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Application for Planning Permission. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details

Title:	Dr	First name:	Andrew	Surname:	Rankin
Company name	Reach Community Solar Farm Ltd				
Street address:	Willow Farm	Telephone number:	Country Code	National Number	Extension Number
	Lode Fen	+44		1223858414	
	Lode	Mobile number:	+44	7974709710	
Town/City	Cambridge	Fax number:			
County:	Cambridgeshire	Email address:	info@reachsolarfarm.co.uk		
Country:	UK				
Postcode:	CB25 9HF				
Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No				

2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details

No Agent details were submitted for this application

3. Description of the Proposal

Please describe the proposed development including any change of use:

We intend to construct a 507kW community-owned solar farm. Approximately 2112 solar panels will be used in the scheme. Each panel measures 1.66 by 0.99m, and the panels will be mounted in rows of two on steel frames. The frames will be installed in rows facing south, in order to maximise the sunlight received by the panels. Around 6m will be left between rows in order to prevent shading of solar panels in one row by the row in front. The land has recently been used for grazing sheep. We intend to continue grazing on the land between the solar panel frames.

Has the building, work or change of use already started? Yes No

4. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)	Description:
House:	
House name:	
Street address:	
Town/City:	
County:	
Postcode:	
Description of location or a grid reference (must be completed if postcode is not known):	
Easting:	
Northing:	

5. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application? Yes No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title: First name: Surname:

Reference:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): (Must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received:

6. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle access proposed to or from the public highway? Yes No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway? Yes No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site? Yes No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site? Yes No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way? Yes No

7. Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste? Yes No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste? Yes No

8. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you? Yes No

9. Materials

Please state what materials (including type, colour and name) are to be used externally (if applicable):

Boundary treatments - description:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Others - description:

Type of other material:

Description of *existing* materials and finishes:

Description of *proposed* materials and finishes:

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement? Yes No

If Yes, please state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement:

10. Vehicle Parking

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces:

Type of vehicle	Existing number of spaces	Total proposed (including spaces retained)	Difference in spaces
Cars	0	0	0
Light goods vehicles/public carrier vehicles	0	0	0
Motorcycles	0	0	0
Disability spaces	0	0	0
Cycle spaces	0	0	0
Other (e.g. Bus)	0	0	0
Short description of Other			

11. Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

Mains sewer Package treatment plant Unknown
Septic tank Cess pit

Other

N/A - not inhabited

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system? Yes No Unknown

12. Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Refer to the Environment Agency's Flood Map showing flood zones 2 and 3 and consult Environment Agency standing advice and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.) Yes No

If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate flood risk assessment to consider the risk to the proposed site.

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)? Yes No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere? Yes No

How will surface water be disposed of?

Sustainable drainage system Main sewer Pond/lake
 Soakaway Existing watercourse

13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the guidance notes for further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the guidance notes, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, OR on land adjacent to or near the application site:

a) Protected and priority species

Yes, on the development site Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

Yes, on the development site Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

Yes, on the development site Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development No

14. Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site:

The site is on agricultural land. Recently it has been used for grazing sheep.

Is the site currently vacant? Yes No

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

If yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated? Yes No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site? Yes No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination? Yes No

15. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site? Yes No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character? Yes No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full Tree Survey, at the discretion of your local planning authority. If a Tree Survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside your application. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

16. Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or waste? Yes No

17. Residential Units

Does your proposal include the gain or loss of residential units? Yes No

18. All Types of Development: Non-residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace? Yes No

19. Employment

If known, please complete the following information regarding employees:

	Full-time	Part-time	Equivalent number of full-time
Existing employees	0	0	0
Proposed employees	0	0	0

20. Hours of Opening

If known, please state the hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed:

Use	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday and Bank Holidays		Not Known
	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	

21. Site Area

What is the site area?

22. Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

Is the proposal for a waste management development? Yes No

23. Hazardous Substances

Is any hazardous waste involved in the proposal? Yes No

24. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land? Yes No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

The agent The applicant Other person

25. Certificates (Certificate B)

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate B

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 Certificate under Article 12

I certify/ The applicant certifies that I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (*owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run*) and/or agricultural tenant (*"agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990*) of any part of the land or building to which this application relates.

25. Certificates (Certificate B - continued)

Owner/Agricultural Tenant		Date notice served			
Name:	John Robinson	16/07/2013			
Number:	Suffix:				
Street:	Spring Hall Farm				
Locality:	Blackberry Droveaway				
Town:	Reach				
Postcode:					
Title:	Dr	First name:	Andrew	Surname:	Rankin
Person role:	Applicant	Declaration date:	16/07/2013	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Declaration made

26. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Date 04/02/2014