

Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe

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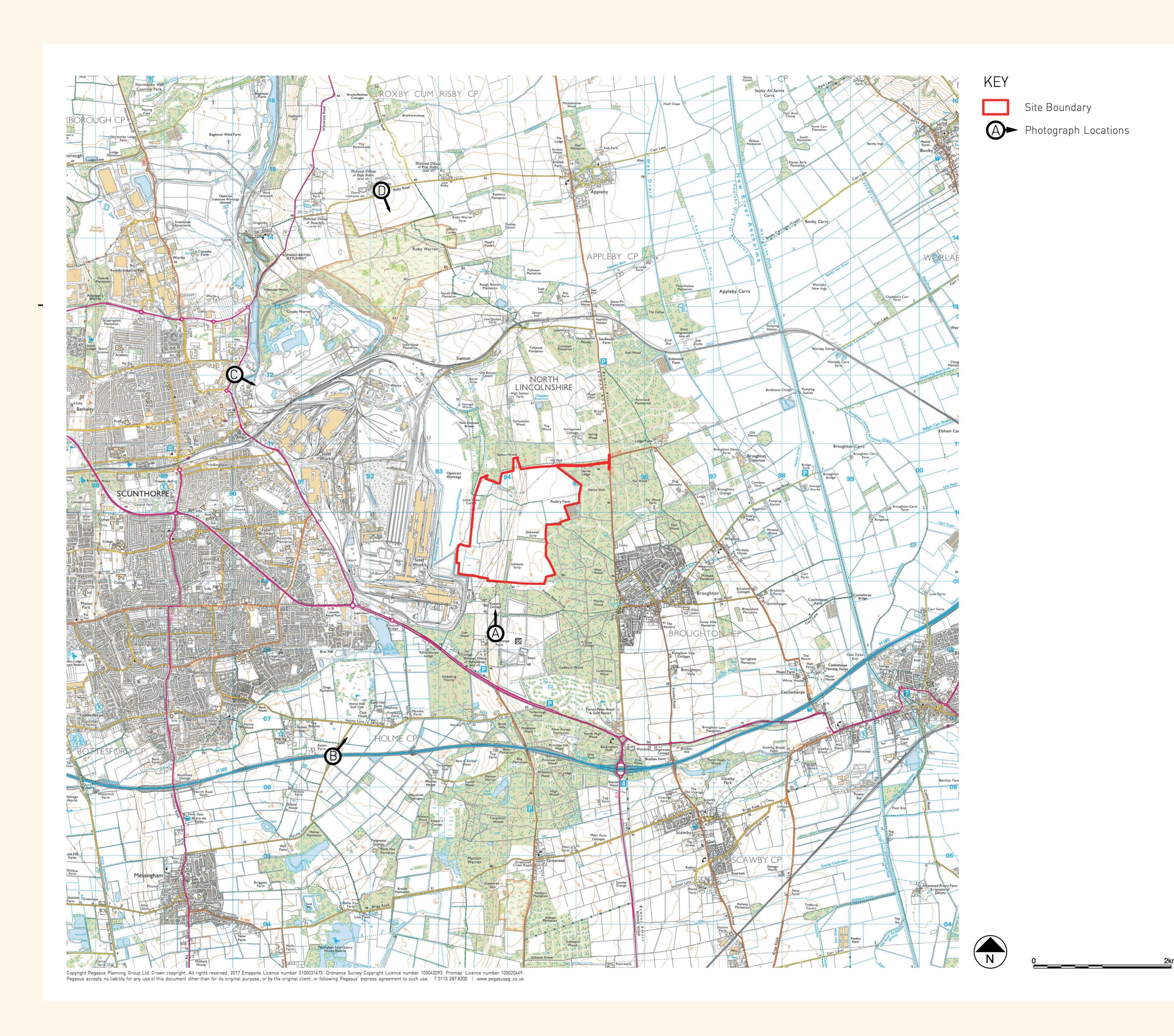






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PHOTO LOCATION B Overbridge of M180 motorway, looking northeast



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PHOTO LOCATION D Risby Road, near High Risby, looking southeast



Approximate extent of proposed solar farm behindApproximate extent of existingsteelworks, woodland and roadside plantingRavensthorpe Solar Farm

Approximate extent of proposed solar farm beyond steelworks

Approximate extent of proposed solar farm

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### Introducing Little Crow Solar Park

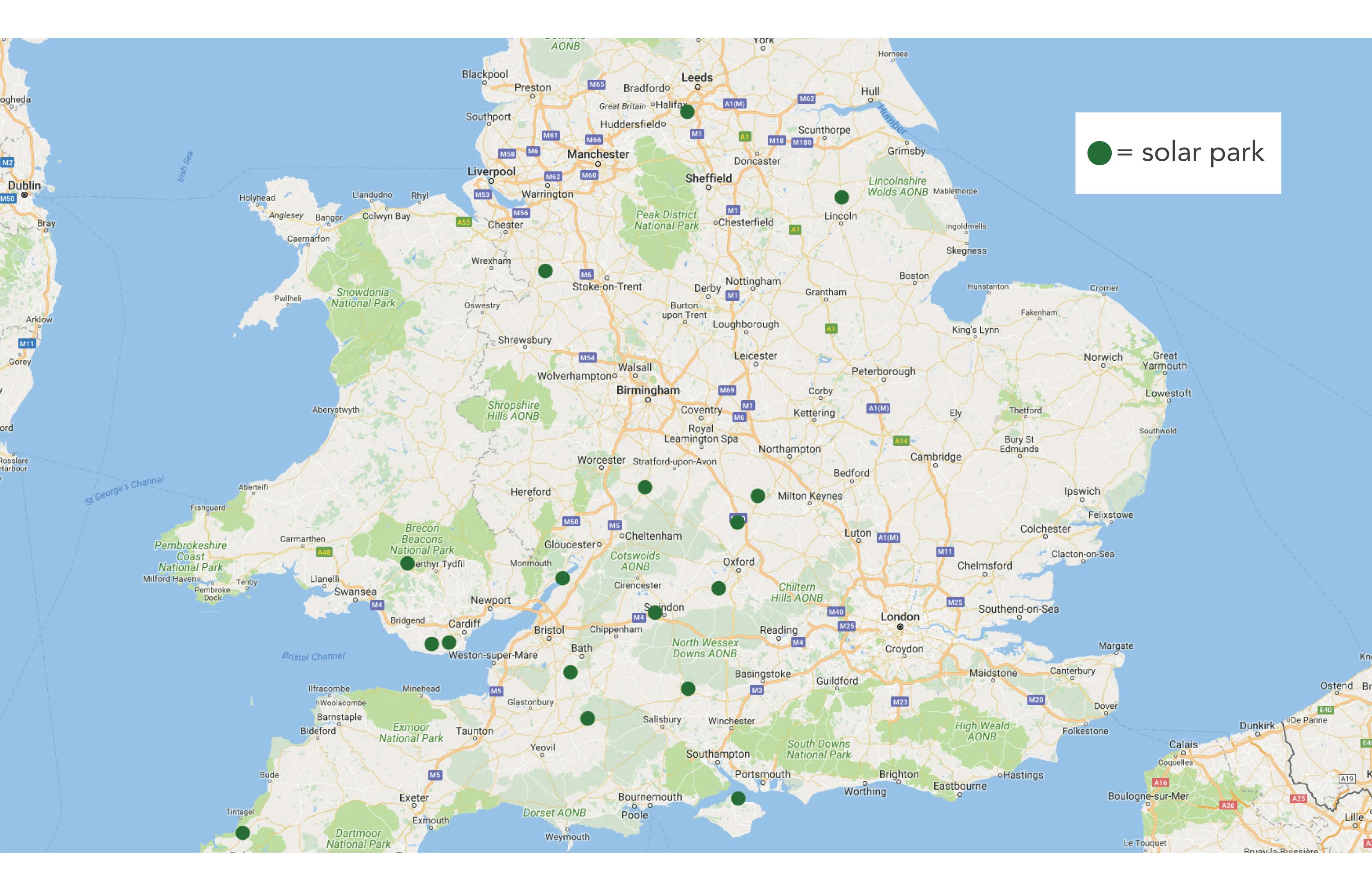
INRG Solar are proposing to develop Little Crow Solar Park near

Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire. The site sits to the east of the British Steel works. The Little Crow Solar Park would generate electricity to homes and businesses.

### About INRG

Founded in 2009, INRG Solar has established itself as one of the largest developers of solar parks in the UK, responsible for the installation of 30 solar parks with a total capacity of over 300 Megawatts. This is enough to power over 100,000 homes. The

success of INRG has been underpinned by a commitment to the formation of long-lasting relationships with local communities and investors.





Why is Little Crow Solar Park Important?

Due to effects of global warming and the ageing of our national electricity generation supply we need to significantly increase our renewable energy growth without jeopardising electricity supply, or increasing costs for consumers.

A quarter of the UK's generating capacity is due to close by 2018 so a new mix of electricity generation is needed to keep the lights on. The proposed Little Crow Solar Park is a pioneering scheme, which aims to apply private sector innovation without requiring government subsidies.

Little Crow Solar Park is also proposing to use battery technologies, which would store excess power and distribute it to the grid when it's needed the most.

### Where is Little Crow Solar Park?





### **Development Proposal**

The main element of Little Crow Solar Park is a solar photovoltaic

park with a generating capacity of about 120 Megawatts (MW). It will generate clean, renewable energy for approximately 36,000 homes, which is more than half the number of households in the North Lincolnshire area.

There will be electrical connection infrastructure and the point of connection to the grid is the existing pylon network which runs through the site.

It is proposed to include a battery of up to 50MW storage solution, so that Little Crow Solar Park can store energy and distribute it to the grid when it is needed the most.

Land will be provided for ecological mitigation and enhancement, with particular consideration to bird species.

## What is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project?

Due to the generating capacity of Little Crow Solar Park exceeding 50 Megawatts, the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, or NSIP.

Applications for NSIP projects are made to the Planning Inspectorate and NSIP projects are always determined by the Secretary of State. NSIP projects cannot be determined by the local authority, although North Lincolnshire Council will be an important stakeholder throughout the entire planning process.



### **Benefits of Little Crow Solar Park**

The proposals are currently in draft form for your consideration and comment. Envisaged benefits are as follows:

- Community fund will be made available to invest in local services and projects over the lifespan of the solar park.
- Commitment to using local suppliers during construction and operation.
- Subsidy free. Little Crow Solar Park will not require Government subsidies. Solar is one of the most cost-effective sources of clean electricity generation in the UK.
- Little Crow Solar Park would save about 50,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per annum.
- Little Crow Solar Park would provide much needed power

supply into the local network.

- Ensure security of energy supply in the Lincolnshire area through more local energy generation.
- Biodiversity enhancements and landscaping proposed across the site.
- The land will be grazed by sheep for the duration of the solar park.
- Our proposals includes 50 Megawatts of battery storage.





### APPENDIX 3.2 INFORMAL FEEDBACK FORMS



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Appleby Village Hall, School Lane, Scunthorpe, DN15 0AS

Now you've had a chance to look around our consultation event, we'd be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete this feedback form – we value your opinion.

What is your overall impression of the proposal?

Do you support this proposal?	Yes	No	
Name:			
Do you live in a DN postcode?	Yes	No	



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### APPENDIX 3.3 INFORMAL LEAFLET



Find out more about a renewable energy project in your area.

INRG Solar is proposing a solar park to the east of the British Steel works at Scunthorpe. The site will generate a maximum of about 120 Megawatts which will be connected into the local electricity network. About 50 Megawatts of battery storage will also be provided on site.



You are invited to attend a public drop-in session, at which you can find out more about the project, see plans and talk to the project team.

SESSION 1 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 14:30 – 19.00

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Little Crow Solar Park will provide green energy to approximately 36,000 households or equivalent business and save circa 51,000 tonnes of Carbon Dioxide per annum.

The benefits of Little Crow Solar Park to the local community are:

- Providing green renewable energy to the local area;
- Providing an income to the Local Authority through business taxes;
- Commitment to using local building suppliers where possible;
- Providing considerable financial input to loca community organisations; and
- Enhancing the flora and fauna in and around the site.

INRG Solar have been active in the UK renewable energy market since 2009 and have been responsible for over 300 Megawatts of renewable power generation. Your comments will be important in developing designs for the Solar Park.

We look forward to meeting you at one of the upcoming public drop-in sessions.



### APPENDIX 3.4 INFORMAL BROCHURE



### ABOUT OUR PROPOSALS FOR LITTLE CROW SOLAR PARK



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### INTRODUCING LITTLE CROW SOLAR PARK

INRG Solar Ltd are proposing to develop the Little Crow Solar Park near Scunthorpe. The site sits to the immediate east of the British Steel works and extends to about 220 hectares. Little Crow Solar Park would provide clean renewable electricity to local homes and businesses.

The main element of Little Crow Solar Park is photovoltaic panels with a generating capacity of about 120 Megawatts (MW). It will generate clean, renewable energy for approximately 36,000 homes a year, which is more than half the number of households in North Lincolnshire. It is proposed to include up to 50 Megawatts of battery storage so that Little Crow Solar Park can store and distribute energy to the grid when it is needed most.

