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Appendix B-1: Letters Consulting Host Authorities on
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Dear Mr. Lloyd,

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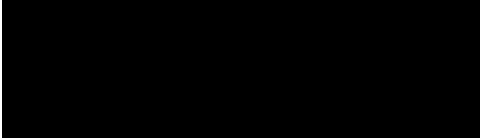
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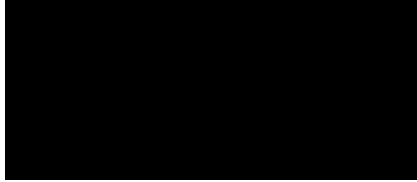
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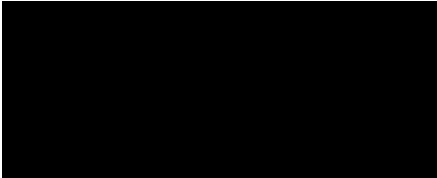
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Ashford Borough Council				
Page 2 - The purpose of community consultation and this SoCC	07/02/2022	Insert website address [into the document] as a simple google search doesn't find the website?	This was noted and actioned.	The SoCC was updated to include the URL for the project website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk)
Page 4 - The planning process	07/02/2022	I can't get this link to work (https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/)	This was noted and actioned.	The applicant checked and updated the link.
Page 4 – The Project	07/02/2022	Would it be possible to have a site location plan in here i.e with a red line?	This was noted and actioned.	The SoCC was updated to include a red line site location plan.
Page 4 – The Project	07/02/2022	Will there be other significant infrastructure that needs to be mentioned here? Access roads, fencing etc?	This was noted and actioned.	Section 5, page 7 of the draft SoCC was updated to state all significant infrastructure that would form part of the DCO application, as follows:

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				<p>“The proposed development will in summary include the following key infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar PV modules; • PV module mounting structures; • On-site electrical stations including inverters/switchgear and transformers; • On-site and grid connection cabling with a maximum voltage of 132 kilovolts; • Project substation, including high voltage switchgear and control equipment; • An energy storage system; • A spare parts storage building or enclosure; • Boundary fencing and closed-circuit television security measures; and • Access tracks.”
Page 5 - Who will we consult?	07/02/2022	Core Consultation Zone Cheesemans Green isn't technically a village and possibly include Kingsnorth in here as I believe	This was noted and actioned.	The SoCC was updated to state: “Bilsington, Bonnington,

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		some of your core consultation zone (ie at Cheesemans Green) falls into that parish)		Brabourne Lees, Kingsnorth, Mersham and Smeeth”
Page 5 - Who will we consult?	07/02/2022	www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk Link does not work.	This was noted and actioned.	The applicant checked the link.
Page 11 - How will we consult with you? - Literature	07/02/2022	If you wanted to set up a more central event in the town centre I believe the facilities could be available at the Gateway	The Applicant responded to ABC to confirm that the intention was to hold events in the core consultation zone and that the Gateway was mentioned as a Deposit location.	The Gateway was added to the SoCC as a deposit location.
Page 11 - How will we consult with you? - Literature	07/02/2022	ABC could provide a link from our website to your website to direct residents.	The Applicant responded to ABC to take up the offer of a website link.	There were no amendment to the SoCC as a result of this comment.
Kent County Council				
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	Public Rights of Way (PRoW): The County Council has a statutory duty to protect and improve PRoW in the County and is committed to working in partnership with all parties to achieve the aims	This was noted.	N/A

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		<p>contained within the KCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).</p> <p>Specifically, these relate to quality of life, supporting the rural economy, tackling disadvantage and safety issues and providing sustainable transport choices. PRow is the generic term for Public Footpaths, Public Bridleways, Restricted Byways and Byways Open to All Traffic, with their existence being a material consideration.</p>		
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	<p>The value of the PRow network is in providing the means for residents and visitors to access and appreciate landscapes for personal health and wellbeing, enhancing community connectivity and cohesion, reducing local traffic congestion for economic benefit and improvement in air quality.</p>	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	<p>Given the substantial size of the proposal, it will have an adverse impact on the PRow network - potentially through loss of amenity and traffic generation, especially during construction. Significant measures will need to be taken to help mitigate all impacts of the development on the PRow network and futureproof sustainable Active Travel. The County Council, as Local Highway Authority, would therefore welcome engagement as</p>	This was noted.	N/A

