

Feedback wanted on new solar farm in North Kesteven which could power over 180,000 homes

North Kesteven, Lincolnshire (10 January 2023) – EDF Renewables UK and Luminous Energy are announcing plans and a public consultation for Springwell Solar Farm, a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located between Lincoln and Sleaford in Lincolnshire.

Springwell Solar Farm would make a significant contribution to the UK's future energy mix by providing enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000 homes* every year – that's the equivalent of around half of all the homes in Lincolnshire**.

Consultation on early plans for Springwell Solar Farm will run for six weeks from Tuesday 24 January. Feedback from local communities will help shape the plans for Springwell and identify potential benefits that it could support in the local area.

EDF Renewables UK's Head of Solar, Ben Fawcett said, "At EDF Renewables UK, we're passionate about creating a future where clean energy powers our lives. Springwell Solar Farm would produce much needed low-carbon electricity here in the UK, helping to power thousands of homes and businesses every year.

"We are currently at a very early stage on Springwell, with local views vital to helping us develop our plans. We encourage everyone to get involved in the upcoming consultation to find out more about Springwell and let us know their thoughts."

Jolyon Orchard, CEO of Luminous Energy said, "Our company was established to make a meaningful contribution towards mitigating climate change and we now have numerous renewable energy projects in development, under construction or operating across four continents. When we initiated this project, we recognised it provided a real opportunity to help the UK transition to net-zero.

"We are looking forward to working with EDF Renewables UK and the local community to create a scheme that delivers affordable, clean energy."

As part of the consultation, members of the public are invited to a series of public exhibitions to meet the team behind Springwell and share feedback. The exhibitions will take place at the following dates and locations:

- **Tuesday 31 January – Blankney Old School House (2pm –7pm)**
 - **Wednesday 01 February – Scopwick Village Hall (2pm – 7pm)**
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- **Friday 03 February – Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (11am – 4pm)**
- **Saturday 04 February – Metheringham Village Hall (11am – 4pm)**

A dedicated website: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk includes information on Springwell and will host consultation materials from 24 January.

For further information, please contact

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Notes to editors

About EDF Renewables UK

EDF Renewables UK (www.edf-re.uk) is a subsidiary of EDF Group's, one of the world's largest low carbon electricity companies, and our investment and innovation is reducing costs for consumers and bringing significant benefits for communities. With our operating portfolio of 38 renewable energy sites including solar, battery, onshore and offshore wind (together totalling more than 1 GW) we are providing much needed affordable, low carbon electricity. We have an expanding portfolio with almost 5 GW of projects in planning and development, including wind, battery and solar PV. Find out more at www.edf-re.uk

About Luminous Energy

Luminous Energy is an established UK-based renewable energy developer with projects in the UK, US, Chile and Australia. The company was set up in 2013 to provide people around the world with affordable, renewable energy. Luminous Energy is now regarded as a leading player in the market having delivered 1GW of projects globally and the company's core values remain firmly at the heart of the business. It aims to make a positive contribution to the world by providing practical answers to climate change, and actively seeks to implement initiatives that enhance biodiversity on individual projects which are in keeping with local communities and landscapes. More information is available at www.luminous.energy

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Springwell is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because of its generating capacity (over 50MW). NSIPs require planning permission to be granted by the relevant Secretary of State through a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Further information about the DCO process is available at the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

* *Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)*

** *Based on 2021 census data (homes within the Lincolnshire County Council area)*