

Colne Town Council
Colne Town Hall
Albert Road
Colne
BB8 0AQ

08 April 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Proposed Calderdale Energy Park
Statutory Consultation on proposed application for development consent
Section 42(a) and (b) of the Planning Act 2008**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017
("the 2017 Regulations")**

Calderdale Windfarm Ltd (CWFL) proposes to submit an application to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") for a development consent order (DCO) for the proposed Calderdale Energy Park ("the Proposed Development"), located at Walshaw Moor, Calderdale, West Yorkshire.

We are commencing a statutory consultation on the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act on **08 April 2026**.

During the pre-application process, we must consult with a variety of persons and organisations about the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act and the 2017 Regulations. We are writing to you as you have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of section 42(1) of the 2008 Act and/or Regulation 11 of the 2017 Regulations.

Calderdale Energy Park – the Proposed Development

The main site, where 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. The Turbine Area lies within the administrative boundary of Calderdale Council.

The Applicant is progressing a point of connection via the proposed Bradford West Cable Corridor. At this stage, an indicative grid connection route is proposed to facilitate connection of the Proposed Development to the existing Bradford West Substation. This potential route would traverse the administrative area of Calderdale Council before entering the administrative boundary of the City of Bradford Council.

The exact locations for site access, highway improvements, and associated access tracks to the Turbine Area have not yet been finalised. The proposed Eastern Access Route sits within the

administrative boundaries of Calderdale Council and City of Bradford Council, while the proposed Western Access Route spans the administrative boundaries of Calderdale Council, City of Bradford Council, and Pendle Borough Council.

The Proposed Development will 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. The gross electrical output capacity of the wind turbines will be over 100MW (approximately 240MW based on current technology); and
- Associated infrastructure, which is anticipated to include onsite substation and infrastructure, internal access tracks and watercourse crossing infrastructure (e.g. bridge and culvert crossings), a meteorological mast, underground internal electrical cable arrays, borrow pits, temporary construction compounds, a temporary onsite concrete batching plant, drainage and landscaping, lighting, CCTV and 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.

It is anticipated that the proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- The construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Proposed Development including associated and ancillary development;
- The compulsory acquisition of land, rights in or over land and imposition of restrictions, powers to override, suspend or extinguish rights over land and the temporary use of land;
- The application, modification and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Proposed Development including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero has issued a direction under section 35 of the 2008 Act that the Proposed Development is nationally significant and is to be treated as development for which development consent under the 2008 Act is required. Regardless, the Proposed Development is now classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) for

the purposes of the 2008 Act. Accordingly, CWFL is required to make an application to the Secretary of State for a DCO to obtain the consent we need to construct, operate, maintain and in time decommission the Proposed Development. You can find out more about the DCO process on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by the 2017 Regulations. This means that the Proposed Development constitutes development for which an EIA is needed. An Environmental Statement will accompany the DCO application. To support the statutory consultation, we have published a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out the potential environmental effects of the proposals. The PEIR can be viewed on the project website at <https://www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/document-library/>.

Consultation on the Proposed Development

This letter is formal notice that CWFL is carrying out statutory consultation on the Proposed Development pursuant to the 2008 Act. The consultation will run from **Wednesday 08 April 2026 until 11:59pm on Wednesday 10 June 2026** ("the Consultation Period").

Alongside our consultation with section 42 consultees, we are consulting with the public on our proposals in accordance with our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which sets out how we will consult with the local community about the Proposed Development.

A newspaper notice prepared in accordance with sections 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, advertising where the SoCC and consultation materials can be viewed has been published in local and national newspapers. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations, a copy of that notice is enclosed.

Invitation to Parish Councils – Parish Council Webinar

In addition to the public consultation events, we are holding an online briefing session specifically for parish councils during the Consultation Period. This session will provide an overview of the Proposed Development, the consultation process, and an opportunity to ask questions directly to the project team. The webinar will take place on **Tuesday 12 May 6:30-8:00pm**, and parish councils are invited to attend, registration is available via the link below.

Webinar registration: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e678bd29-8ad7-4c2a-8054-94abfabb4c4f@873b7292-5469-4a05-9740-0332e6cbc72d>

Consultation Events

During the Consultation Period, a series of public consultation events will be held. These events will provide an opportunity to view details about the Proposed Development and speak with the project team. Dates, times and locations for these events are below:

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

Online events

We will be holding one online webinar throughout the consultation period; the details of the event are below. You can register for the webinar via the link below:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/57aedd98-578c-4d46-a60a-067024f70dc6@873b7292-5469-4a05-9740-0332e6cbc72d>

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

Consultation Documents

The full set of consultation documents will be available on the project website from 8 April 2025 at <https://www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/document-library/>.

Enclosed within this letter are the following materials, which provide further details of this consultation and our proposals:

- The Calderdale Energy Park Newsletter;
- The Calderdale Energy Park Feedback Form;
- The Calderdale Energy Park Consultation Brochure; and
- A copy of the s47/s48 Newspaper Notice.

In addition to the above we have produced the following materials that can be accessed via the project website:

- The SoCC;
- The PEIR
- The PEIR Non-Technical Summary;
- Site area plans; and
- Calderdale Energy Park non-statutory consultation report and documentation produced for non-statutory consultation.

Hard copies of the consultation newsletter, brochure, feedback form and Non-Technical Summary will be available at no extra charge and can be requested to be sent via post or collected from the in-person consultation events. A hard copy of the PEIR will be available to view at the consultation events.

Copies of the PEIR contained on a USB stick can be provided on request free of charge. 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. If you would like to request a hard copy of any of the consultation documents or if you need other more accessible formats of the consultation materials, please contact us using the contact details below.

Consultation Feedback

We invite you to review the consultation documents and provide your comments on the Proposed Development. Please submit your responses **by 11:59pm on Wednesday 10 June 2026** using one of the following methods:

- Completing the feedback form online at <https://www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/have-your-say/>
- By returning a printed copy of the enclosed response form to us at Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK (no stamp required)
- Emailing us at info@calderdaleenergypark.co.uk
- Writing to us at Freepost CALDERDALE ENERGY PARK (no stamp required)
- Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback form which can be handed into the team in-person or sent to us via the freepost address above

Responses received after the deadline may not be considered. We cannot guarantee acceptance of consultation feedback submitted via other channels.

CWFL requests that responses state the grounds of representation, indicate who is making it, and provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the representation may be sent.

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/>.

If you have any questions about the Proposed Development, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us using the contact details provided above or by calling 01422 702 506.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Egal", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christian Egal
Project Manager
Calderdale Energy Park

