



B O S T O N BOROUGH COUNCIL

Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 8QR

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

SCREENING OPINION

Applicant:

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Part I – Particulars of request

Date of Application Request: 08-Mar-2021
Planning Application No: B/21/0121

Particulars and location of development:

Screening opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for proposed solar farm, battery storage and associated infrastructure at Land at Vicarage Drove, Bicker, Boston, PE20 3BF

Part II – Particulars of decision

Boston Borough Council hereby give notice, in pursuance of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended), that in its view the development referred to in Part 1 hereof is not EIA development for the purposes of the regulations.

An Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

Summary of reasons for the Council's decision

It is considered that the development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as nature, size and location. Accordingly the Authority has adopted the opinion that the development does not warrant the submission of an EIA as required by the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

More detail is set out in the Screening Report at Appendix 1.

Date: 29-Mar-2021





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APPENDIX 1 – SCREENING REPORT

INFORMATIVE - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) refers to the whole process by which environmental information is collected, published and taken into account in reaching a decision on the relevant planning application. Applications for planning permission for which EIA is required are referred to in the Regulations as 'EIA applications'. Regulation 3 prohibits the granting of planning permission for EIA development unless the EIA procedures have been followed.

Where an EIA is required, information must be provided by the developer in an Environmental Statement (ES). This document (or series of documents) must contain the information specified by regulation 2 (1) and in Schedule 4 to the Regulations. In certain cases, regulation 10 allows developers to obtain a formal opinion from the relevant planning authority on what should be included in the Environmental Statement ("a scoping opinion").

RIGHT OF APPEAL – Where relevant planning authority adopts a screening opinion that EIA is required, the developer may request a screening direction from the Secretary of State. Requests must be made in accordance with the provisions set out in Regulations. (See Regulations 5 and 6 or, where appropriate, Regulation 7).