

Statement of Community Consultation

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

- 1.1.1. Calderdale Wind Farm Ltd (“the Applicant”) has prepared this Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in connection with its proposals for a new wind farm known as Calderdale Energy Park (“the Proposed Development”).
- 1.1.2. The Proposed Development will have a gross electrical output capacity over 100MW. It is currently anticipated to generate approximately 240MW of energy (subject to further design work). The Proposed Development is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”), as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) and requires consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero via a Development Consent Order (“DCO”).
- 1.1.3. The purpose of this SoCC is to set out how the Applicant intends to consult statutory consultees, local stakeholders including local authorities and public interest groups, and people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development about the proposals before the submission of the DCO application.
- 1.1.4. Understanding the views of the local community, local authorities and other stakeholders helps to ensure the Applicant identifies valuable information and the feedback received will help shape the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.5. This SoCC explains the consultation being undertaken before submission of the application for development consent. It includes a description of the consenting process the Applicant must follow in seeking a DCO and the Applicant’s proposals for:
 - What the Applicant will be consulting on (i.e. what the Proposed Development comprises and what information will be available as part of the consultation);
 - Who the Applicant will consult;
 - How the Applicant will consult;
 - How people can respond to the consultation; and
 - How the Applicant will use the consultation feedback responses.
- 1.1.6. This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with section 47(1) of the 2008 Act, which requires applicants to prepare a statement explaining how they will consult with the local community regarding their proposals. In accordance with Section 47(7) the Applicant must carry out the consultation in accordance with this SoCC.
- 1.1.7. In addition to the obligations under section 47, section 42 of the 2008 Act sets out the prescribed consultees, local authorities and persons with an interest in land whom must be consulted. The Applicant will be consulting with these consultees and they are also welcome to participate in any of the community consultation activities set out in this document.
- 1.1.8. As the Proposed Development is subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) to assess the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development it is defined as an EIA Development (in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”). This SoCC also sets out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the preliminary environmental information (contained within

the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”)) that is prepared as part of the EIA process, in accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations.

- 1.1.9. The PA 2008 guidance on the pre-application process sets out the steps applicants must take before submitting a DCO application for a NSIP. In addition to the Applicant’s obligations under section 47, section 42 of the PA 2008 sets out how applicants must consult with prescribed consultees (bodies such as the Environment Agency and Historic England, local authorities (such as Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council and Lancashire County Council) and persons with an interest in land (“section 42 consultees”). All section 42 consultees known at the time of the statutory consultation will be consulted in accordance with this SoCC and are invited to participate in consultation activities.

2 Calderdale Energy Park

2.1 The Proposed Development

- 2.1.1 The Applicant is seeking a DCO for Calderdale Energy Park. The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation (and maintenance) and decommissioning of an up to 34 turbine wind farm and associated infrastructure.
- 2.1.2 The Applicant is in the process of securing a connection with the National Energy System Operator (NESO) or Northern Power Grid (NPG) which will allow the export of (subject to ongoing design) approximately 240 MW of electricity from the Proposed Development to the Bradford West Substation.
- 2.1.3 The Proposed Development is anticipated to involve the installation, operation (and maintenance) and decommissioning of the following components:

Turbine Area

- Up to 34 wind turbines, with associated foundations, turning heads, crane hardstandings and external transformer units.
- Associated infrastructure, which is anticipated to include onsite substation and infrastructure, internal access tracks and watercourse crossing infrastructure (e.g. bridge and culver crossings), a meteorological mast, underground internal electrical arrays, borrow pits, temporary construction compounds, a temporary onsite concrete batching plant, drainage, landscaping, lighting, CCTV, fencing and enclosures.

Access Routes

- Provision of the Western Access Route and Eastern Access Route, including external site access junctions and highway works to deliver access from the existing road network to the Turbine Area.

Bradford West Cable Corridor

- Export cables to connect the onsite substation to the Bradford West Substation.

Environmental mitigation

- Onsite environmental mitigation and enhancements are proposed and potential offsite ecological mitigation and compensation measures are also being considered, as is open access land and common land compensation.

- 2.1.4 The main site, within which the Turbine Area will be located, covers approximately 2,227 hectares (ha) of land at Walshaw Moor, situated north of Hebden Bridge, in West Yorkshire.
- 2.1.5 Additional land outside this area is required to accommodate supporting infrastructure, including the proposed access routes and cable corridor, and environmental mitigation measures, which together form the full extent of the Proposed Development.

2.2 Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.2.1 The Proposed Development constitutes an 'EIA development' as defined by the EIA Regulations.

- 2.2.2 An EIA is being prepared to ensure the likely significant effects of the Proposed Development are properly understood and to identify appropriate mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, mitigation or offset environmental effects as required. The DCO application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES) containing the findings of the EIA.
- 2.2.3 The Applicant has undertaken an EIA scoping process in accordance with the EIA Regulations. A request for a Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Secretary of State in September 2025, supported by a Scoping Report setting out the Proposed Development and the Applicant's proposed approach to the EIA.
- 2.2.4 The Secretary of State adopted a Scoping Opinion following consultation with the relevant consultation bodies. The Scoping Opinion was adopted in October 2025. The Scoping Opinion identifies the environmental topics to be assessed within the EIA and informs the scope and focus of the environmental assessments.
- 2.2.5 This SoCC sets out how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on the Preliminary Environmental Information in accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations.
- 2.2.6 In accordance with Regulation 12, a PEIR, which will set out initial information on the potential likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development and any proposed mitigation, will be published to help consultees take an informed view on these matters.
- 2.2.7 The Applicant will invite feedback on the information presented in the PEIR as part of the statutory consultation. Feedback received will be considered to inform preparation of the ES and before the DCO application is finalised for submission.