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		a statutory consultee in all matters regarding the PRow network.		
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	<p>The County Council also requests consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impacts on the PRow network during the pre-construction/early design stage of the project, in addition to the construction and operational phases of the project. For example, during the pre-construction phase, excavation works may be required to evaluate ground conditions and reptile fencing may be erected to conduct ecological surveys. The results of these investigations may influence and determine the final design of the proposal, but the process of collecting the data, may cause disruption to PRow users. 	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	<p>The County Council also requests consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opportunity through this proposal to improve the PRow network and develop new links for active travel and outdoor recreation. The creation of new paths and upgrading of existing routes should be considered as positive outcomes of the scheme. The public benefits of such work would help to compensate for any disruption caused by the 	This was noted.	N/A

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		construction of the proposal, and any negative effects on the PRow network.		
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	The County Council also requests consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The likely usage, visual and air quality impact on users participating in recreational activity on the PRow network, in both the affected area and the wider network 	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	The County Council also requests consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential for loss of recreational walks within open countryside. 	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	The County Council also requests consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of increased vehicular traffic along rural lanes during construction, which currently provides valuable connections for equestrians and cyclists travelling between off-road PRow routes. The proposed development could deter public use of the PRow network if vehicular traffic increases along these roads. 	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	The County Council also requests consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path extinguishments and long-term severance of routes should also be avoided, to prevent fragmentation of the PRow network. 	This was noted.	N/A

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Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems: The County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority, would welcome further engagement on this proposal as a statutory consultee.	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	Minerals and Waste: The County Council confirms that the proposed development is not within 250 metres of any safeguarded mineral facility or waste facility, and thus does not have to be considered against the safeguarding exemption provisions of Policy DM 8: Safeguarding Minerals Management, Transportation, Production and Waste Management Facilities of the adopted Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 3013-30	This was noted.	N/A
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	With regard to land-won minerals safeguarding matters, the proposal area is not coincident with, but is located close to, a safeguarded mineral deposit in the area. The safeguarded mineral is the Hythe Formation (Kentish Ragstone), as shown in the extract from the Mineral Safeguarding Area for the Ashford Borough area, as part of the adopted proposals maps of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 and the location plan extract from the SoCC. The safeguarded mineral in question is a large geological unit that is found over extensive areas of the Maidstone Borough area, and into the Ashford Borough area, and further eastwards as the unit decreases. The deposit in the	This was noted.	N/A

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		<p>Aldington area presents in a somewhat isolated manner of the overall geological formation. It is extremely unlikely that any hard rock extraction would be either viable or acceptable on environmental and planning grounds.</p> <p>Therefore, despite the close proximity of the proposal, it does not pose any significant threat to future supply of this mineral type. At this time, the County Council as Minerals and Waste Planning Authority does not have any land-won minerals or waste management capacity safeguarding objections or comments to make regarding this project, but would welcome engagement as further information on the project becomes available.</p>		
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	<p>Heritage Conservation: The County Council notes that the proposal is located within an area of archaeological potential – meaning the site may contain sensitive and significant archaeological remains. It is essential that appropriate archaeological assessment is undertaken and that KCC and local heritage groups are engaged.</p> <p>Current Historic Environment Record (HER) data suggests the southern boundary of the site is an ancient routeway and probably a Roman road. It runs along a ridge of high ground and this routeway would have attracted activity and occupation from Prehistoric Period onwards.</p>	This was noted.	N/A