There will be electrical connection infrastructure, and the point of connection to the grid is the existing local 132kva electrical network which runs through the proposed site. Land will be provided for ecological mitigation and enhancement, with particular consideration to fauna, flora and bird species.

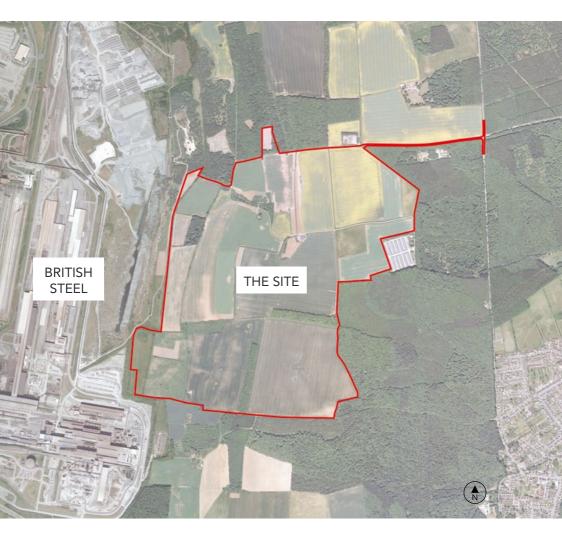
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### WHERE IS LITTLE CROW SOLAR PARK?



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE SOLAR PARK

The main benefits of the development proposals are summarized below. These are not set in stone and INRG will consider any other suggestions as appropriate.

- Community fund will be made available to invest in local services and projects over the lifespan of the solar park;
- Commitment to using local suppliers during construction and operation;
- Subsidy free. Little Crow Solar Park will not require Government subsidies. Solar is one of the most cost-effective sources of clean electricity generation in the UK;
- Little Crow Solar Park would save about 50,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per annum;

- Little Crow Solar Park would provide much needed power supply into the local network;
- Ensure security of energy supply in the Lincolnshire area through more local energy generation;
- Biodiversity enhancements and landscaping proposed across the site;
- The land will be grazed by sheep for the duration of the solar park;
- The proposals includes 50 Megawatts of battery storage.

### WHY IS LITTLE CROW SOLAR PARK IMPORTANT?

Due to effects of global warming and the ageing of our national electricity generation supply the UK needs to significantly increase our renewable energy growth without jeopardising electricity supply, or increasing costs for consumers.

The proposed Little Crow Solar Park is a pioneering scheme, which aims to apply private sector innovation without requiring government subsidies.

A quarter of the UK's generating capacity is due to close by 2018 so a new mix of electricity generation is needed to keep the lights on. Also, with the UK's climate change ambitions being amongst the highest in Europe, we will need solar power to meet our clean energy targets.

### HOW WILL THE LOCAL AREA BENEFIT?

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The Little Crow Solar Park would bring direct and indirect investment to the local area and INRG are committed to using local suppliers and tradespeople during the construction and subsequent maintenance whilst the park is operational. As a significant local business, Little Crow Solar Park will be contributing substantial business rates on an annual basis to North Lincolnshire Council.

A Community Fund will also be made available to invest in local projects over the lifespan of the project and INRG are in early discussions with North Lincolnshire Council to establish how this should be managed at a local level.

### WHO WILL DETERMINE THE PLANNING APPLICATION?

Due to the capacity of Little Crow Solar Park exceeding 50 Megawatts, the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Applications for NSIP projects are made to the Planning Inspectorate and NSIP projects are always determined by the Secretary of State. NSIP projects cannot be determined by the local authority, although North Lincolnshire Council and local communities are very important stakeholders and consultees throughout the entire planning process.

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### **CONSULTATION**

An application for a Development Consent Order is planned to be submitted in late 2018. Prior to this INRG Solar Ltd will be commencing an extensive series of public consultations on plans for the scheme.

We will be hosting our initial community consultation events on the following dates:

SESSION 1 16<sup>th</sup> January | 14:30 - 19:00 **Appleby Village Hall**, School Lane, Scunthorpe, DN15 0AS SESSION 2 17<sup>th</sup> January | 14:30 - 19:00 **Scunthorpe Civic Centre**, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1AB SESSION 3 18<sup>th</sup> January | 14:30 - 19:00 **Broughton Village Hall**, 59 High Street, Broughton,

North Lincolnshire, DN20 0JX

We welcome feedback from members of the community on our draft proposals at these events or on the details provided below.

Email: info@littlecrowsolar.co.uk

Post: Little Crow Solar Park, C/O Pegasus Group, First Floor, South Wing, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4QL Phone: 01454 625945

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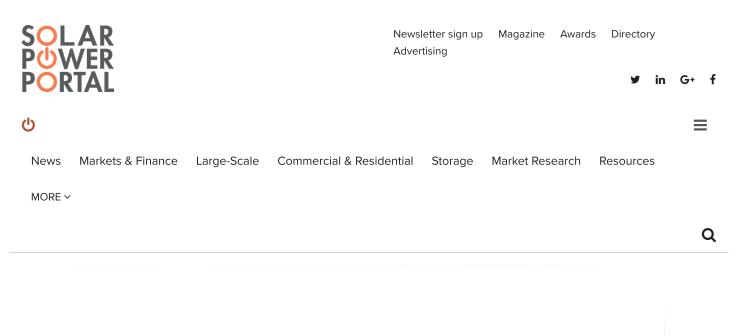






### APPENDIX 3.5 SOLAR POWER PORTAL ARTICLE

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### Second huge solar farm in the works as INRG plots 120MW post-subsidy array

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Hampshire-based INRG Solar is plotting a 120MW solar array near Scunthorpe in what could be the country's second proposed solar farm of significant infrastructure status.

And the project, which is expected to enter planning later this year, could also be developed alongside a 50MW battery storage facility.

INRG intends to develop the solar-plus-storage farm on 220 hectares of land adjacent to the British Steel works near Broughton and Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire.

Describing plans at an "early stage", the developer expects to submit formal plans to the Planning Inspectorate – as all projects over 50MW must do – this summer.

Prior to the formal plans being revealed the developer is holding a number of community consultation events throughout January.

Dubbed Little Crow Solar Farm, it is the second 100MW+ project to be revealed following in the wake of <u>Hive</u> <u>Energy and Wirsol's Cleve Hill Solar Park</u> planned for the Kent coastal region.

Specific details surrounding Little Crow are scant, however it is planned for the project to connect to the local 132kVa electrical network that runs through the site.

The proposed site is also just a stone's throw from a <u>39.2MW site Kinetica Solar energised more than two years</u> <u>ago</u> in collaboration with Tata Steel, which operated the nearby steel works.

