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Major milestone as Government grants Development Consent Order for Springwell Solar Farm



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Springwell Solar Farm has secured a major planning milestone after the UK Government granted it a Development Consent Order (DCO), enabling the project to progress towards construction.

The consent follows a detailed examination process which, since the application was submitted in November 2024, has included extensive consultation with local communities, stakeholders and statutory bodies. The feedback gathered during this process helped shape the project, which has been jointly developed by Luminous Energy and EDF power solutions.

Jolyon Orchard, CEO of Luminous Energy, welcomed the decision, stating: 'This milestone supports our mission to accelerate the decarbonisation of the UK's electricity supply by generating low-cost, reliable power while respecting the natural environment.'

Since 2022, we have worked alongside stakeholders and the local community to listen to their feedback while designing a project that can make a real contribution to our country's transition to clean energy.

This is a significant milestone for us and our partners at EDF power solutions. Springwell Solar Farm is a great example of what the UK can do to produce homegrown, clean energy—something we are in urgent need of.’

Located between Sleaford and Lincoln in Lincolnshire, Springwell will make an important contribution to the UK’s future energy mix by providing enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000 homes* every year once operational.

The Springwell project also includes 12km of new footpaths, over 15km of proposed new hedgerows and a community growing area which would be available for public use. A community benefit fund would provide £400 per megawatt of installed capacity to support local projects.

Luminous Energy will now consider the detail of the consent and programme for delivery of the project, before engaging with stakeholders and the community on our plans to bring this project forward into construction. Once this is complete, it is planned for Springwell to export electricity to the national grid from 2028.

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* 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)

Notes to editors

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About Springwell Solar Farm

Springwell Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located on land between Lincoln and Sleaford. Springwell has a grid connection agreement with National Grid that allows the import and export of up to 800MW of electricity to this network. Springwell is backed by EDF power solutions UK and Luminous Energy.

About Luminous Energy

Luminous Energy is a leading developer of international solar and storage projects with a portfolio of high quality-projects delivered and in development across the UK, USA, Australia, and Germany. Established in 2013, the renewable energy company is committed to giving more people all over the world access to clean and affordable renewable generated electricity.

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Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Springwell is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because of its generating capacity (over 100MW). 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/>