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		<p>Roman remains are known to the east within Aldington itself, as well as a Medieval Archbishops Palace and a 12th century church of St Martins. This clearly indicates Roman and Medieval activity in this area. There are indications from Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) finds of Early Medieval remains along the route and there is some potential for earlier Anglo-Saxon burials along the ridgeline.</p> <p>Handen Farm, lying to the east of the proposed solar farm site is identifiable on the the Map and early OS maps. This 19th century farm may well have earlier origins and associated remains could extend into the development site. Associated with this farm and other farms in the vicinity, are a network of field boundaries, ditches, water management systems, footpaths and farm tracks, as well as agrarian features including sheep fold and enclosures. A square enclosure is identified as a cropmark on the proposed site. It is, as yet, undated, but may relate to agrarian activity. Although there are no designated heritage assets within or close to the proposed site, there are several farm complexes identified on the Historic England Farmstead Survey - indicating their heritage importance. Impact on the setting and character of buildings and landscapes is essential in view of the visible nature of this Proposal.</p>		

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		<p>The site also lies close to a crash site of a Messerschmitt. These crash sites are protected sites, but sometimes their precise location is unclear. As information on this crash site is not detailed, there is some potential that the crash site could actually be within the proposal site.</p> <p>The proposed site has not been subject to any formal archaeological investigation. As such there is high potential for as yet unknown remains to survive on the site.</p>		
Section 6 – Who will we consult	22/02/2022	<p>Given the brief archaeological assessment above, it is essential that KCC is consulted on archaeological and archaeological landscape issues. It is also crucial that an appropriate Cultural Heritage Assessment is undertaken. The Cultural Heritage Assessment should include archaeology, archaeological buildings and archaeological landscapes. Appropriate specialists and sources of information should be utilised including Kent HER, documentary research, Ordnance Survey map data, light detection and ranging (LiDAR), cropmarks,</p> <p>geology and topography. It is important that assessment of buried and upstanding archaeology is appropriately integrated and that the archaeological landscape assessment is undertaken in accordance with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) guidance (with focus</p>	This was noted.	N/A

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		on the Cultural Heritage section). Assessment of archaeological landscapes cannot be covered through the Landscape Visual Impact Assessment process because this only covers the natural environment and comparatively recent influences, not the human and prehistoric element.		
Folkestone & Hythe District Council				
N/A	25/01/2022	The draft SoCC doesn't aid the reader in understanding the precise location of the sites nor their extents. I'd suggest clearer identification is needed.	This was noted and actioned.	The SoCC was updated to include a red line site location plan.
N/A	25/01/2022	It might also be useful to identify where the battery storage is envisaged being located	This was noted and actioned.	The SoCC was amended to state: "The energy storage will be provided by batteries installed on the site – these will either be located in a large single compound or distributed throughout the site, depending on the technical approach in relation to charging. This will be determined prior to the DCO application being submitted."

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N/A	25/01/2022	All public exhibitions proposed are in villages south of the A20, further Mersham and Aldington are very close to each other. We would suggest that there needs to be a wider engagement plan, with more even dispersal throughout the consultation zones, for instance but not exclusively you may wish to consider a public exhibition somewhere in Brabourne/Smeeth and maybe extending south to Bilsington as well.	This was noted and actioned.	Smeeth was included in the list of surrounding villages comprising the core consultation zone.
N/A	25/01/2022	The Council Customer Access Point is not open for public displays or exhibitions so unfortunately it's not an option. When you are closer to knowing your needs it may be that we can help identify a suitable space in another town centre location.	The Applicant confirmed to ABC that events would be held within the core consultation zone but that the Customer Access Point would be a Deposit Location for literature.	There were no amendments to the SoCC as a result of this comment.
N/A	25/01/2022	I think we will need in due course to give through to how we engage with councillors and what that process looks like.	In response to this feedback, the Applicant held an online briefing for Members from FHDC, ABC and KCC on 10 October 2022.	There were no amendments to the SoCC as a result of this comment.
Page 10 – What will we consult on	25/01/2022	The second paragraph under heading '7. What will we consult on?' suggests that the parameters of the solar park will be '...discussed at community	This was noted and actioned.	The SoCC was updated to include a red line site location plan.