INRG has developed more than 300MW of utility-scale solar in the UK and Ian Gannon, director at the firm, said it was INRG's ambition to deliver the first subsidy-free solar project at this scale.

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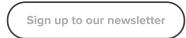
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"We are in the early stages of development and we are looking forward to meeting local residents and business' so we can outline and discuss our proposals prior to the planning application being lodged later in 2018," he said.

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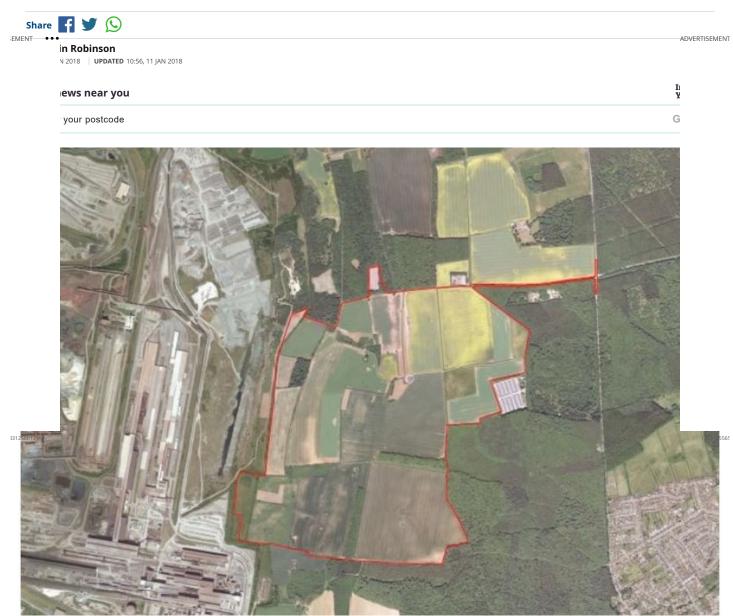


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members of my team are continuing to sup-port them. The family has asked to be allowed to come to terms with their loss without intrusion at this very difficult time." ent Matt Hutchinson, who is leading the inquiry, said: "Our thoughts are with Tamara's family and friends and specialist How sad. May she rest in peace. Humberside Police Detective Superintend









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more about the project, see plans and talk to the project team, You are invited to attend a public drop-in session, at which you can find out

## SESSION 1

14:30 - 19.00 Tuesday 16th January

SESSION 2

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Thursday 18th January

SESSION 3

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For more information Email: info@littlecrowsolar.co.uk Tel: 01454 625945 or visit www.littlecrowsolar.co.uk

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#### APPENDIX 3.8 STAKEHOLDER LETTER AND SCHEDULE OF RECIPIENTS



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3 January 2018

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Dear «Name»

#### Little Crow Solar Park, east of British Steel Works, Scunthorpe

I am writing to you to let you know about a proposed Solar and Battery Park on land to the east of the Scunthorpe Steel Works. A Site Location Plan is provided under cover of this letter.

As you may be aware, the Government aims to equal or exceed 15% of gross energy requirements from renewable energy sources by 2020. During 2013 only 5.1% of final energy consumption was from renewable energy sources. It further aims to cut carbon dioxide emissions by some 50% by 2025 rising to 80% by 2050, whilst maintaining a reliable and affordable source of energy. To achieve these targets a greater emphasis is being placed on the increased development of ground mounted solar and battery energy parks. The proposed development would not require any subsidy from the Government and would provide much needed clean power supply into the local network.

Prior to the preparation of any detailed proposals we are undertaking a series of drop-in events in order to explain the scheme and the planning application process. Further drop in session will be arranged as the scheme develops. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to these initial sessions and to make you aware that we have written to local residents to extend this invitation. We have also written to Appleby Parish Council, Broughton Town Council and other senior members of North Lincolnshire Council. Details of the consultation events are as follows:

- Session 1 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January Appleby Village Hall, School Lane, Scunthorpe, DN15 0AS
- Session 2 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January Scunthorpe Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1AB
- Session 3 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January Broughton Village Hall, 59 High Street, Broughton, North Lincolnshire, DN20 0JX

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In all cases, the event will be held between 2:30pm – 7pm. I hope you find this proposal agreeable and look forward to meeting you at one of the scheduled drop-in events. If you require any further information at this stage, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely

R-H. MORISON

Richard Morison Principal Planner e-mail: <u>richard.morison@pegasusgroup.co.uk</u>



#### SCHEDULE OF RECIPIENTS

- Cllr Richard Hannigan, Deputy Leader, North Lincolnshire Council
- Chris Barwell, Spatial Planning Manager, North Lincolnshire Council
- Cllr Nigel Sherwood, Planning Committee Chairman, North Lincolnshire Council
- Cllr Rob Waltham (MBE), North Lincolnshire Council
- Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council
- Shaun Robson, Group Manager Development Management and Building Control, North Lincolnshire Council
- Sean Brennan, Special Projects and Programmes Team Manager, North Lincolnshire Council
- Lesley Potts, Head of Economic Development, North Lincolnshire Council
- Matthew Collinson, Economic Development Team, North Lincolnshire Council
- Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership
- Lord Haskins of Skidby, Chair of the Humber LEP, Humber Local Enterprise Partnership
- Gary Johnson Chair of Town Council, Broughton Town Council
- Mrs Lynn Watson, Clerk of Parish Council, Appleby Parish Council
- Andrew Percy MP for Brigg and Goo
- Nic Dakin MP for Scunthorpe
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust



#### APPENDIX 3.9 INTERESTED PARTIES LETTER



RM/P17-0718

3 January 2018

«Name\_» «Address\_»

#### **BY RECORDED DELIVERY**

Dear «Name\_»

#### Little Crow Solar Park, east of British Steel Works, Scunthorpe

Pegasus Group are working as planning consultants for INRG Ltd (the applicant) in respect of a proposed solar park to the east of the British Steel Works, Scunthorpe. The proposed output of the solar park will be greater than 50 Megawatts, thereby qualifying the project as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

In line with guidance on the pre-application process published alongside the Planning Act 2008 we are duly consulting each person who is an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land that forms part of the proposed development site when the applicant enters into informal consultation in February 2018 with the Local Planning Authority, North Lincolnshire Council in this case. We enclose a copy of the Site Location Plan for your records that identifies the extent of the proposed development site.

