

Springwell Solar Farm development consent decision announced

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

Springwell Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage and supporting grid connection infrastructure in North Kesteven, Lincs.

The application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration by Springwell Energy Farm Ltd on 20 November 2024 and accepted for examination on 18 December 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 8 January 2026.

This is the 106th energy application out of 174 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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