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		consultation events...' but it would be good if you could identify the land options you are considering		



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STONESTREET GREEN SOLAR

Statement of Community Consultation

Published in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008

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1. Introduction

Evolution Power Limited¹ (Evolution Power) is intending to develop a renewable energy generating project, including solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays and on-site energy storage, together with associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection, on land at Aldington near Ashford in Kent, to be known as Stonestreet Green Solar (the project). Evolution Power welcomes your views on our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar.

2. The purpose of community consultation and this SoCC

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) explains how Evolution Power intends to consult with you on our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 before we submit an application for development consent for the project.

This SoCC explains how we have identified who to consult, the consultation methods proposed, the timescales for consultation and how consultees can help shape the project.

The publication of this SoCC is being advertised in local newspapers and is available on the project website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk) and at the Deposit Locations listed on page 15 of this document.

Evolution Power will carry out consultation with the local community in accordance with this SoCC. We recognise that local people have a vital role to play at the pre-application stage and that carrying out consultation on the project with the local community will help to inform the development of our proposals. The pre-application consultation provides the opportunity for the local community to engage with and comment on the project as the project plans evolve. We want to listen to your views and work with you to develop our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar. This will allow us to develop our plans responsibly and in a manner that supports local community and national objectives.

We will use the feedback that we receive during the consultation to help us develop our final proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar before submitting our application.

3. About Evolution Power

Evolution Power is a UK-based, independent solar developer. The company aims to develop affordable and sustainable renewable energy projects to help the UK meet its legally binding 2050 net zero emissions target. Evolution Power's ambition is to develop innovative, renewable energy projects in the 'right' way. Evolution Power carefully selects sites to minimise local impact and targets sites where it has identified potential opportunities to provide energy to local customers to maximise sustainability, environmental and social outcomes.

¹ The applicant will be EPL 001 Limited (company number 12444050), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Evolution Power Limited.



Our aim is to work with local communities, maximising opportunities for community participation and providing meaningful community benefits.

4. The planning process

As the proposed generating capacity exceeds 50 megawatts (MW), Stonestreet Green Solar is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008. Our project must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the Planning Act 2008 process. Consent for the solar PV arrays, on-site energy storage, associated infrastructure and underground cable connection will be included in the DCO if granted.

The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. If accepted, the application will be examined by an independent Examining Authority at PINS who will review the application and may ask written questions and hold hearings during the examination. Throughout the examination, interested parties (including members of the local community who submit a relevant representation form to PINS) will be entitled to participate in the examination. The Examining Authority will then prepare a detailed report and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The SoS will then make a decision on whether to grant a DCO for the project.

Before PINS will accept the application, we must demonstrate that pre-application consultation has been undertaken. Consultation must be carried out with statutory consultees under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and the local community under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The proposed application must also be publicised under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008. Before carrying out consultation under Section 47 we are required to prepare and publish a SoCC to explain how we will consult the local community. Consultation with statutory consultees under Section 42 and publicity under Section 48 are outside the scope of this SoCC but will be undertaken in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and will be reported in the Consultation Report submitted as part of our DCO application.

For more information on this process, you can access a short film made by PINS at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/participating-in-the-process/> or a series of PINS advice notes at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

5. The project

The project will be located approximately 2.4km to the south-east of Ashford and approximately 13.7km to the west of Folkestone Town Centre, in the county of Kent. It is situated on approximately 189 hectares (467 acres) of land to the north and west of the village of Aldington. Figure 1 below provides an indicative site location.





The proposed development comprises the proposed construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of a renewable energy generating project. The proposed development will include solar PV arrays and on-site energy storage, together with associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection to the existing National Grid Substation at Sellindge. The development will be split between various parcels of land which will minimise any visual impact.

The proposed development will in summary include the following key infrastructure:

- Solar PV modules;
- PV module mounting structures;
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- Boundary fencing and closed-circuit television security measures; and
- Access tracks.