2.3 The Applicant

- 2.3.1 The Applicant is CWFL who is sponsored by NextGen Infra, a global investment group and subsidiary of Al Gihaz Holding, with a development track record of over 550 MW of renewable energy projects.
- 2.3.2 Al Gihaz Holding is active across energy, construction, and industrial solutions with a strong presence in the UK power supply chain via Lamprell, a leading provider of onshore and offshore energy infrastructures, and Enshore Subsea, an industry expert in subsea cabling solutions for offshore wind infrastructures.

3 The consenting process

- 3.1.1 The Secretary of State has directed under section 35 of the 2008 Act that the Proposed Development is nationally significant and is to be treated as a development which requires development consent under the 2008 Act. Regardless, the Proposed Development is now classified as a NSIP under the 2008 Act. As such, the Applicant is required to make an application for a DCO.
- 3.1.2 If the application for the DCO is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an Examining Authority to scrutinise the application and make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State makes the final decision on a DCO application.
- 3.1.3 Pre-application consultation is a key requirement for DCO applications under the 2008 Act. The 2008 Act requires us to consult with persons with an interest in the proposed land, local authorities, and certain bodies as prescribed under section 42 of the 2008 Act; the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act (the subject of this SoCC); and to publicise the proposals locally and nationally under section 48 of the 2008 Act and regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations.
- 3.1.4 Details of how the Applicant has complied with the obligations under section 42 and section 48 of the 2008 Act are not included in this SoCC but will be set out in Consultation Report submitted with the DCO application.
- 3.1.5 Further information on the DCO application process can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate which has published a range of advice notes which intend to inform applicants, consultees, the public and others about a range of matters in relation to the 2008 Act process. This includes advice note eight, which provide more detail on the NSIP planning process. All advice notes can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

3.2 Local Authority Engagement

- 3.2.1 In preparing the SoCC, an early draft was shared with host local authorities. These included: Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council (as the host authority for the part of the Proposed Development where the Turbine Area and part of the Eastern Access Route is located); City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (as the host authority for part of the Eastern Access Route and Bradford West cable corridor); and to Pendle Borough Council and Lancashire County Council in relation to the Western Access Route.
- 3.2.2 Responses to the early draft of the SoCC were received from Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Pendle Council and Lancashire County Council. No response was received from City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.
- 3.2.3 The Applicant issued the SoCC to host authorities for formal consultation on 23 January 2026. Local authorities had a period of 28 days in which to provide a response to the SoCC. All host local authorities provided a response to the formal SoCC consultation.
- 3.2.4 An early draft of the SoCC was also shared with Burnley Borough Council for informal feedback but no response was received. The proposed site boundary for the Proposed Development for the current design does not lie within the boundary of

Burnley Borough Council. As such, Burnley Borough Council was not formally consulted on this draft SoCC.

- 3.2.5 In accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act, formal consultation on the SoCC was subsequently undertaken with Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Pendle Borough Council, and Lancashire County Council in their role as host authorities.

4 Engagement to date

- 4.4.1 Initial engagement on the Proposed Development proposals began while the Proposed Development was being brought forward under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. During this early stage, the Applicant introduced the concept of the scheme to the local community and key stakeholders, outlining the potential for renewable energy generation and associated benefits.
- 4.4.2 Following the Proposed Development’s designation as a project of national significance, the Applicant continued engagement with the local community, through a non-statutory consultation under the DCO regime.
- 4.4.3 The Applicant undertook a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Development between Tuesday 29 April until 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 June 2025.
- 4.4.4 The non-statutory consultation had the following aims:
- To introduce the Proposed Development to the public, providing an overview of the Proposed Development and the national need for onshore wind.
 - To present the early plans, indicative turbine locations, potential access route options and grid connection options.
 - To give stakeholders and the community the opportunity to provide feedback on the early-stage proposals.
 - To outline the next steps for the Proposed Development.
- 4.4.5 Over the course of the non-statutory consultation, the Applicant held three face-to-face public exhibitions and a webinar. The consultation was advertised through a mixture of direct mailings, press releases and social media adverts. Dedicated information channels were established for those who had questions about the Proposed Development or needed to get in contact with the project team. This engagement is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Non-statutory consultation engagement

Activity	Total
Primary Consultation Zone (PCZ)	
Newsletters issued (PCZ shown on Figure 2 below)	33,008
In-person exhibitions	3
Webinar	1
Total website visitors	1,556

