

Application for Planning Permission. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website.
If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details

Title:	Mr	First name:	Robert	Surname:	Ayres
Company name	Little Eau Solar Limited				
Street address:	C/O BE Renewables Limited			Country Code	National Number
	Hesketh Mount			Telephone number:	
	92-96 Lord Street			Mobile number:	
Town/City	Southport			Fax number:	
County:				Email address:	
Country:	United Kingdom				
Postcode:	PR8 1JR				
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? ☒ Yes ☐ No					

2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details

Title:	Mrs	First Name:	Amy	Surname:	Williams
Company name:	BE Renewables Limited				
Street address:	Hesketh Mount			Country Code	National Number
	92-96 Lord Street			Telephone number:	01704504341
				Mobile number:	
Town/City	Southport			Fax number:	
County:	Merseyside (Met County)			Email address:	
Country:					
Postcode:	PR8 1JR				amy.williams@berenewablesltd.com

3. Description of the Proposal

Please describe the proposed development including any change of use:

Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide ~5MWp generation capacity together with transformer stations; internal access track; electricity sub-station; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure.

Has the building, work or change of use already started? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)

House:		Suffix:	
House name:			
Street address:			
Town/City:			
County:			
Postcode:			

Description of location or a grid reference
(must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting:	
Northing:	

Description:

AREA LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF SUTTON ST JAMES IN LINCOLNSHIRE,
APPROXIMATELY 3.5km SOUTH WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF SUTTON ST JAMES

5. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title:		First name:		Surname:	
Reference:					
Date (DD/MM/YYYY):		(Must be pre-application submission)			

Details of the pre-application advice received:

A request for screening was submitted in January 2013 to South Holland District Council (SHDC) in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment - EIA) Regulations 1999, as amended.
A response was recieved in February 2013. The response indicated that the proposal in NOT considered an EIA development within the meaning of the EIA regulations.
Please see Appendix 14 for the full Screening Opinion.

6. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle access proposed to or from the public highway?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?	☐ Yes	☒ No

7. Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?	☒ Yes	☐ No

If Yes, please provide details:

During the operation of the solar farm, there will be no waste produced that would need storage or collection.
Any waste produced during the temporary construction phase (~4 months) will be in accordance with the required regulations.

8. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Materials

Please state what materials (including type, colour and name) are to be used externally (if applicable):

9. (Materials continued)

Walls - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

N/A

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Walls will be associated with the substation. This and ancillary equipment will be specified by the DNO. Please refer to the Environmental Report, Design&Access Statement and Appendices for more details.

Roof - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

N/A

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Roofs will be associated with the substation. This and ancillary equipment will be specified by the DNO. Please refer to the Environmental Report, Design&Access Statement and Appendices for more details.

Windows - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

N/A

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

N/A

Doors - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

N/A

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Doors will be associated with the substation. This and ancillary equipment will be specified by the DNO. Please refer to the Environmental Report, Design&Access Statement and Appendices for more details.

Boundary treatments - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

N/A

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

The boundary of the solar farm will be enclosed by a security fence (Please refer to Appendix 6). The fence will be installed within the site boundary formed by any existing hedgerows and/or vegetation; along the edge of the site. There is no proposal to remove any of the existing hedges. We propose to enhance any existing vegetation where necessary.

Vehicle access and hard standing - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

The site is currently accessed by the existing road network directly off New Fen Dike Road.

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

It is proposed that access to the solar farm during the construction period and the subsequent operation of the solar farm will be gained via the existing road network directly off New Fen Dike Road. The proposed route can be found in full in the Design and Access Statement; and within the Transport Section as part of the Environmental Report.

Lighting - add description

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

N/A

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

The proposed development is an 'unmanned' facility. No general lighting is required for normal operating conditions.