There are currently two options under consideration for the proposed grid connection arrangement: a Preferred Option and an Alternative Option. The indicative site location plan at Figure 1 includes the land required to deliver both options. The Preferred Option would connect directly to the existing Sellindge Substation. The Alternative Option would instead connect to the existing Sellindge Substation via an existing nearby tower. As shown on Figure 1, the Alternative Option requires additional land, of which approximately 340m of cable route and 500m of access track would be located within the administrative boundary of Folkestone and Hythe District Council. If this additional land is not required, which is Evolution Power's preference, the application site would lie entirely within the administrative boundaries of Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council. The exact point of connection for the project is subject to final confirmation from UK Power Networks. This will be confirmed prior to the submission of the DCO application, and the Order Limits will reflect this.

The energy storage will be provided by batteries installed on the site – these will either be located in a large single compound or distributed throughout the site, depending on the technical approach in relation to charging. This will be determined prior to the DCO application being submitted.



Stonestreet Green Solar will provide a range of benefits including:

- The project will export up to 99.9MW of clean, renewable electricity, contributing to the UK's 2050 net-zero target.
- This renewable energy generated will be sufficient to power around 48,000 homes, saving around 37,000 tonnes of CO2 per annum.
- The project will include energy storage on-site, which will enable the storage, import and export of electricity to and from the grid.
- The project will generate subsidy-free electricity, without public financial support.
- The project will provide an inflation-linked community benefit fund for the lifetime of the project to be used locally for social and environmental projects.
- During the lifetime of the project, the biodiversity of the site will be greatly enhanced and the soil condition will be improved.

6. Who will we consult?

In accordance with this SoCC, we will consult with the local communities in the vicinity of the land to which the proposed DCO application relates. We also welcome feedback from anyone who may be interested in or in any way feel impacted by our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar.

People can register their interest at our project website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk – use the 'Contact Us' tab) to receive regular updates on the project.

We will also consult relevant parish and town councils, area committees, community groups, organisations representing local businesses, communities and tourist boards. In addition, we will also be consulting on our proposed project with a range of other statutory and non-statutory consultees.



Core Consultation Zone (see Figure 2)

A core consultation zone has been defined to cover a 4km radius from the centre of the site. The zone centres on the proposed development site in Aldington and extends outwards to include the nearby surrounding villages of Bilsington, Bonnington, Brabourne Lees, Kingsnorth, Mersham and Smeeeth. All elements of the project (as described in Section 5 of this SoCC) will be located within this core consultation zone. Residents and businesses within the core consultation zone will receive our leaflets and newsletters directly.