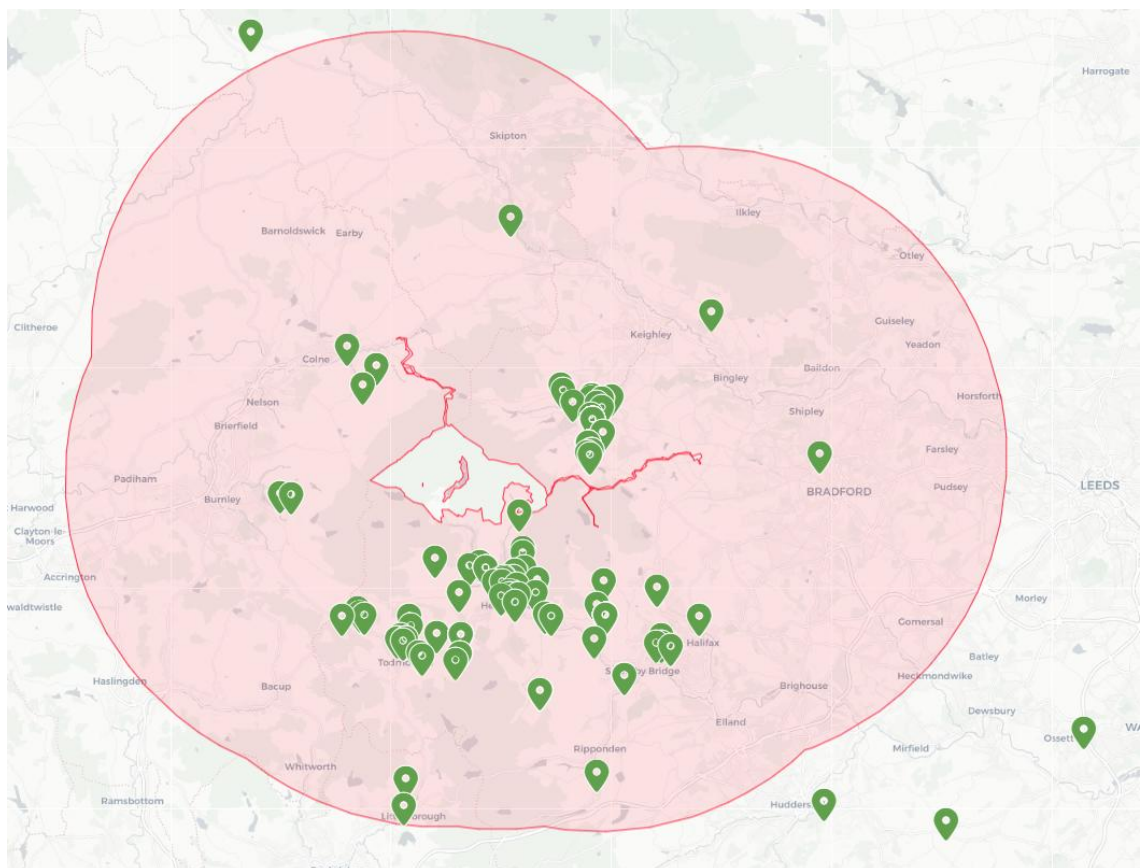
4.4.6 There were a number of ways for members of the public and those interested in the non-statutory consultation to provide feedback. These included:

- Completing an online feedback form on the website: www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk
- Completing a paper feedback form or sending written comments by post to Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK
- Emailing feedback to the email address at info@calderdaleenergypark.com
- Calling the information line 01422 702506

4.4.7 In total, throughout the eight-week non-statutory consultation period, 1,025 responses were received by the Applicant.

4.4.8 Figure 1 below shows a map of the responses received by the Applicant during the non-statutory consultation which are mapped by postcode, the red boundary on the map is the Secondary Consultation Zone. Please note that the responses are only mapped if respondents provided postcodes when they submitted their feedback form, if respondents chose not to provide a postcode, then the response will not be mapped. Where responses have been received from multiple properties with the same postcode, only one pin is shown.

Figure 1: Map of responses to the non-statutory consultation by postcode



4.4.9 More information about the non-statutory consultation can be found in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report which will be published on the project website during the statutory consultation. Documents published as part of the non-statutory consultation will remain available on the project website.

- 4.4.10 The Consultation Report to be submitted with the DCO application will include further information on the non-statutory consultation in addition to the statutory consultation.