9. (Materials continued)

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement:

DOCUMENTS:
Cover Letter
Design and Access Statement
Planning Statement
Statement of Community Involvement
Environmental Report including Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA), Noise, Glare, Ecological Assessment, Traffic / Highway Issues, Cultural Heritage and Flood Risk
APPENDICES:Appendix 1 – Site Location Plan
Appendix 2 – Site Layout Plan
Appendix 3 – Typical String Inverter
Appendix 4 – Typical Substation
Appendix 5 – Camera Mounting System
Appendix 6 – Wooden Post, Stock Proof Fence
Appendix 7 – Typical Access Gate
Appendix 8 – Typical Cable Trench Details
Appendix 9 – PV Framework Elevations
Appendix 10 – Typical Front and Piled Front Elevations
Appendix 11 – Access Track Elevations
Appendix 12 – Traffic Management Schematic
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Appendix 14 - Screening Response Letter
Appendix 15a – Public Consultation Display Boards
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Appendix 17a – Agricultural Land Classification Impact Assessment and Sequential Test
Appendix 17b - Development Zone Constraints Map
Appendix 17c – Agricultural Land Classification (Post Construction)
Appendix 17d - Agricultural Land Classification Report
Appendix 17e - National Soil Resources Institute Soils Report – Little Eau Appendix 18a - Natural England's (NE) Joint Character Area (JCA) 46 - The Fens Appendix 18b - SHDC Landscape Capacity Study - 'Peaty Fens Landscape Character Type'
Appendix 18c – Landscape Plan
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Appendix 18e – Mitigation Proposals
Appendix 19a – Habitat Map of Site
Appendix 19b – Site Photographs
Appendix 20a - Little Eau_Qbar_Imp_100CC_Runoff
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Appendix 20c - Little Eau_Qbar_Imp_FEH_PPT
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Appendix 21 – Cassini Map 1805 – 1874
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Appendix 23a - Event Report
Appendix 23b - Monument Report Appendix 23c - HER Map
Please note: There is no Appendix 16.

10. Vehicle Parking

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces:

Type of vehicle	Existing number of spaces	Total proposed (including spaces retained)	Difference in spaces
Cars	0	0	0
Light goods vehicles/public carrier vehicles	0	0	0
Motorcycles	0	0	0
Disability spaces	0	0	0
Cycle spaces	0	0	0
Other (e.g. Bus)	0	0	0
Short description of Other			

11. Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

Mains sewer ☐ Package treatment plant ☐ Unknown ☒

Septic tank ☐ Cess pit ☐

Other

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

12. Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Refer to the Environment Agency's Flood Map showing flood zones 2 and 3 and consult Environment Agency standing advice and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate flood risk assessment to consider the risk to the proposed site.

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

☒ Sustainable drainage system

☐ Main sewer

☐ Pond/lake

☐ Soakaway

☐ Existing watercourse

13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the guidance notes for further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the guidance notes, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, OR on land adjacent to or near the application site:

a) Protected and priority species

☐ Yes, on the development site ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development ☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

☐ Yes, on the development site ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development ☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

☐ Yes, on the development site ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development ☒ No

14. Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site:

The development is on low agricultural land currently used for arable.

Is the site currently vacant?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site:

The development is on low agricultural land currently used for arable.

When did this use end (if known) (DD/MM/YYYY)?

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

If yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site?

☐ Yes ☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination?

☐ Yes ☒ No

15. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

☒ Yes ☐ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full Tree Survey, at the discretion of your local planning authority. If a Tree Survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside your application. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

16. Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or waste?

☐ Yes ☒ No

17. Residential Units

Does your proposal include the gain or loss of residential units?

☐ Yes ☒ No

18. All Types of Development: Non-residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

☐ Yes ☒ No

19. Employment

If known, please complete the following information regarding employees:

	Full-time	Part-time	Equivalent number of full-time
Existing employees	0	0	0
Proposed employees	0	0	0

20. Hours of Opening

If known, please state the hours of opening (e.g. 15:30) for each non-residential use proposed:

Use	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday and Bank Holidays		Not Known
	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	

21. Site Area

What is the site area?

22. Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

Solar PV is a solar power technology that uses solar panels to convert light from the sun directly into electricity. The output depends upon the intensity of light to which the solar panels are exposed. The solar panels generate electricity at low voltage DC as the string inverters convert this to AC for the connection to the electricity distribution system.

Is the proposal for a waste management development? ☐ Yes ☒ No

23. Hazardous Substances

Is any hazardous waste involved in the proposal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

24. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

☒ The agent ☐ The applicant ☐ Other person

25. Certificates (Certificate A)

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate A

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 Certificate under Article 12

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/the applicant was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) of any part of the land to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding ("*agricultural holding*" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of "*agricultural tenant*" in section 65(8) of the Act).

Title: First name: Surname:

Person role: Declaration date: ☒ Declaration made

26. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

☒ Date