This letter is intended as initial notification of the applicant's intent to consult. A series of public drop in sessions are scheduled during January 2018 as detailed below:

**Session 1** – 16<sup>th</sup> January, Appleby Village Hall, School Lane, Scunthorpe, DN15 0AS

**Session 2** – 17<sup>th</sup> January, Scunthorpe Civic Centre, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1AB

**Session 3** – 18<sup>th</sup> January, Broughton Village Hall, 59 High Street, Broughton, North Lincolnshire, DN20 0JX

Should you wish to contact North Lincolnshire Council directly regarding the project, you can do so from February 2018 using the details provided below:

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#### North Lincolnshire Council

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Yours sincerely

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#### APPENDIX 3.10 INFORMAL NLC PRE-APPLICATION RESPONSE

#### **ENVIRONMENT TEAM**

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### MEMO



#### OFFICE

To: Andrew Law, Development Control
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From: Andrew Taylor, Environment Team

Your Ref: PRE/2018/137

Date: 10 October 2018

Subject: Ground mounted solar park up to 150MWp Little Crow Solar Park, Santon, Scunthorpe

#### Summary

- EIA is required.
- The proposed approach to landscape and visual impact assessment is acceptable.
- The ecological survey methods used and the survey effort deployed are appropriate for the site in question.
- The site has importance for a number of protected and priority species and habitats.

 Appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures are proposed, but DCO requirements will need to be carefully drafted to ensure that important features are properly managed over the 35-year lifetime of the project.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Team on the above pre-application enquiry. Apologies for the delay in replying. The following opinion is given at your request and is without prejudice to any decision which may be made upon receipt of a formal application.

#### Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)- general points.

I have read the draft Environmental Statement. I agree that EIA is required. I also agree with the proposal to consider alternatives.

The method proposed for the assessment of impact and the provision of mitigation and enhancement measures appears to be appropriate.

#### Landscape

Whilst I am not a landscape expert, I do tend to be asked to comment on the landscape assessments and impacts for proposals such as this. I agree with the approach to the assessment and mitigation of landscape and visual impacts, as set out in section 6 of the draft environmental statement.

Section 6.7.11 proposes, "the planting of new hedgerows along the security fences adjacent to the public right of way through the site and the sowing of wildflower seed in the margins between the path and the hedges."

I support the planting of mixed native hedgerows and the sowing of UK origin wildflower seed, if a locally appropriate mix is used.

Where habitat creation is proposed as mitigation, compensation or planning gain, the underlying survey information should be adequate for regulatory authorities to assess whether the proposals are feasible. In addition to information on species and habitats, it will also be necessary to measure physical conditions including (but not exclusively) soil conditions and hydrology. Where applicable, the applicant should follow the standards set out in Natural England Technical Information Notes. For it to be worthwhile to sow wildflower seed, a nutrient poor soil is required- ideally with a phosphorus index value of less than 1. If such soils are not present at the moment, then remedial works will be required before sowing wildflower seed.

For the hedgerows and wildflowers along the Public Right of Way to be of lasting benefit, they will require ongoing management. The Council's responsibilities in this respect are limited to way-clearance and maintenance of the route only. The landowner or solar farm operator will therefore need to make provision for the ongoing management of the hedgerows and wildflowers for the 35-year lifetime of the project. This should be secured through the requirements attached to the DCO.

#### **Protected and Priority Species**

I have considered this application in accordance with Natural England's standing advice for protected specieshttp://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningtransportlocalgov/spatialpla nning/standingadvice/default.aspx.

"The Application Site consists of 16 predominantly arable fields bordered by a network of hedgerows and extensive woodland plantations. The land gradually slopes to the western edge of the site. Grassland, scrub and ruderal habitat are also present in discrete areas around the site" (Draft ES para 7.4.2). With these habitats, the standing advice guides us to consider the following protected species or groups:

Habitat, building or land	Species to look for
Meadows, grassland, parkland and pasture on the land or linked to the site (by similar habitat)	Bats, badgers, breeding birds, great crested newts, invertebrates, reptiles and protected plants
Ponds or slow-flowing water bodies (like ditches) on the site, or within 500m and linked by semi-natural habitat such as parks or heaths	Breeding birds, fish, great crested newts, water voles, invertebrates and crayfish
Rough grassland and previously developed land (brownfield sites), on or next to the site	Breeding bird, reptiles, invertebrate and protected plants
Woodland, scrub and hedgerows on, or next to the site	Bats, breeding birds, badgers, dormice, invertebrates, great crested newts, smooth snakes (see reptiles) and protected plants

Dormice, smooth snakes and white clawed crayfish do not occur in North Lincolnshire and do not need to be considered further.

I have read Ecology chapter of the submitted draft Environmental Statement. The survey methods used and the survey effort deployed are appropriate for the site in question. The application site is largely arable land, but supports the following important features:

- Arable margins, supporting the vulnerable plant henbane.
- Semi-improved grassland with a variety of orchid species.
- Mixed broadleaved woodland.
- Hedgerows
- Ponds
- Badger setts
- Bats- five species foraging.
- Priority species of farmland bird (breeding)- Skylark, Yellow wagtail, Lapwing, Reed Bunting, Bulfinch, Linnet, Song thrush, Dunnock.
- An assemblage of wintering farmland birds. On one occasion, 107 lapwing were recorded- equivalent to over 1% of the Humber Estuary population for this species. There is no evidence to indicate whether or not this flock was linked to the Humber Estuary.

In addition, the site lies nest to ancient woodland and near to the important open mosaic habitats of the steelworks, which support priority species of butterfly, including wall, small heath and grayling.

#### Evaluation

Section 7.5.2 of the draft Environmental Statement lists some ecological mitigation and enhancement measures that are broadly welcomed. I shall not repeat the list here. However, it is worth noting that this section states that the grassland will be grazed by sheep. For other local solar farms where grazing has been proposed at the application stage, no grazing is actually taking place on the site once operational. We should therefore use DCO requirements to secure grazing or alternative measures to maintain habitat quality.

Sections 7.6.14-7.6.19 detail appropriate mitigation measures to protect woodland, and ancient woodland in particular.

Sections 7.6.35-7.6.36 detail appropriate mitigation measures to conserve arable plants.

Sections 7.6.91-7.6.96 detail appropriate mitigation measures to conserve badgers.

Sections 7.6.123-7.6.129 detail appropriate mitigation measures to conserve farmland birds.

Sections 7.6.155-7.6.157 detail appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures to conserve invertebrates, including priority species of butterfly. Where possible, the deployment of sandy and stony substrates would also benefit these species. In particular the grayling butterfly, in Lincolnshire/East Midlands terms, only exists on the eastern edge of Scunthorpe and could benefit greatly from such habitat.

The other proposed mitigation and enhancement measures in section 7.6 are acceptable.

The proposed Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) will need to be carefully drafted, agreed in writing and fully implemented for the lifetime of the project to ensure that the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures achieve the desired outcomes.

#### **Biodiversity Enhancement**

The National Planning Policy Framework states that:

"The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:

- protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils;
- recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services;
- minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures..."