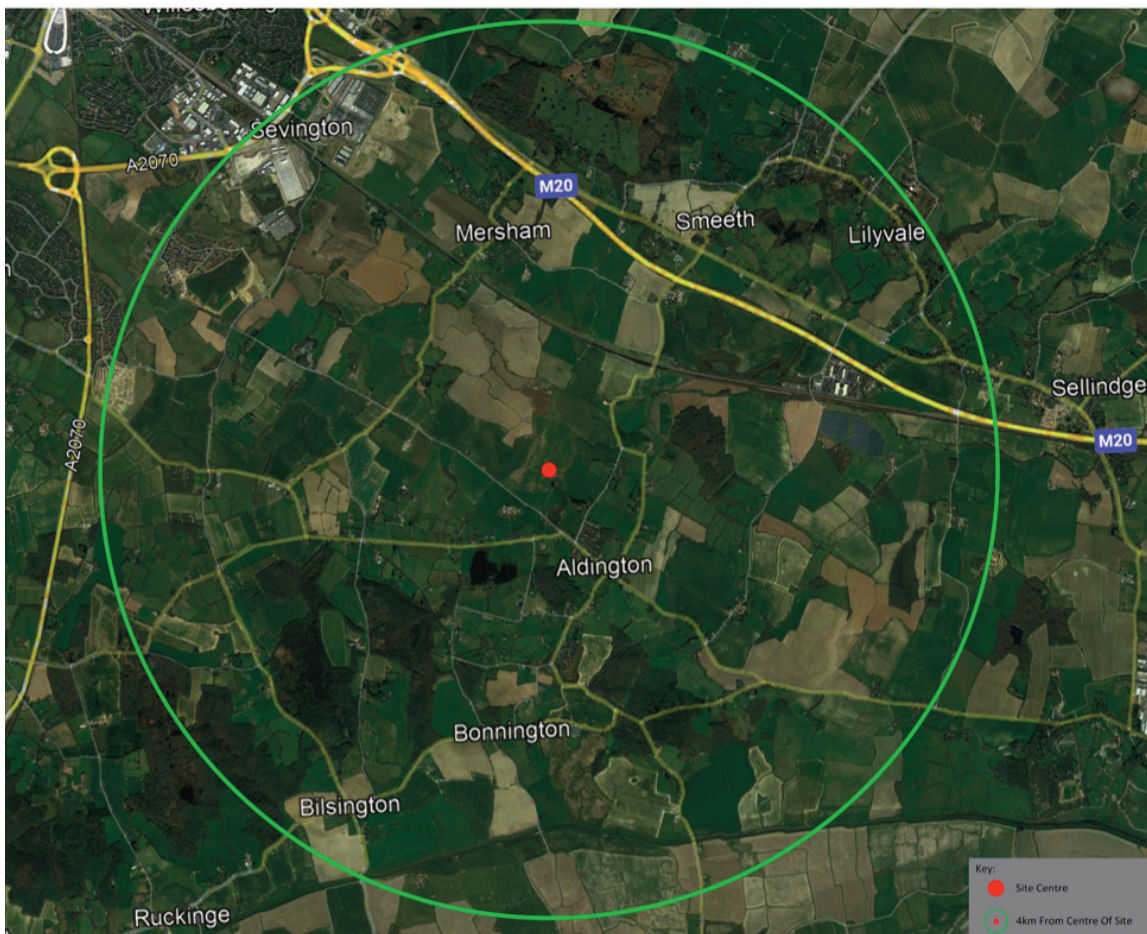


Figure 2: Core Consultation Zone Map



Wider Consultation Zone (see Figure 3)

Evolution Power recognises that there will be some people who do not live within the core consultation zone but are nevertheless interested in our proposals. We want to ensure that these people are aware of our proposals and the opportunities to get involved. Therefore, we will use tools such as media relations and advertising to notify residents and businesses within a wider consultation zone about the consultation, covering a 10km radius from the site.

Together, the core consultation zone and the wider consultation zone comprise our consultation area.

Evolution Power will be visiting areas within the consultation area throughout the development of the proposals to meet with communities, provide information and listen to feedback on the proposals.



Figure 3: Wider Consultation Zone Map



7. What will we consult on?

We will be seeking feedback on all aspects of our plans for Stonestreet Green Solar. We will encourage the local communities to give their views about how our proposals may affect them or their area. For example, we will be seeking feedback to help develop our proposals regarding impacts such as, but not limited to:

- Short term, temporary construction impacts, such as upon wildlife and local residents.
- Long term, operational impacts, such as upon wildlife, landscape and views.
- Benefits, such as contributing towards low carbon energy production and providing security of energy supply.

More information will be available regarding technical aspects of the project as our proposals develop, which will be provided as part of our consultation material.

8. Environmental information

In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, we confirm that the Stonestreet Green Solar development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in those regulations and that we intend to publicise and consult on preliminary environmental information. We will be undertaking an EIA for Stonestreet Green Solar in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, including the preparation of an Environmental Statement (ES).

Scoping

We will be seeking a Scoping Opinion from PINS (on behalf of the SoS) on the scope and level of detail of the information to be provided in the ES. Our request for that Scoping Opinion will include a Scoping Report that will describe the project and explain our initial analysis of the anticipated likely significant environmental effects and the scope of technical assessment required. PINS will seek feedback on this from consultation bodies before issuing a Scoping Opinion. A copy of the Scoping Report and the Scoping Opinion will be made available on the PINS project website (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/stonestreet-green-solar/>) and on the project website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk).