5 Statutory Consultation under section 47 of the 2008 Act

5.1 How the Applicant will consult on the proposed application

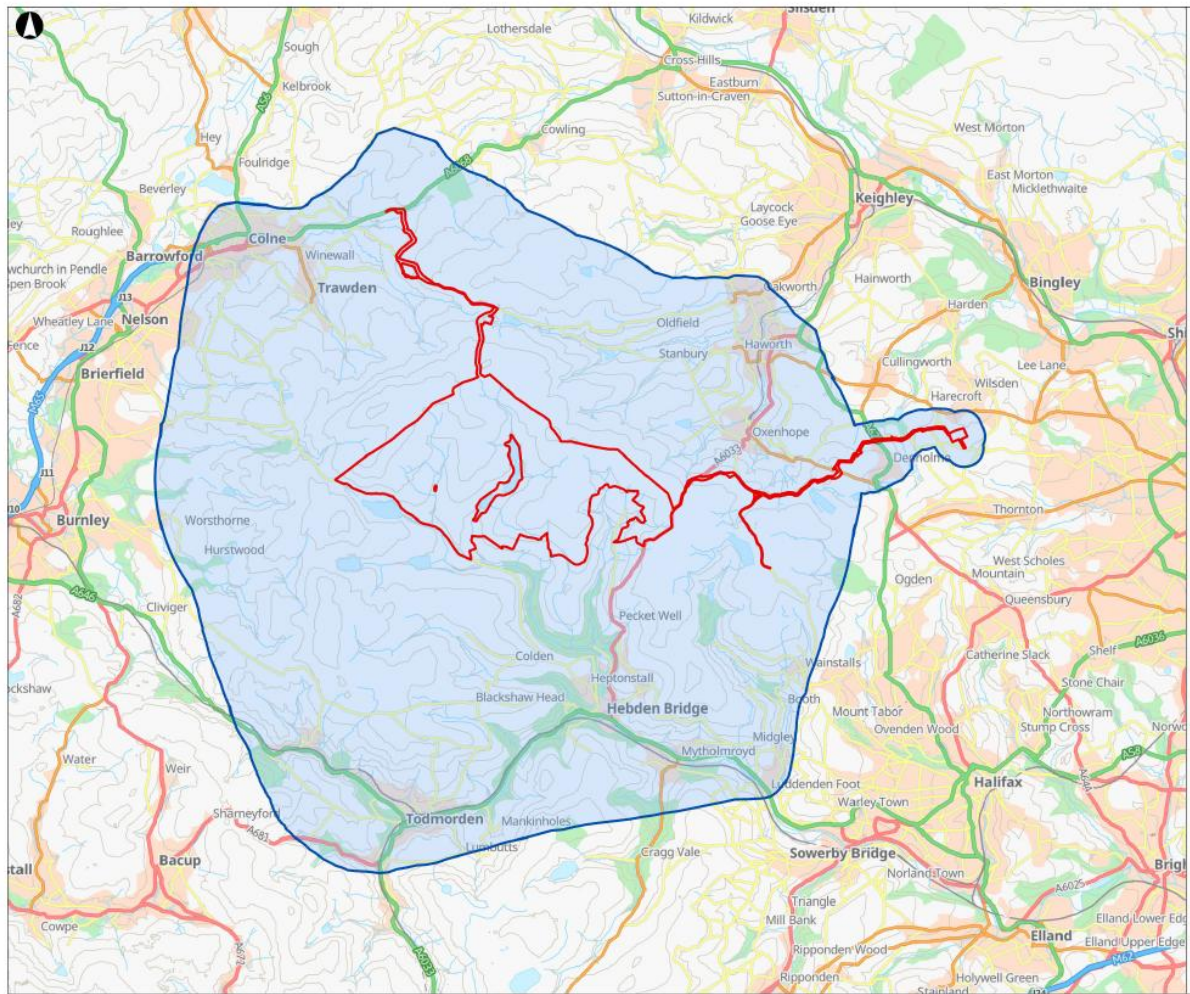
- 5.1.1 The Applicant will undertake a statutory consultation in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act for nine weeks during spring 2026. The consultation will run between 08 April and 10 June 2026. All responses to the consultation must be received by 11:59pm on the closing date.
- 5.1.2 This statutory consultation will provide an opportunity for people in the local community and interested parties to have their say about the updated proposals for the Proposed Development.
- 5.1.3 As well as the community consultation in accordance with section 47, this statutory consultation will also include:
- Consultation with prescribed bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways (under Section 42 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with host and neighbouring Local Planning Authorities (under Section 43 of the 2008 Act).
 - Consultation with any persons with an interest in the land affected by the Proposed Development (under Section 44 of the 2008 Act); and
 - General public consultation on the Proposed Development (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act).

5.2 Who the Applicant is consulting

- 5.2.1 The Applicant will consult widely in accordance with this SoCC. The Applicant's statutory consultation is open to anyone with an interest in the Proposed Development.
- 5.2.2 The Applicant has identified a primary consultation zone (PCZ) (shown in Figure 2) for the purpose of communicating with the local community under section 47 of the 2008 Act. The PCZ has been identified by extending a minimum distance of approximately five kilometres from the proposed Turbine Area. The PCZ also extends 500 metres from the proposed Bradford West Cable Corridor connecting to the Bradford West Substation and includes those likely to perceive to be impacted by proposals relating to the Eastern and Western Access Routes.
- 5.2.3 The PCZ has been amended beyond these criteria in certain areas to reflect feedback received during the non-statutory consultation and the evolution of the Proposed Development, as summarised below:
- Ensuring that the full proposed site boundary for the Proposed Development is captured;

- Extending up to physical features, such as main roads, as this helps to avoid inappropriate severance of communities; and
- the PCZ boundary has been extended to ensure that entire settlements such as Haworth, Colne and Oakworth are included.

Figure 2: Primary Consultation Zone



5.2.4 Figure 2 (above) shows the PCZ and how it relates to the proposed site boundary for the Proposed Development.

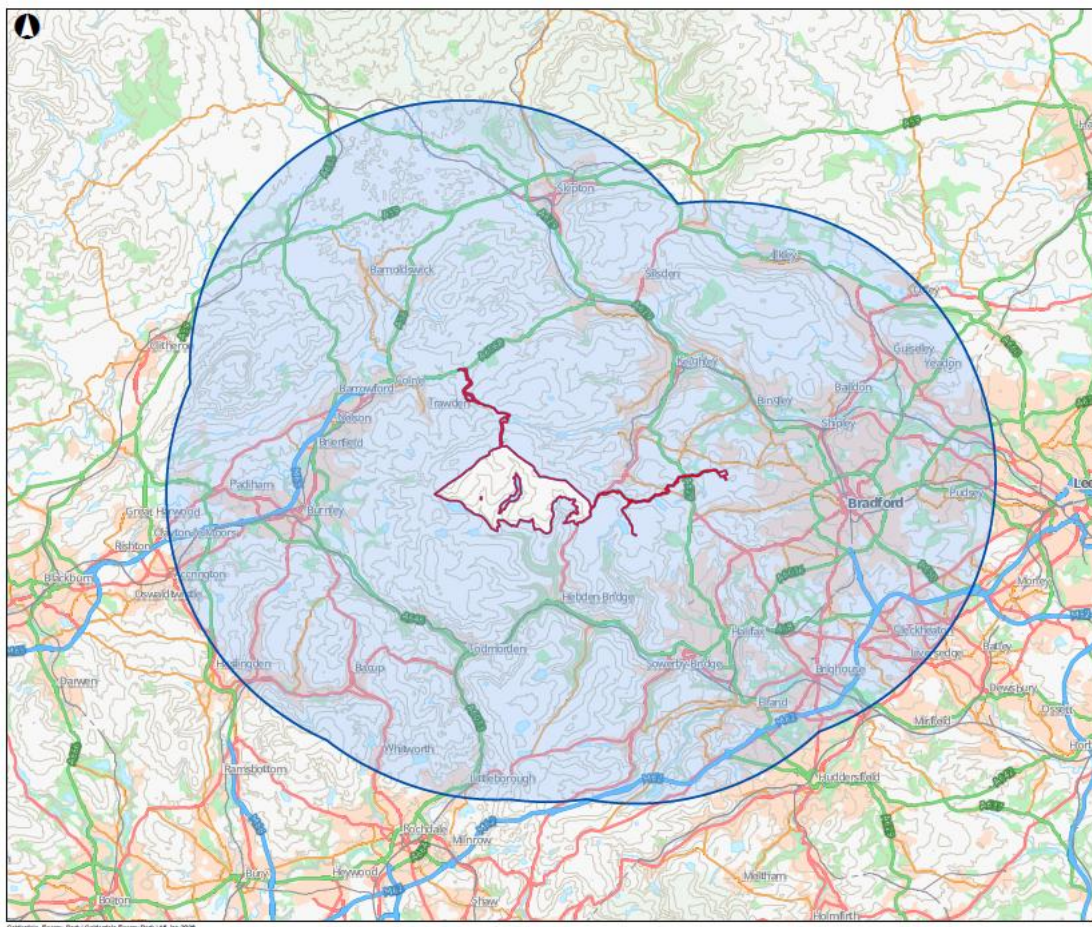
5.2.5 The Applicant will be consulting any person or group likely to be directly impacted by the Proposed Development by virtue of their living or working in proximity to the site by undertaking the activities listed in this SoCC.

