

# Frodsham Solar

Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in accordance with section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008.

Notice is hereby given that **Frodsham Solar Limited (Company Number 14432433)**, whose registered office is **Venus Building 1 Old Park Lane, Trafford City, Manchester, United Kingdom, M41 7HA (“the Applicant”)** has produced a **Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”)** in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

## The project

1. The Applicant is proposing to make an application under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order to authorise a new solar energy generation station and an associated on-site Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (“Frodsham Solar”) on land at Frodsham Marsh, Frodsham, Cheshire West and Chester. The project also includes the associated infrastructure for connection to the local electricity distribution network, as well as private wire electricity connections to nearby businesses that would utilise the renewable energy generated by Frodsham Solar.

2. Frodsham Solar would allow for the generation and export of over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity, as well as the storage of electricity in the BESS. In doing so, Frodsham Solar will support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system by delivering sustainable, homegrown and low-cost energy to the region.

3. The Applicant is committed to working closely with stakeholders and the local community to develop the project by having regard to the feedback received through consultation.

4. The Applicant is part of Peel Cubico Renewables, a joint venture partnership between natural resources and energy business Peel NRE and global renewable energy company Cubico Sustainable Investments.

## Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

5. The Applicant has a duty to consult the local community under section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant has, therefore, prepared a SoCC that explains how people living in the vicinity of the proposed project boundary will be consulted throughout the pre-application process.

6. The consultation process is designed to provide information about Frodsham Solar and give the opportunity for local communities to have their say and help develop the final design for the project.

7. The Applicant has consulted relevant Local Planning Authorities on the contents of the SoCC and duly considered the comments made regarding the proposed approach to consultation.

8. This notice provides formal notification of the publication of the SoCC which can be viewed on the project website ([www.frodshamsolar.co.uk](http://www.frodshamsolar.co.uk)) and is also available to view free-of-charge from the Community Access Points listed in this notice.

## The consultation process

9. The Applicant will carry out a first phase of community consultation on their initial proposals between 01 June – 13 July 2023.

10. The Applicant will also undertake a second phase of community consultation on more developed plans, including a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This is intended to take place from Winter 2023 and will be publicised closer to the time in line with the methods described in the SoCC.

11. Each phase of consultation will include a series of activities, which will be available and accessible to all interested members of the local community. Consultation materials will be available to access at information events (listed below), Community Access Points (listed below), on the project website ([www.frodshamsolar.co.uk](http://www.frodshamsolar.co.uk)) and by request (contact details below).

12. Consultation materials can also be made available by request in alternative formats, such as large print, translated language, audio or braille, by contacting the Applicant using the details below. Please note that there may be a charge for hard copies of the PEIR.

13. Feedback can be submitted online via the project website, in writing using the contact details below or at an information event. Response deadlines for each phase of consultation will be publicised. The deadline for phase one consultation feedback will be 13 July 2023.

## Community Access Points

Venue	Opening hours
<b>Frodsham Library</b> Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX	Mon – Fri: 9am – 6pm Sat: 9.30am – 1pm
<b>Helsby Library</b> Lower Robin Hood Lane, Helsby, WA6 0BW	Mon: 9.30am – 5pm Tues & Weds: 9.30am – 7pm Thurs: Closed Fri: 9.30am – 5pm Sat: 9.30am – 1pm
<b>Ellesmere Port Library</b> Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BG	Mon: 9am – 7pm Tues & Weds: 9am – 5pm Thurs & Fri: 9am – 7pm Sat: 9am – 1pm

## Upcoming information events

Venue	Date & Time
<b>Helsby Community Centre</b> Lower Robin Hood Lane, Frodsham, WA6 0BW	<b>Saturday 17th June</b> 12pm – 4pm
<b>Christchurch Hall, Weston Point</b> Sandy Lane, Weston Point, Runcorn, WA7 4EU	<b>Tuesday 20th June</b> 3pm – 7pm
<b>Frodsham Community Centre</b> Fluin Ln, Frodsham, WA6 7QN	<b>Wednesday 21st June</b> 2pm – 7pm
<b>Elton Community Centre</b> School Lane, Elton, Chester, CH2 4PU	<b>Thursday 22nd June</b> 11am – 4pm
<b>Frodsham Community Centre</b> Fluin Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7QN	<b>Friday 23rd June</b> 2.30pm – 7pm
<b>Online Community Webinar</b> Register via <a href="http://www.frodshamsolar.co.uk">www.frodshamsolar.co.uk</a>	<b>Monday 26th June</b> 5.30pm – 7pm