

Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008

Regulation 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application (the "Application") by Light Valley Solar Limited (Company Number 13290180), whose registered office is Unit 25.7 Coda Studios 189 Munster Road, London, England, SW6 6AW ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008.

The Application (Reference No. EN0110012) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 10 February 2026 and was accepted for examination on 09 March 2026.

Summary of the Proposed Development

2. Light Valley Solar (hereafter referred to as "the Proposed Development") comprises the construction of a generating station and associated infrastructure with a capacity over 100 MW within the administrative boundary of North Yorkshire Council.

3. The Proposed Development together covers approximately 1270 hectares (ha) (3140 acres) of predominantly agricultural land between the villages of Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. This includes the Solar Development Sites (total area of 900 ha); Cable Route Corridor (total area of 328.5 ha); Highways Improvements Areas (HIA) (total area of 17.1 ha); and Solar Development Site 8 Access (total area of 24.1 ha). The Proposed Development would connect to the National Grid at the existing Monk Fryston substation. 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>

4. Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity greater than 100 MW. It is for this reason that the Proposed Development falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.

5. The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Proposed Development, the temporary stopping up or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development

6. Due to its nature and size, the Proposed Development is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Proposed Development constitutes development for which an EIA is required.

The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

7. The Application form and its accompanying documents (including accompanying plans, maps, the Environmental Statement, and the draft

DCO (the "Application Documents")) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Light Valley Solar page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab until at least the end of the Relevant Representation period on 30 April 2026: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012/documents>

8. This link will also be available on the Applicant's project website: <https://www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/>

9. An electronic copy of the Application Documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk, write to FREEPOST Light Valley Solar (free of charge; you do not need a stamp) or telephone 0808 281 4784 (free of charge).

10. The Application Documents can be made available in hard copy format on request to the Applicant. Document requests can be made using the contact details at the bottom of this notice. Please note that reasonable printing costs may apply. Requests may be made for documents in bespoke or alternative formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) or specific individual documents. Given the size and format of the Application Documents, a full suite of documents to publication specifications may cost up to £5,000.

Making Representations

11. The Registration and Relevant Representation Form can be accessed and completed online on the on the Light Valley Solar page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110012>

12. The Planning Inspectorate's guidance, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation>

13. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate on or before 11.59pm on Thursday 30 April 2026.

14. It should be noted that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published alongside a representation. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state why when submitting the representation. If necessary, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name and personal data redacted. Please note that all representations submitted will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices>

Contacting the Applicant

15. Further information about the Application may be obtained from the Applicant, through the contact details provided below.

Email: info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk

Online: 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)