5.2.6 Notification of the statutory consultation will be sent to:

- All households and businesses that fall within the PCZ;

- Statutory Consultees identified under Section 42 of the PA 2008, which includes prescribed bodies such as Natural England and the Environment Agency, local authorities, and parties with an interest in land;
- Host or neighbouring Parish and Town Councils that meet the statutory relevance test in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009;
- Members of Parliament (mps) representing communities or constituencies within and bordering the PCZ;
- Elected representatives in local authorities within the PCZ and;
- Relevant local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups with particular specialisms, such as environmental groups.

Figure 3: Secondary Consultation Zone



5.2.7 Mirroring the Applicant's approach during the non-statutory consultation, the Applicant will again make use of a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ), covering all properties within an approximate 16km boundary of the Turbine Area. This reflects the wide geographic area over which people may have an interest in the Proposed Development. This also incorporates the postcode locations of all local responses received during non-statutory consultation.

5.3 What is the Applicant consulting on?

5.3.1 The Applicant will present proposals for the Proposed Development including how they have been informed by the Applicant's environmental assessments and consultation to date. Consultation will seek feedback on the following key considerations:

- The design and layout of the proposed development
- Construction, operation and access arrangements
- Grid connection proposals, including the cable route
- Environmental considerations and the findings of our assessments reported in the PEIR
- Opportunities for environmental enhancement, sustainability and long-term legacy benefits

5.3.2 The Applicant will be seeking feedback on the ongoing evolution of the Proposed Development including the Applicant's current proposals for:

- The overall proposals for the Proposed Development;
- The updated site boundary for the Proposed Development;
- The updated proposals for the proposed Bradford West Cable Corridor connecting to Bradford West Substation; and
- Mitigation measures proposed to avoid or reduce impacts or offset effects identified in the Applicant's Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

5.3.3 During the statutory consultation, the Applicant will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation as set out in this SoCC. The Applicant will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that our statutory consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.

5.3.4 The Proposed Development will be explained in the following materials:

- PEIR – the PEIR sets out the preliminary findings of the EIA;
- PEIR Non-Technical Summary – the Non-Technical Summary provides a non-technical summary of the PEIR and the conclusions within the PEIR. This summary is written in plain language without technical jargon, making it more accessible to the general public;
- Consultation Brochure – this brochure will provide an overview of the proposals including a summary of each PEIR chapter;
- Maps – the maps will set out the Proposed Development, including turbine locations, access routes and proposed cable corridor. Maps on environmental elements of the Proposed Development are provided in the PEIR; and
- FAQ Booklet – providing detailed answers to the most frequently asked questions raised during the non-statutory consultation process.

5.3.5 All of the statutory consultation documents will be available to view and download on the project website. Printed copies of the consultation brochure and feedback form will be available to take away at all in-person consultation events and on request by contacting the communications team.

- 5.3.6 Additionally, as part of the statutory notices, the Applicant will publicise information on how to request hard copies of the PEIR and other consultation documents. The PEIR can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation events. Copies of the PEIR contained on a USB stick can be provided on request free of charge.
- 5.3.7 Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, to cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply. The maximum cost for a full hard copy of the PEIR, including all appendices and figures, is £12,000 to be paid for by the recipient. The charge will be calculated based on cost per individual volume requested as follows: Volume 1 - Main Report, £1500; Volume 2 - Figures, £6000 and Volume Three - Appendices, £4500. Requests for hard copies can be made by email: info@calderdaleenergypark.com or by calling 01422 702506.
- 5.3.8 Copies of the consultation documents will also be available to view at the in-person consultation events; however, these will be reference copies only and cannot be taken away.
- 5.3.9 Copies of the consultation materials will be available throughout the entire nine-week consultation period.
- 5.3.10 Table 2 sets out the approaches that will be used to publicise the consultation on the proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 2: Statutory consultation materials for the Proposed Development