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

Following the publication of the Scoping Opinion, a PEIR will be produced which will provide an initial statement of the environmental information compiled by Evolution Power for the Stonestreet Green Solar study area. The PEIR will build upon findings from the Scoping Report. It will incorporate the findings of the surveys and initial assessments and will enable consultees to develop an informed view of any likely significant environmental effects of the



development. We will be seeking feedback from the local communities and other stakeholders on the PEIR.

Environmental Statement (ES)

The ES will advance the content of the PEIR and incorporate the responses from the consultation and results of the surveys undertaken. It will also describe any changes made to the project and any mitigation measures that need to be implemented. The ES will form part of the DCO application.

Details of when the Scoping Report, Scoping Opinion, PEIR and ES are expected to be published can be found in Section 10 of this SoCC, which displays the indicative consultation timeline.

9. The consultation process

The consultation process for Stonestreet Green Solar will be an iterative one as the design of the project develops in response to the consultation. The following consultation process shapes the indicative consultation timeline, as presented in Section 10 of this SoCC.

Stakeholder briefings – Spring 2022

Following publication of this SoCC, we will introduce community members to our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar. This will include initial meetings with members of the community and stakeholders.

Non-Statutory Consultation - Spring 2022

Local information events will take place in spring 2022. These will provide interested members of the local community with the opportunity to view the initial proposals and submit feedback. A consultation leaflet will also be delivered to all residents and businesses within the core consultation zone. The feedback received to this non-statutory consultation will help shape the proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar.

Statutory Consultation – Summer 2022

Local information events and further consultation are expected to take place in summer 2022 and will run for at least 28 days. This statutory consultation, in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, will allow us to update you on the project development, allow you to provide formal comments and also feedback on the PEIR, as described in Section 8 of this SoCC. More specific details of the consultation will be publicised through adverts in the local press, via newsletters to residents and businesses in the core consultation zone, via email to local parish councils, via the project Twitter feed and via the project website, in advance of the consultation starting. Notices about the statutory consultation will be placed in local and national newspapers and at the site in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.



Ongoing engagement

Anyone interested in our proposals is welcome to get in touch with us at any time during the pre-application process. Our contact details are listed at the end of this SoCC. We will consider the feedback and comments we receive on an ongoing basis. You will also have the opportunity to comment on our proposals for the project when the DCO application is submitted to PINS.

In addition to the above, we may also decide to hold further rounds of statutory or non-statutory consultation, including targeted consultation with specific groups, where appropriate.

10. Indicative consultation timeline

Spring 2022:	Publication of SoCC and stakeholder briefings
Spring 2022:	Non-Statutory Consultation
Spring 2022:	Scoping Report submitted
Spring/Summer 2022:	Scoping Opinion published
Summer 2022:	Statutory Consultation and PEIR published
Autumn 2022:	Finalise ES and DCO application
Winter 2022:	DCO application submission

11. How will we consult with you?

Face-to-face

Our pre-application consultation will include two rounds of local information events which are open to all interested members of the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to view informative materials about the project, discuss the proposals with members of the team and provide their feedback on the proposals. A copy of this SoCC will be made available at these events.

All the materials available at the local information events will also be made available to view on the project website in case people are unable to attend in person.

If social distancing measures, or other restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, are in place at the time of the consultation, virtual exhibitions will be held instead, details of which will be communicated to residents using the methods set out in Section 9 of this SoCC. Virtual events allow people to participate in the consultation from remote locations (such as their



home or office) using technology (such as a smart phone or laptop computer). Virtual events are held on the same basis and are subject to the same provisions of the Planning Act 2008 as physical events.

