull City Council	The Mayor of North Lincolnshire
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	The Secretary of State for Transport
MP for Brigg and Goole (Andrew Percy)	TransPennine Express
MP for Scunthorpe (Nic Dakin)	Transport for the North
NATS	West Lindsey District Council
Natural England	



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