Consultation materials	
Material	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	<p>A newsletter publicising the statutory consultation and containing high-level details of the Proposed Development, the statutory consultation programme, and contact information. The newsletter will include the location, dates and times of the in-person consultation events and signposting to the website.</p> <p>The newsletter will also include a QR code that links to the project website. This newsletter will be distributed to 36,000+ addresses within the PCZ.</p> <p>This newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail and to wider consultees via email including local interest groups.</p> <p>The consultation newsletter will also be available to view and download on the website.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>A consultation brochure will be published at the start of the statutory consultation, providing a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, an outline of the preliminary environmental assessment work, details of how people can take part in the statutory consultation, and how</p>

	<p>feedback will be used to influence and shape the proposals.</p> <p>Printed copies of the consultation brochure will be available to take away at all in-person consultation events and on request by contacting the communications team.</p> <p>The consultation brochure will also be available to view and download from the website.</p>
<p>FAQ Booklet</p>	<p>An FAQs booklet will be published at the start of the statutory consultation as part of the wider suite of consultation materials. It will provide answers to frequently asked questions about the Proposed Development, addressing the key queries that have been raised to date.</p> <p>This booklet will be available to view and download on the project website and will be available to take away at consultation events.</p>
<p>Feedback Form</p>	<p>A feedback form will be available to gather feedback on the proposals for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The feedback form will be available for completion online via the website.</p> <p>Printed feedback forms will also be available (free of charge) on request by contacting the communications team and in hard copy at the in-person consultation events along with freepost envelopes.</p> <p>The feedback form will also be available to download and print from the website, complete in pen and return to Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK.</p>
<p>Exhibition Banners</p>	<p>Banners will be created to display information about the proposals and provide an overview of the key components of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The banners will be designed to assist the understanding of the Proposed Development at the public exhibitions and will allow for further discussions with members of the project team during public information events and other meetings.</p> <p>Members of the public will also be available to view the banners on the website from the day of the first consultation event.</p>
<p>Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)</p>	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, and a preliminary assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development, based on the information available at that time.</p> <p>It will also set out how the Applicant proposes to mitigate the impacts of and maximise the benefits of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The PEIR can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the website. A printed copy of the full PEIR will be available to view (but not take away) at the consultation</p>

	<p>events. Copies of the PEIR contained on a USB stick can be provided on request free of charge.</p> <p>Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, to cover printing costs a reasonable copying charge may apply. The maximum cost for a full hard copy of the PEIR, including all appendices and figures, is £12,000 to be paid for by the recipient. The charge will be calculated based on cost per individual volume requested as follows: Volume 1 - Main Report, £1500; Volume 2 - Figures, £6000 and Volume Three - Appendices, £4500. Requests for hard copies can be made by email: info@calderdaleenergypark.com or by calling 01422 702506.</p>
Non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report	The non-technical summary of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report will be available to view and download on the website and be available to view at the consultation events.
Technical maps and plans of the Proposed Development	Additional technical maps, visualisations and plans for the Proposed Development will also be available to view and download on the website and be available to view at the consultation events.
Project website	A dedicated project website (see Table 3 for detail).
Non-statutory consultation summary report	<p>A report summarising the non-statutory consultation will be published at the start of the statutory consultation.</p> <p>This report will summarise the activity undertaken as part of the previous non-statutory consultation, the responses the Applicant received, and the ways in which feedback has informed the development of the proposals.</p> <p>This report will be available on to view and download from the project website and in hard copy at consultation events.</p>
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	<p>This SoCC will be made available to view and download online from the consultation website and will be available to view at consultation events and in hard copy on request.</p> <p>The Applicant will also publish a notice in a local newspaper to explain where this SoCC can be inspected, pursuant to Section 47 of the 2008 Act.</p>
Materials in alternative formats	<p>Requests for consultation information in additional formats, such as large print, will be considered on a case-by-case basis so the Applicant can establish how best to provide the information required.</p> <p>All requests should be made to the communications team by email info@calderdaleenergypark.com, by phone at 01422 702506 or via post at Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK.</p>

Table 3: The Project Website

Features	Rationale

Online downloadable copies of all the statutory consultation materials, including the PEIR consultation brochure and feedback form

To ensure the exhibition material is accessible to those who may not be able to get to an in-person event and to give people the opportunity to read the consultation materials ahead of the events or at the time of their choosing. This will ensure that the consultation is accessible to everyone who wants to participate.

Web page content

The project website will provide up to date information about the Proposed Development and have downloadable versions of all documents that have been prepared for the statutory consultation.

The website will feature several sections that will provide the following information:

- An overview of the Proposed Development
- Details of the non-statutory consultation
- An overview and introduction to the statutory consultation
- A brief overview of the DCO process and indicative project timeline
- A downloadable version of the PEIR and a summary of the key findings
- An overview of the local and national benefits of the Proposed Development
- A digital fly-through enabling users to view the main details of the Proposed Development as they would appear in the landscape

Online feedback form

To enable members of the public to submit feedback online and reduce the carbon footprint of consultation activity.

Register for updates function

This will enable the public to register to be updated about the Proposed Development, once they have signed up, they will receive updates at key milestones.

5.4 Approach to community consultation

5.4.1. During the statutory consultation the Applicant will use a range of methods to ensure an inclusive, meaningful and open consultation. The Applicant will use a range of digital and non-digital methods of communication to ensure that the consultation can be accessed by all members of the community.

5.4.2. The Applicant is focussing on the communities within the PCZ, however the Applicant will ensure that communities within the SCZ are properly notified of the consultation and given the opportunity to participate.

5.4.3. Inside of the PCZ;

- All homes and businesses within the PCZ will be sent a consultation newsletter containing high level details of the Proposed Development, the statutory consultation programme, and contact information. The newsletter

will include the location, dates and times of the in-person consultation events and signposting to the website.

