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Welcome to the Longfield Solar Farm website.

We held a statutory consultation on our proposals for a new solar energy farm, co-located with battery storage, north east of Chelmsford and north of the A12 between Boreham and Hatfield Peverel from 1 June to 13 July 2021.

We are grateful to everyone who took part in the statutory consultation. We have published a leaflet setting out details of some changes we have made to our Scheme boundary since the consultation here.







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What is Longfield Solar Farm?

Longfield Solar Farm is a proposal for a new solar energy farm, co-located with battery storage, to help meet the country's need for low carbon energy.

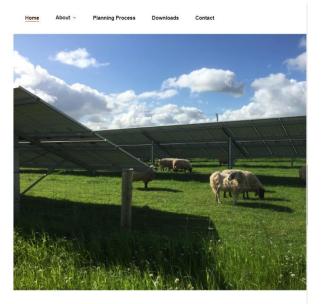
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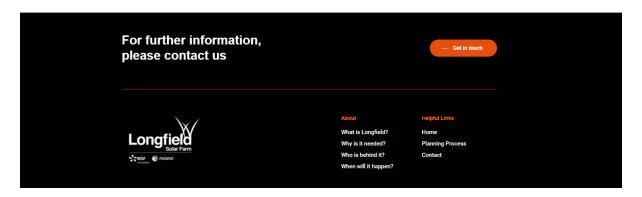


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What is Longfield Solar Farm?

Longfield Solar Farm is a proposed new solar energy farm, co-located with battery storage. The proposals include grid infrastructure to connect Longfield Solar Farm to the National Grid and any necessary and appropriate environmental mitigation. We also need to secure development consent for infrastructure needed for building and maintaining Longfield Solar Farm such as construction compounds and site offices.

We have secured a grid connection agreement which would allow us to export or import up to 500MW of electricity to and from the National Grid. The proposed generation capacity of the scheme means it is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) – we set out more information on this on the Planning process page.

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Why is Longfield Solar Farm needed?

The way that we generate and consume energy in the UK is changing. The Government has committed to achieving 'net zero' carbon emissions (compared to 1990 levels) by 2050.

That means older means of energy generation, like old fossil fuel power stations, are being taken out of use. There is an urgent need for new, cleaner, forms of energy generation to replace them. Solar farms like Longfield could have a major role to play in meeting this need.

Including battery storage in the proposals allows us to make more efficient use of the solar panels. This means we can store energy at times of low demand and release it when it is needed.







Who is behind Longfield?

Longfield Solar Farm is a joint venture between two companies with a long history in helping meet the country's need for renewable energy.

EDF Renewables has more than 25 years' worth of experience in delivering renewable energy projects in more than 20 countries around the world. In the UK, it provides much needed new affordable low carbon energy through 38 wind farms and one of the UK's largest battery storage units (together totalling almost 1GW). It has a portfolio of rooftop solar and grid scale solar energy generation in development.

Padero Solar has helped to develop more than 25 Solar Farms in the UK, and this has delivered over 390MWs of renewable energy. Padero Solar is part of a group of three companies. These include PS Renewables, who are behind a number of solar projects, including Eveley Solar Farm (Hampshire) and PSH Operations, an Operations & Maintenance business managing over 1.3GWs of Solar Farm assets in the UK.

You can find out more at their websites: https://www.edf-re.uk/ and











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Public consultation

We held a statutory public consultation on our proposals between 1 June and 13 July 2021.

This took place in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. We set out the way we will meet the requirement for projects of this type to consult with the local community in a document called a Statement of Community Consultation.

We are grateful to everyone who responded to the consultation. We will carefully we are grateful to everyone who responses do the considerable. We will carefully consider all of the comments we receive as part of the consultation and set out how we have had regard to them in a Consultation Report. This will form part of our DCO application.

Find out more

You can find out more by:

The documents we made available during the consultation are still available here. You can find out more by:

- Reading an information booklet we have published as part of the consultation
- Viewing a virtual exhibition
- Reading the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, available in the Downloads section

If you have questions, you can:

- View the recordings of our Q&A webinars, from Saturday 5 $\,$ June 2021, here, and Thursday 10 June 2021, here.
- Email info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk



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Longfield Solar Farm is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This is because of the scale of the contribution it would make to the country's energy needs

This means we need to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

DCO applications are managed by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on behalf of the Secretary of State. You can find out more about the planning process for the proposals at their website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/









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Downloads

This page includes links to consultation documents and other information. It will be updated over time as documents are published.

- Statement of Community Consultation Consultation booklet
- Consultation questionnaire
- Virtual exhibition
- Section 48 notice Preliminary Environmental Information Report

Non-statutory consultation

- Consultation booklet
 Site Features and Concept Master
- Consultation questionnaire
- Webinar 1
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