

Fenwick Solar Farm development consent decision announced

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The Fenwick Solar Farm DCO application has today been granted development consent by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

The scheme comprises the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels, associated electrical equipment, cabling and energy storage facilities together with grid connection infrastructure. The generating capacity of the Scheme will exceed 50 MW and its maximum capacity is anticipated to be 237.5MW.

The application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration by Fenwick Solar Project Ltd on 1 November 2024 and accepted for examination on 29 November 2024.

Following an examination during which the public, statutory consultees and interested parties were given the opportunity to give evidence to the Examining Authority, recommendations were made to the Secretary of State on 18 November 2025.

This is the 105th energy application out of 173 applications examined to date and was again completed by the Planning Inspectorate within the statutory timescale laid down in the Planning Act 2008.

Local communities continue to be given the opportunity of being involved in the examination of projects that may affect them. Local people, the local authority and other interested parties were able to participate in this six-month examination.

The Examining Authority listened and gave full consideration to all local views and the evidence gathered during the examination before making its recommendation to the Secretary of State.

The decision, the recommendation made by the Examining Authority to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and the evidence considered by the Examining Authority in reaching its recommendation are publicly available on the project pages of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

This decision was made by Lord Whitehead on behalf of the Energy Secretary's legal authority.

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