- Consultation events will be held at locations within the PCZ, as set out in Table 5.
- The Applicant will also send a consultation poster to businesses and community spaces within the PCZ and request that they display this to advertise how people can participate in the consultation.

5.4.4. Within the SCZ, the focus will be on digital and media-led consultation methods. These are designed to ensure that people who are interested in the project, but who may be unable to attend in-person consultation events, can still access information and provide feedback. These methods will include:

- A targeted social media advertising campaign will be carried out through Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok adverts, aimed at reaching users based on geography and demographic profiles
- A dedicated project website (www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk), providing detailed information about the Proposed Development, downloadable documents, an interactive feedback form and details of how to contact the project team
- Press releases will be issued to local and regional news outlets
- Provision of an information line number (01422 702506), email address (info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk), and a freepost address (Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK) to enable direct contact with the project team
- In addition to hosting five events within the PCZ, the Applicant will host one in-person consultation event located within the SCZ at the Primet Community Centre in Colne, to support accessibility for residents in more urban areas with better public transport connectivity.

5.4.5. Table 4 below sets out the approaches that will be used to consult on the Proposed Development and Preliminary Environmental Information.

Table 4: Statutory consultation methods for the Proposed Development

Method	Detail
Consultation events	<p>The Applicant will be holding five in-person consultation events at locations spread across the PCZ, and one in-person consultation event in the jurisdiction of either Pendle or Burnley. These events will be advertised in the consultation newsletter, the consultation brochure, on social media, in local news media and on the project website.</p> <p>These events will run for periods of at least four hours on a mixture of weekdays and weekends to accommodate different availability.</p> <p>As the events held during non-statutory consultation were well attended, the Applicant will seek to utilise the same venues, with the addition of the event in Denholme to</p>

accommodate the grid connection route, and one in the jurisdiction of either Pendle or Burnley.

- Hebden Bridge Town Hall
- Oxenhope Community Centre
- Trawden Forest Community Centre
- Denholme Community Centre
- Haworth Village Hall
- Primet Centre

If a consultation event needs to be rescheduled, this will be communicated via the project website and by email to those who have registered for updates.

Webinars

A public webinar will be held in the evening and is open to all. Individuals can register to attend via the project website.

For those unable to join live, a recording of the public webinar will be made available online. One additional evening webinar will be held specifically for Parish Councils; all councils will be contacted directly via their listed clerk contact details with an invitation for parish councillors to attend.

Information line, email and Freepost address

Members of the public will be able to call and speak to a member of the communications team on the information line 01422 702506 email info@calderdaleenergypark.com or write in (Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK).

The team will aim to respond to all enquiries within a reasonable timeframe.

Dedicated project website

A dedicated project website www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk will be live for people to find out more information about the proposals and to provide feedback.

All consultation documents will be published on the website and available for download, free of charge from the document library. Information will be consistent with materials available at the in-person consultation events.

5.5. Consultation events

- 5.5.1. Six in-person consultation events will be held for communities to find out information about the Proposed Development and speak to members of the project team. Five consultation events will be held in suitable publicly accessible venues located across the PCZ with one event being held in the SCZ.
- 5.5.2. Copies of all relevant consultation materials will be made available in print format at each consultation event. There will also be a series of exhibition banners to present the proposals for the Proposed Development, in addition to the PEIR and maps.
- 5.5.3. A digital fly-through of the Proposed Development will be available at each consultation event for visitors to use. This will help visitors to see how the Proposed Development may impact specific properties, particularly from a visual impact perspective.
- 5.5.4. Those attending will be encouraged to provide their feedback on the proposals.
- 5.5.5. **Table 5** outlines the dates times and proposed locations of each of the consultation events.

Table 5: Details of consultation events

Date	Time	Location
Friday 17 April	2:00pm – 7:00pm	Denholme Community Centre, Main Road, Denholme, BD13 4BL
Saturday 18 April	1:00pm - 5:00pm	Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope, BD22 9LH
Tuesday 21 April	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Hebden Bridge Town Hall, St George’s Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 7BY
Saturday 09 May	11:00am -3:00pm	Trawden Forest Community Centre, Church Street, Trawden, BB8 8RU
Tuesday 19 May	1:00pm – 7:00pm	Haworth Village Hall, Butt Lane, Haworth, Keighley, BD22 8QJ
Thursday 21 May	2:00pm – 7:00pm	Primet Community Centre, Primet Hill, Colne, BB8 9NF

- 5.5.6. The Applicant will be holding one public webinar in the evening, which is open to all, a registration link will be available on the project website.
- 5.5.7. **Table 6** outlines the proposed date and time of the webinar:

Table 6: Details of the webinar

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 14 May	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Online

5.6. Promoting the consultation

5.6.1. The Applicant will use a variety of methods to make people aware of the Proposed Development and publicise the statutory consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 7 below:

Table 7: Methods for promoting the statutory consultation for the Proposed Development

Methods to promote the consultation	
Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletters	Consultation newsletters will be posted to all homes and businesses in the PCZ ahead of the statutory consultation period. The newsletter will also be issued to statutory consultees in the mail and to wider consultees via email, including local interest groups.
Press Releases	To raise awareness of the Proposed Development and the consultation programme, within the PCZ and SCZ the Applicant will share a press release with local media outlets at the start of consultation.
Social media	<p>The Applicant will run a targeted social media advertising campaign carried out through Facebook, Instagram and TikTok adverts, aimed at reaching users based on geography and demographic profiles.</p> <p>The adverts will publicise the consultation and point people towards the project website and they will also advertise the consultation events.</p>
Emails and Letters	<p>The Applicant will send both emails and letters about the consultation programme to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • host constituency and neighbouring constituency area MPs; • combined authorities and combined authority mayors; • elected representatives at host and neighbouring local authorities; • host and neighbouring parish councils; • host and neighbouring local authorities; and • local interest groups, such as environmental groups. <p>Parish councils will be sent hard copies of the consultation brochure as part of the mailing to statutory consultees.</p>
Statutory Notices	<p>Statutory notices to publicise the consultation, in accordance with section 48 of the 2008 Act, will be published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • once in a national newspaper (The Guardian) • once in The London Gazette • twice (across two successive weeks) in local circulating papers, The Yorkshire Post and The Lancashire Telegraph

Statutory notices publicising the SoCC, in accordance with section 47 of the 2008 Act, will be published once (for one week) in local circulating papers: **The Yorkshire Post and The Lancashire Telegraph**.

