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29/11/2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Collace Solar Farm – Proposal of Application Notice

Atmos Consulting Ltd ('Atmos'), acting as agent on behalf of Solar2 Ltd ('the Applicant') hereby notify you of their intention to submit a new planning application for a solar farm on land near Saucher, Perth PH13 9PP.

This letter accompanies a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) prep under Section 35(B) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

As a potentially interested party you are being provided with a copy of this PAN for information. Please note that it does not constitute an application for planning permission, neither is a formal consultation.

It does present an outline of the intended consultation that would be undertaken before submitting any planning application. That consultation process would allow you to make comments or representation either directly or through an elected representative.

The Applicant

The Applicant is a renewable energy development company committed to investing in the Perth & Kinross Council area through renewable energy projects and making a positive contribution to national and international renewable energy, and carbon emission reduction targets with local community benefits and additional outcomes that renewable energy development can bring.

The Proposed Development

The Applicant is intending to apply for Consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) to develop a solar farm consisting of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar modules and associated infrastructure (the 'Proposed Development'), with an estimated export capacity of up to 49.9MW.

The associated infrastructure is likely to include access roads, cabling, inverter platforms, control room; substation; storage containers; security fencing & CCTV; and temporary construction compound.

The Proposed Development Site ('the Site') is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) NO 192 338, has an area approximately 100ha, and is shown bounded by the red line on **Figure 1**.

The Applicant acknowledges that the Proposed Development is classified as a 'major development' in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Development) (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

Proposed Consultation

As a Major Development, the Applicant acknowledges the requirement to undertake Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (as amended).

Although Section 7 of the above Regulations requires direct consultation with the community council; no community council exists in the locality of the site (the Strathmore ward of Perth and Kinross Council).

Accordingly, the Applicant has commenced with alternate community engagement arrangements, consisting of:

- Direct contact with four ward councillors with the intention to maintain direct consultation with them throughout the process:
 - Councillor Hugh Anderson;
 - Provost Grant Stewart;
 - Councillor Colin Stewart; and
 - Councillor Jack Welch.
- Direct contact with the Constituency MSP (John Swinney), the Regional MSPs for Mid Scotland and Fife and Constituency MP, Pete Wishart;
- Direct Contact with Kettins & Blairgowrie and Rattray Community Councils
- The Applicant has identified the residents closest to the site and invited them to a meeting at the local Three Witches Café, PH13 9PR, adjacent the Proposed Development boundary on 25 April 2022. Since this initial meeting the Applicant has circulated email updates; and
- Invited the residents that attended the that initial meeting to form a Community Liaison Group (CLG) in the absence of a community council. The CLG is intended to be operational throughout the project and will act as a mechanism for consultation the community.

The following consultation activities will be undertaken by the Applicant:

- A project specific website will be set up to allow public and free access to ongoing project updates, have a facility for the public to provide feedback, and it will host the exhibition display boards;
- The Applicant will offer to attend CLG meetings where and when possible; and
- To hold two public exhibition events on 14th March and 29th March 2023. The Applicant will consult the CLG, Community Councils and the above elected representatives on days, times and venues with the aim to have as many people can attend as possible;
- Advertise the events as per PKC's Guide to Pre-Application Consultation With Local Communities (2021) and issue a press release to local media at least 7 days in advance to further promote the events;
- Residents within 2km from the Site as identified on OS Addressbase will be sent informative letters in advance of the public exhibition inviting feedback on the proposed development and providing details on how to find out more, including details of a project website, project contact details and an invitation to the public consultation event; and

- Collate comments and questions (and their responses) submitted during the public consultation. for inclusion in the PAC Report for submission with the Planning Application.

A copy of this PAN has been submitted to the Community Liaison Group and the parties identified above.

Yours sincerely



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Encl. Proposal of Application Notice Form

Figure 1 Site Location

