

19 March 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

## Light Valley Solar

**Notice of acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.**

### **Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008**

**Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (‘APFP Regulations’).**

**Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (‘EIA Regulations’).**

Light Valley Solar Limited submitted an application (the “Application”) for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the Planning Act 2008 to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility with a capacity greater than 100 Megawatts (MW).

Light Valley Solar (the “Proposed Development”) covers approximately 1270 hectares (3140 acres) of predominantly agricultural land between the villages of Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. This includes Solar Development Sites which cover approximately 900 hectares. A map showing the location of the Proposed Development can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>

Enclosed with this letter is a Section 56 Notice, and a Site Location Plan for the Project. The Environmental Statement (ES) can be found alongside all other application documents via the following link: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012/documents>

### **Application acceptance and representations**

We write, pursuant to Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the APFP Regulations, and the enclosed Section 56 Notice provides notification that the Application has been accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 09 March 2026. This letter and the Section 56 Notice has been served on you as you have been identified as either a person or a body prescribed by the Secretary of State under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 who must be notified of the acceptance of the Application.

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The enclosed Section 56 Notice includes a description of the Proposed Development and details of how to register as an Interested Party with PINS and submit a Relevant Representation. All Interested Parties must register and submit a Relevant Representation before **11.59pm on Thursday 30 April 2026**.

Becoming an Interested Party gives you the right to make representations about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate and be informed of the progress of its examination. Any person may register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation on the Application during the representation period, which must be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Examining Authority will be appointed soon and will use the views put forward in the Relevant Representations to carry out an initial assessment of the principal issues. Therefore, even if you are automatically an Interested Party because you have an interest in the land affected by the Application or your organisation is on a list of prescribed bodies, you should still complete a Relevant Representation form so that your views can be made available to the Examining Authority at an early stage. Interested Parties are also invited to consider the Application, and the information provided in the Environmental Statement.

After the deadline to register and submit a Relevant Representation has passed, all representations will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage for Light Valley Solar.

#### Further information

The enclosed Section 56 Notice also includes information on how to view and obtain copies of the Application form and accompanying documents.

The Application documents, including the Environmental Statement are available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's page for Light Valley Solar here: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012/documents>

A map showing the location of the Proposed Development is enclosed with this letter.

If you would like further information about this letter, or for any other general enquiries regarding the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below.

- **Email:** [info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk](mailto:info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk)
- **Online:** [www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk](http://www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk)
- **Freepost:** FREEPOST Light Valley Solar
- **Phone:** 0808 281 4784 (open 09:00-17:00, Monday to Friday. A voicemail service will operate for out of office hours)

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**Please note that all representations on the application documents should be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate using the details on the enclosed notice and by the deadline of 11.59pm on 30 April 2026.**

Yours faithfully,

**Annette Lardeur**

Project Development Manager

**On behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited**

Enclosed: Section 56 Notice; Site Location Plan.

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