

Frodsham Solar

Notice publicising an addendum to a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”), published 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 70 St Mary Axe, London, United Kingdom, EC3A 8BE (“the Applicant”) has produced an addendum to their Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”), which was published in May 2023 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 a private wire connection, that would enable local businesses to utilise electricity generated.
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 feedback received through consultation.
4. The Applicant is part of global renewable energy company Cubico Sustainable Investments.

Addendum to the 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, 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 Applicant consulted relevant Local Planning Authorities on the contents of the SoCC and duly considered the comments made regarding the proposed approach to consultation.
7. The Applicant published the SoCC on 25 May 2023 in accordance with section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008.
8. This notice provides formal notification of the publication of an addendum to the SoCC which the Local Planning Authorities have also reviewed. This addendum can be viewed on the project website (www.frodshamsolar.co.uk) and is also available to view free-of-charge from the Community Access Points listed in this notice.
9. The addendum provides more detail of the upcoming Phase Two consultation on Frodsham Solar, and explains how this will be undertaken consistently with the principles and commitments set out in the SoCC.

The consultation process

10. The Applicant carried out a first phase of community consultation on their initial proposals between **01 June – 13 July 2023**.
11. The Applicant will undertake a second phase of community consultation on more developed plans, including a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (as Frodsham Solar is an EIA development), between **07 November – 19 December 2024**.
12. Consultation materials will be available to access on the project website (www.frodshamsolar.co.uk), at information events (listed below), Community Access Points (listed below), and by request (contact details below). A reasonable charge up to £500 may apply to providing printed copies of the PEIR.
13. 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.

15. Feedback can be submitted online via the project website, in writing using the contact details below or at an information event, using the feedback form provided. The response deadline for Phase Two consultation feedback will be **19 December 2024** (on or before this date).

Community Access Points

Venue	Opening hours
Frodsham Library Princeway, Frodsham, WA6 6RX	Monday to Friday: 9am – 6pm Saturday: 9.30am – 1pm
Helsby Library Lower Robin Hood Lane, Helsby, WA6 0BW	Monday and Friday: 9.30am – 5pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.30am – 7pm Saturday: 9.30am – 1pm
Ellesmere Port Library Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BG	Monday: 9am – 7pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am – 5pm Thursday & Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Information events

Location	Date & Time
Christchurch Hall Sandy Lane, Weston Point, Runcorn, WA7 4EU	Monday 25 November 3pm - 7pm
Helsby Community Centre Lower Robin Hood Lane, Frodsham, WA6 0BW	Tuesday 26 November 2pm – 6.30pm
Elton Community Centre School Lane, Elton, Chester, CH2 4PU	Friday 29 November 3pm - 7pm
Frodsham Community Centre Fluin Ln, Frodsham, WA6 7QN	Saturday 30 November 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Frodsham Community Centre Fluin Ln, Frodsham, WA6 7QN	Monday 2 December 2.30pm – 6.30pm
Online Community Webinar Please contact the Applicant or visit the website for joining instructions.	Wednesday 4 December 6pm – 7.30pm

Contacting the Applicant

16. The Applicant can be contacted by:

- Emailing: info@frodshamsolar.co.uk
- Writing to: **FREEPOST FRODSHAM SOLAR**
- Calling: **0808 175 4004**

(open 09:00-17:00, Monday-Friday. A voicemail service will operate for out of office hours)