Information posters

Posters including details of the consultation, how to access information about the Proposed Development and how to get involved will be displayed at well-used public locations within the PCZ and SCZ including libraries, shops and civic buildings.

These will be hosted in agreement with relevant organisations and venues.

Information posters will be sent to all host and neighbouring parish councils, to be used on local noticeboards, and to help raise awareness of the consultation.

5.6.2. Any activity(ies) that cannot be undertaken due to circumstances beyond the Applicant’s control, where practicable, will be substituted with similar activity(ies) and communicated on the website.

5.7. Engagement with seldom heard groups

5.7.1. The Applicant is committed to ensuring that our consultation is accessible and inclusive for all stakeholders, including ‘under-represented’ or ‘seldom heard’ groups and individuals who may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation methods.

5.7.2. These groups and individuals that may find it harder to be involved in the consultation, and/or need additional support to access materials, include:

- Geographically isolated communities
- Young people
- Older people
- Disabled people and those with learning disabilities
- People who do not have English as a first language

Table 8: Consultation with seldom heard groups

Seldom heard groups	Consultation approach
Older people	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all stakeholders within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request hard copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by the information phonenumber, email and freepost.</p>

	<p>Providing consultation documents in both digital and non-digital formats and offering alternative formats such as large print (upon request).</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via a freepost address so feedback can be easily provided by post.</p> <p>Consultation events at five locations within the PCZ and one in the jurisdiction of Pendle with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p>
<p>Disabled people and those with learning disabilities</p>	<p>Providing consultation documents in both digital and non-digital formats.</p> <p>Requests for consultation information in additional formats will be considered on a case-by-case basis so the Applicant can establish how best to provide the information required.</p> <p>Providing options to engage with the project team and consultation through conventional communications channels, including by freepost and the information phoneline.</p> <p>Consultation events at five locations within the PCZ and one within the jurisdiction of either Pendle or Burnley, with members of the team available to assist with completing feedback responses.</p> <p>An online webinar, so anyone who may not be able to attend an in-person event can have the opportunity to ask questions of the project team.</p> <p>Ensure all event spaces have disabled access and facilities, and the layout of the consultation room provides space for those with wheelchairs to move around.</p>
<p>Geographically isolated communities</p>	<p>Directly mailing the consultation newsletter to all residences and businesses within the PCZ and providing details of how to access and request paper copies of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Offering feedback to be provided via an online form and via the freepost address so feedback can be easily provided from all locations.</p> <p>A webinar for people to join and find out about the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Advertising the availability of the phoneline for stakeholders with further questions to speak with the project team, regardless of location.</p>
<p>Young people</p>	<p>Online engagement methods, including social media advertising, to encourage young people to complete online feedback forms and engage with the consultation.</p>

5.8. Information Channels

5.8.1. The following channels will be available throughout the statutory consultation for members of the community and other stakeholders to get in touch with the project team, ask questions, request further information or request copies of the consultation materials and documents. These channels are provided in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Information Channels

Method	Contact details	Hours of operation
Website	www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/	24 hours
Telephone	01422 702506	9am–5:30pm weekdays (with a voicemail facility to take messages outside these hours)
Email	info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk	24 hours (emails will be monitored between 9am–5:30pm weekdays and responded to within a reasonable timeframe)
Post	Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK	24 hours (mailbox will be monitored between 9am-5:30pm on weekdays)

5.8.2. Requests for consultation information to meet specific requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis so the Applicant can establish how best to provide the information required. This will include providing selected materials in large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language to for those for whom English is not their first language, to enable them to take part in the consultation.

5.9. Responding to the consultation

5.9.1. Feedback to the consultation must be submitted by 11:59pm 10 June 2026. Responses received after this date may not be considered.

5.9.2. Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:

- Completing the feedback form online which can be accessed via the website from 08 April 2026: (www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk)
- Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or taken away and sent to us via a freepost (using Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK)
- Emailing into info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk
- Writing to us at Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK (no stamp is required)

5.10. How the Applicant will use consultation feedback

5.10.1. When the statutory consultation closes, the Applicant will have regard to all comments received. All feedback, including ongoing engagement with communities and stakeholders, is important to us and will help to inform the design for the Proposed Development.

5.10.2. The DCO Application will include a Consultation Report, which will summarise the feedback received and set out how the Applicant has had regard to the feedback from the pre-application consultation and how it has informed the Proposed Development.

5.10.3. Any comments received could be made public. Any personal data received as part of the consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation. The privacy notice for those visiting the website is available at: www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk.

5.10.4. CWFL may be required to make copies of consultation responses available to the Planning Inspectorate. All personal information received as part of the statutory consultation will be handled in accordance with our privacy policy which can be found at <https://www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/privacy-policy/>.

5.11. Further consultation

5.11.1. If following the statutory consultation, the Applicant considers it is necessary to undertake further targeted or supplementary consultation, this would be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.