"opportunities to incorporate biodiversity in and around developments should be encouraged;"

With this proposal, biodiversity enhancement should be secured as described under "Evaluation" above.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Andrew Taylor Project Officer (Ecologist)

#### Annex- Ecology and Legal Protection

#### Bats

All species of bat are protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and Schedule 2 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 making all species of bat European Protected Species. Details of the legislation can be found at:

Wildlife and Countryside Act <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/contents</a>

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act: <u>http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/ukpga\_20000037\_en\_7#pt3-pb8-l1g81</u>

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 <u>http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/uksi\_20100490\_en\_1</u>

#### Nesting birds

It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981(WCA 1981) to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is use or being built. The WCA 1981 also provides that all wild birds and their eggs are protected and cannot be killed or taken except under licence.

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MEMO



To: Andrew Law, Development Management

From: Environmental Health (Commercial)

Your Ref: Pre planning application, PRE/2018/137

Our Ref PLU 003933

Subject: Ground mounted solar park up to 150MWp

Location: Little Crow Solar Park, Santon, Scunthorpe

Date: 30 August 2018

Thank you for your email requesting this department's comments on the above pre Application request.

The applicant has included details of the proposed development for the installation of a solar park with a maximum export capacity of 100Mw. The proposal will also include approximately 50Mw of battery storage containers that will provide a frequency response to the national grid at times when the solar park is not exporting at peak capacity.

There will also be electrical connection infrastructure and the point of connection into the local electricity grid is directly to the 132kva electricity overhead pylon which already runs through the development site.

Due to the potential generating capacity, at over 50Mw, this project constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and the application will go to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order.

The proposed development is 140m to the nearest sensitive residential receptors, this department therefore requires the following with any planning permission applied for.

#### **Construction Environmental Management (CEMP)**

This department is concerned that noise, dust, light etc. during the construction phase has the potential to impact on amenity. To prevent local residents and other sensitive receptors being affected during the construction of the proposed development, this department recommends the inclusion of the following conditions: 1. No stage of the development hereby permitted shall commence until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall include the following:-

Noise and vibration: The CEMP shall set out the particulars of -

- a) the works, and the method by which they are to be carried out;
- b) the noise and vibration attenuation measures to be taken to minimise noise and vibration resulting from the works, including any noise limits; and
- c) a scheme for monitoring the noise and vibration during the works to ensure compliance with the noise limits and the effectiveness of the attenuation measures

#### Light: The CEMP shall set out the particulars of -

- a) Specified locations for contractors' compounds and materials storage areas,
- b) Areas where lighting will be required for health and safety purposes,
- c) Location of potential temporary floodlights,
- d) Identification of sensitive receptors likely to be impacted upon by light nuisance,
- e) Proposed methods of mitigation against potential light nuisance, including potential glare and light spill, on sensitive receptors.

#### Dust: The CEMP shall set out the particulars of -

- a) Site dust monitoring, recording and complaint investigation procedures
- b) Identification of receptors and the related risk of dust impact at all phases of the development, including when buildings and properties start to be occupied
- c) Provision of water to the site
- d) Dust mitigation techniques at all stages of development
- e) Prevention of dust trackout
- f) Communication with residents and other receptors
- g) A commitment to cease the relevant operation if dust emissions are identified either by regular site monitoring or by the local authority
- h) A no burning of waste policy

- 2. Construction and site clearance operations shall be limited to the following days and hours:
  - 07:00 to 19:00hrs Monday to Friday.
  - 07:00 to 13:00hrs Saturday.
  - No construction or site clearance operations on Sundays or public holidays.
  - HGV movements shall not be permitted outside these hours during the construction phase without prior written approval from the Local Planning Authority.
  - Installation of equipment on site shall not be permitted outside these hours without prior written approval from the Local Planning Authority.

#### **Operational noise**

The applicant has not provided any information in relation to operational noise of the development site including the use of battery storage containers. However, given the location and nature of the proposed development, it is likely that operational noise will not give rise to significant adverse impact provided that any necessary mitigation measures are included. This department would expect a planning application to include details of operational noise sources and predicted noise levels at relevant locations.

#### Contaminated Land

A desk study has been included with this application. The desk study has indicated that the current site has a prolonged history of agricultural usage, with no evidence of large scale ironstone extraction or landfilling within the boundaries. However due to the proximity to the steel works, this department would recommend checking for the location of ironstone gullets and mineshafts in the area before any development is undertaken.

#### PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

REFERENCE: PRE/2018/137

CASE OFFICER: ANDREW LAW



TEAM:HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORDAUTHOR:ALISON WILLIAMS, HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT OFFICERTEL:01724 297471EMAIL:alison.williams@northlincs.gov.uk



SUBJECT:	PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE - Ground mounted solar park up to 150MWp, Little Crow Solar Park, Santon, Scunthorpe
PARISH:	SCAWBY

#### DATE ISSUED: 13/09/2018

#### SUMMARY OF ADVICE

- The proposed development has the potential to impact on non-designated heritage assets and their settings, including any as yet undiscovered heritage assets of archaeological interest of equivalent significance to scheduled monuments
- The applicant has prepared a Baseline Heritage Assessment based on current recorded information (Draft ES, Appendix 8.1); this has previously been submitted to the HER
- The applicant has also commissioned an archaeological evaluation of the site in line with NPS EN-1 paragraph 5.8.8, NPPF paragraph 189 and Local Plan policies CS6 and HE9
- The agreed strategy for archaeological evaluation, prepared by Cotswold Archaeology, comprises geophysical survey, fieldwalking and trial trenching; the geophysical survey is currently underway
- The results of the completed archaeological evaluation will inform an updated Heritage Assessment of the significance of the heritage assets and any direct and indirect impacts of the proposed development; in turn, this assessment will inform any appropriate mitigation measures to conserve relevant assets either in situ or by record
- Where possible, this information should be fed into the ES prior to submission of the application; where results are not available within this timescale we should expect that they will be submitted as addenda to the ES for consideration during the determination process
- Further comments on Chapter 8 of the Draft ES are set out below.

**HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD (HER) FUNCTION:** To hold, maintain, interpret and manage heritage information, enhancing the understanding of the area's historical development as a distinctive and attractive place. HER information provides source material for interpretation by heritage professionals and for use by community groups and individuals. The HER database is updated as new information about the historic environment is discovered.

