

The Planning Process



HELIOS RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT



As the proposed development has an expected energy generating capacity in excess of 50MW, an application to the Planning Inspectorate will be submitted under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) regime.

What is an NSIP?

NSIPs are major infrastructure projects such as new harbours, roads, power generating stations (such as larger scale solar farms) and electricity transmission lines, which require a type of consent known as 'development consent' under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008. Development consent, where granted, is made in the form of a Development Consent Order (DCO).

Anybody wishing to construct an NSIP must first apply for consent to do so. For such a project, the Planning Inspectorate examines the application and will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will make the decision on whether to grant or to refuse development consent.

Further information on the process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Timeline