The HER also provides advice on development proposals that affect, or may affect, the sites and settings of all heritage assets i.e. designated and non-designated historic buildings, archaeological sites and monuments, and historic places, areas and landscapes. This advice is provided against saved local plan policies and national historic environment policies. See <a href="http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/historic-environment-and-conservation/">http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/historic-environment-and-conservation/</a>

**DETAILED ADVICE:** Thank you for consulting the HER on this pre-application proposal. The Cultural Heritage section of the Draft Environmental Statement comprises Chapter 8 of Volume 1 and Technical Appendix 8.1 Heritage Desk Based Baseline Survey Report. Eddie Rychlak and I were consulted on the latter report earlier this year; Eddie confirmed that the setting assessment of the built heritage assets is satisfactory. This memo therefore focusses on the archaeological heritage resource.

My comments on Chapter 8 of the Draft Environmental Statement (ES) are as follows:

#### 8.2 ASSESSMENT APPROACH

Paragraph 8.2.5 Settings Assessment, refers to designated heritage assets only, whereas Historic England's Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3: The Setting of Heritage Assets (Second Edition) is clear that <u>all</u> heritage assets may have a setting. Step 1 of this guidance: Identify which heritage assets and their settings are affected, does not differentiate between undesignated and designated heritage assets, nor does the NPPF (para 197) or NPPG. The draft ES should include setting assessments of the undesignated assets; the Baseline Report included a setting assessment for the site of Gokewell Priory, one of the undesignated heritage assets within the site.

Paragraph 8.2.10 (and paragraph 8.2.26) could usefully include the rest of NPPF paragraph189 regarding archaeological evaluation, and note that the description of significance of any heritage assets in the ES may be added to in response to the iterative gathering of survey data following the archaeological evaluation as referred to in paragraph 8.1.2

Table 8.1 Criteria for Assessment of the Significance of Heritage Assets and paragraph 8.2.16. I welcome the methodology of moving away from the matrix-led approach to one based on a more discursive approach. However, table 8.1 appears to be missing categories that I would expect to see considered such as the inclusion of the following:

- Non-designated heritage assets of equivalent significance to scheduled monuments (NPPF 193b footnote 63);
- Non-designated heritage assets the significance of which has been ascertained through sufficient evaluation and assessment;
- The category of Uncertain is not appropriate, it is already covered by non-designated heritage assets the significance of which has not yet been ascertained through sufficient evaluation and assessment
- Negligible: remains that have been sufficiently demonstrated to have no archaeological interest as defined in the NPPF Glossary

Paragraph 8.2.18 refers to temporary effects on the settings of heritage assets if the development has a limited lifespan, and that these temporary effects can be short, medium or long-term, but does not quantify any of these terms.

Table 8.2 Magnitude of Effect upon Heritage Assets and paragraph 8.2.20. Drawing a distinction between designated and undesignated heritage assets in relation to the level of harm is potentially confusing and unhelpful; the scale of harm to all heritage assets irrespective of any designation status should be expressed in consistent terminology as substantial harm or less than substantial harm equivalent to loss of significance in whole or part (NPPF paragraph 199).

Paragraph 8.2.30 Limitations to the Assessment, could usefully refer to the ongoing archaeological field evaluation being undertaken in accordance with NPPF 189 & Local Plan policies CS6 & HE9, and that the results will inform an updated assessment of significance as they become available, as part of the iterative process set out in paragraph 8.1.2.

#### 8.3 BASELINE CONDITIONS

Paragraphs 8.3.13-15 The Setting of Designated Heritage Assets, designated and non-designated heritage assets should be included in this assessment. It is not explained in the draft ES why the setting assessments refer only to designated heritage assets. All heritage assets may have a setting and the HE guidance does not state that only designated heritage assets should be identified for appropriate assessment.

Paragraph 8.3.17 Known and Potential Archaeological Remains. It should be noted that following the completion of the ongoing archaeological evaluation of the site, and an updated Heritage Assessment informed by the results, the potential for any further undiscovered archaeological remains within the site would be considerably reduced, in line with the iterative approach to the preparation of the ES.

Paragraph 8.3.18 Cropmarks of a round barrow, to note that these archaeological investigations are ongoing and results will update the draft ES.

#### 8.4 ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS

8.4.4 Operation Phase Effects. I disagree with the proposal to scope out buried archaeological remains as this does not take into account any indirect effects on their settings and assessment of impact on significance. This assessment will need to be informed by the results of archaeological evaluation.

8.4.6 I disagree with the proposal to scope out effects as a result of the decommissioning phase ; the ES does need to assess the impacts of decommissioning on any heritage assets informed by the results of archaeological evaluation and taking into account any mitigation measures that may be required for construction phases; an informed assessment of impact based on the details of the decommissioning activities should therefore be scoped into the heritage assessment.

#### **8.5 MITIGATION AND ENHANCEMENT**

Paragraph 8.5.2 reference to NPPF paragraph135 should be 197 and paragraph 141 should be 200.

The sections of Mitigation by Design and Additional Mitigation including Table 8.3 will need to be updated following the results of archaeological evaluation and revised Heritage Assessment of significance and impact.

Paragraph 8.5.9 Enhancements, I welcome the inclusion of this proposal and would certainly look for a firm commitment to produce and install an interpretive board alongside Gokewell Priory Site beside the adjacent PROW.

Paragraph 8.7.5 should refer to Gokewell Priory Site, unless the archaeological evaluation demonstrates that there would be no direct or indirect effect. Of the second sentence, this has not yet been ascertained until the completion of the archaeological evaluation and the results have been assessed.

I will keep you informed of progress with the archaeological evaluation as Cotswold Archaeology updates the HER.

#### Fw: PRE/2018/137 - Little Crow Solar Park, Santon, Scunthorpe

#### Darren Cowling

Thu 20/09/2018 15:28

To:Andrew Law <Andrew.Law@northlincs.gov.uk>;

Cc:Planning <Planning@northlincs.gov.uk>;

#### Andy,

Louisa and I have had some discussions with the applicants representative regarding a Construction Phase TMP and have raised the question of where the site will connect to the grid.

These items will form the basis of any conditions we will advise.

#### Thanks Darren



North Lincolnshire is a great place to live and work; if you want to foster, adopt or become a social worker we would love to hear from you. Contact - **fostering@northlincs.gov.uk** | **01724 297024** 

From: Sarah-Lee Bootland <planningapplications@northlincs.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 August 2018 16:38
To: PlanningApplicationNotifications
Subject: PRE/2018/137 - Little Crow Solar Park, Santon, Scunthorpe

#### North Lincolnshire Council Planning

Case Officer: Andrew Law ground mounted solar park up to 150MWp Dear Sir/Madam Your views are requested upon the above proposal. Please email your response direct to the case officer within 14 days of the date of this email quoting the application reference number PRE/2018/137

#### **Development Management**

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 Our Ref:
 PRE/2018/137

 Your Ref:
 GRO/P17-0718

Date: 30 October 2018

Colin Virtue Executive Director Pegasus Group First Floor South Wing Equinox North Great Park Road Almondsbury Bristol BS32 4QL

Dear Mr Virtue,

#### National Significant Infrastructure Project in the Energy Sector Informal Consultation with North Lincolnshire Council - Little Crow Solar Park, Scunthorpe

Thank you for your consultation letter dated 3 August 2018, I apologise for the delay in responding to this informal stage of pre-application consultation.

I have taken the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Statement and Draft Technical Appendices and documents submitted to the authority. Technical consultees within the Council have raised matters which will hopefully advise the final production of the Environmental Statement and support you in making a robust submission to the Planning Inspectorate. I have enclosed these consultation responses for your information, please feel free to discuss these matters with the relevant people and do not hesitate to contact me should you require any contact details for the consultees. I would be grateful if you could keep me copied into any future correspondence with technical consultees so that I can project manage this scheme and collate formal responses to you in the future.

North Lincolnshire Council does not wish to raise any objection to the principle of the proposed scheme at this moment in time. At the examination stage North Lincolnshire Council will produce a Local Impact Report which will need to be agreed by local members at Planning Committee and as such we do reserve the right to

raise concerns at a later stage following consideration of the application by committee members.

At this stage of informal pre-application consultation I would like to make the following observations:

#### Landscape and Visual Impact

Having reviewed Chapter 6 of the Draft ES I can confirm agreement to the approach to the assessment and mitigation of landscape and visual impacts.

The proposal for planting of new hedgerows along the security fences adjacent to the public right of way through the site and the sowing of wildflower seed in the margins between the path and the hedges is supported on the understanding that the hedging would be of mixed native species and that the wildflower seed is of UK origin. However, it should be noted that for the hedgerows and wildflowers along the Public Right of Way to be of lasting benefit, they will require ongoing management. The council's responsibilities in this respect are limited to way-clearance and maintenance of the route only. The landowner or solar farm operator will therefore need to make provision for ongoing management of the hedgerows and wildflowers for the 35-year lifetime of the project.

#### **Ecology and Nature Conservation**

Having reviewed Chapter 7 of the Draft ES and the comments supplied by the council's ecologist I can confirm that the survey methods used and survey effort deployed is appropriate for the site in question.

Section 7.5.2 of the Draft ES lists ecological and enhancement measures that are generally acceptable and welcomed. However, it is noted that this section proposes that the grassland will be grazed by sheep. The local authorities experience with other local solar farms is that where grazing has been proposed at the application stage, no grazing has actually taken place on the sites once operational. Therefore, alternative measures to maintain habitat quality may need to be secured should grazing not be forthcoming.

Sections 7.6.155 – 7.6.157 detail appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures to conserve invertebrates, including priority species of butterfly. Where possible the deployment of sandy and stony substrates would also benefit these species. In particular the grayling butterfly, within Lincolnshire/East Midlands, only exists on the eastern edge of Scunthorpe and could greatly benefit from such habitat.

The proposed Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) will need to be carefully drafted, agreed in writing and fully implemented for the lifetime of the project to ensure that the proposed mitigation and enhancement measures achieve the desired outcomes.

#### **Cultural Heritage**

The council's Historic Environment Record make comments on the content of Chapter 8 of the Draft ES and these comments are set out in the enclosed consultation response. In addition to these comments it is understood that an archaeological evaluation of the site has been commissioned. The agreed strategy for archaeological evaluation, prepared by Cotswold Archaeology, comprises geophysical survey, fieldwalking and trial trenching. As far as I am aware the archaeological evaluation is currently underway. The results of the completed evaluation will inform an updated Heritage Assessment of the significance of the heritage assets and any direct and indirect impacts of the proposed development. In turn, the Heritage Assessment will inform any appropriate mitigation measures to conserve relevant assets either in situ or by record. Where possible this information should be fed into the ES prior to submission of the application. Where results are not available within this timescale it is expected that they will be submitted as addenda to the ES for consideration during the determination process.

#### Land Quality

No concerns have been raised by the council's Environmental Health team with respect to the methodology used to prepare the Draft Ground Conditions Desk Study. The desk study indicates that the current site has a prolonged history of agricultural usage, with no evidence of large-scale ironstone extraction or landfilling within the boundaries. However due to the proximity to the Scunthorpe Steel Works, it is recommended to check for the location of ironstone gullets and mineshafts in the area prior to development being undertaken.

#### **Operational Noise**

No information has been provided in relation to operational noise from the development, including the use of battery storage containers. However, given the location and nature of the development, it is likely that operational noise will not give rise to significant adverse impact provided that any necessary mitigation measures are included. The LPA would expect to see some consideration of operational noise as part of the application.

In addition, it is noted that noise, dust, light etc. during the construction phase has the potential to impact on amenity. To prevent local residents and other sensitive receptors being affected during the construction of the proposed development the LPA would recommend the inclusion of requirements to secure an appropriate Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and to control the hours of operation.

#### **Highway Safety**

The council's Highways team has raise no objections to the proposed development and anticipate that operational traffic will be relatively minor. However, there is likely to be significant traffic generated as a result of the construction and decommissioning of the solar farm and as such the LPA would expect a Construction Phase Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) to be submitted and agreed prior to construction operations taking place. This plan could be secured via a requirement as part of any forthcoming DCO. In particular, the CTMP will need to give consideration to the suitability of the existing access into the site and the management of the crossroads at the access point during construction and decommissioning.

#### Drainage

Having reviewed the Draft Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy and taking advice from the council's drainage officers I can confirm that the scope and detail of the draft report is acceptable. Notwithstanding this, it is important that the developer ensures that all watercourses within the development site are maintained throughout the lifetime of the development in accordance with their riparian responsibilities.

#### **Cumulative Impact**

With respect to proposals which are not currently in existence and may need to be taken into account as part of a cumulative impacts assessment the only major scheme that I am aware of which may have the potential to have cumulative environmental impacts is PA/2018/1316, a pending application for the retention of an existing wellsite for long-term hydrocarbon production at Lodge Farm, Clapp Gate, Appleby.

The council does maintain an up-to-date weekly list of submitted planning applications on its website and we would be able to carry out a search of recent planning approvals and pending planning applications in a specified Zone of Influence should this be required.

#### **Community Consultation**

I have already provided comments on the informal draft Statement of Community Consultation in my email dated 3 October 2018, confirming agreement to the proposed consultation strategy subject to a minor revision to the 'Prescribed Bodies' set out in table 4.3. I have no further comments to make in this respect at the current time and will provide an updated response to the formal consultation on the SOCC in due course.

I trust that the comments contained within this letter and enclosures are helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this response or this development. Yours Sincerely

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