Non-statutory consultation events

We will be hosting our first round of local information events as part of our non-statutory consultation in spring 2022 which, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time, will be held at the following venues:

- **Sellindge Village Hall - Friday 8 April, 3pm - 7pm**
- **Aldington Village Hall - Saturday 9 April, 11am - 3pm**
- **Bilsington Village Hall - Tuesday 12 April, 1pm - 5pm**
- **Mersham Sports Club - Wednesday 13 April, 2pm - 6pm**

Statutory consultation events

The statutory consultation will take place during summer 2022. As part of the statutory consultation, local information events will be held, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time, in the following venues:

- **Sellindge Village Hall**
- **Aldington Village Hall**
- **Bilsington Village Hall**
- **Mersham Village Hall or Sports Club**

The local information events will be held during afternoons in the week and on one day at the weekend. The dates and times of the statutory consultation events will be publicised through adverts in the local press, via newsletters to residents and businesses in the core consultation zone, via email to local parish councils, via the project Twitter feed and via the project website, before the commencement of consultation.

Regard will be had to all feedback captured from these events.

Literature

Stakeholder briefing packs will be provided to elected members in spring 2022 to introduce the scheme and inform them of how their constituents will be engaged with during the process.

Leaflets and newsletters will be distributed to all residents and businesses within the core consultation zone (as shown in Figure 2 of this SoCC) at key pre-application consultation



stages which will provide information on the proposals and details of how the local community can have their say. Newsletters will continue to be distributed during the examination stage.

During the statutory consultation, copies of this SoCC, leaflets and newsletters, the consultation documents and the PEIR will be available to view free of charge at the following public buildings and libraries (Deposit Locations) (subject to any measures put in place by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic):

- **Ashford Library, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS**
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9am to 5pm; Thursday: 9am to 6pm; Saturday: 9am to 3pm; Sunday: closed)
- **Folkestone Library, 2 Grace Hill, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1HD**
(Monday: 9:30am to 5pm; Tuesday: 9:30am to 5pm; Wednesday: closed; Thursday: 9:30am to 5pm; Friday: 9:30am to 5pm; Saturday: 9:30am to 4:30pm; Sunday: 10am to 4pm)
- **Ashford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL**
(Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm; Saturday and Sunday: closed)
- **Folkestone & Hythe Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QY**
(Monday to Friday: 10am to 4pm; Saturday and Sunday: closed)
- **Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ**
(Monday to Friday: 8am to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday: closed)

There will also be copies of the full DCO application (once submitted) available at one or more of the sites listed above (to be confirmed nearer to the time of submitting the application).

Digital copies of these documents will also be made available to access on the project website at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk and on the PINS project website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/stonestreet-green-solar/>

Direct communication lines

Anyone interested in the project can contact us using any of the communication lines detailed in Section 13 of this SoCC. All project information will be available to download from our website at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk

Communications outreach

Across the consultation area we will be raising awareness of the project to inform those living or working in this area about the consultation. Hard copies of this SoCC, along with the leaflets and newsletters referred to above, will be available to view at the Deposit Locations listed above (subject to any applicable Covid-19 restrictions). This SoCC will also be sent to local



community groups as appropriate. In addition, we will use posters, social media, our website and local media to reach out to those within the consultation area.

Evolution Power will also seek to consult with “hard to reach” groups, which are demographic groups that may be less likely to participate in or respond to traditional consultation techniques. They may find it harder to get involved in consultation and need additional support to access materials. Our consultation will therefore include measures to ensure we communicate effectively with these groups and provide an opportunity for them to have their say. This includes making information available across a number of online or offline outlets and in different formats. We will be directly engaging with representative groups in the community. We will ensure our written consultation material is in easy to understand, plain English style. A Freephone number, staffed by our community relations team, will be available to assist people who find it difficult to submit written comments and we will offer a telephone surgery to discuss the proposals if required. Large print and braille versions of consultation documents will also be available on request. A Freepost service will be available for people who prefer to send feedback by post rather than respond online or by email.

Community Liaison Panel

We are planning to establish a Community Liaison Panel (CLP) during the pre-application stage. We will advertise for volunteers from the local community to join the CLP during the non-statutory consultation phase, and also invite representatives from the local Parish Council, along with local Borough Council ward members and the Kent County Council Division member. Terms of reference will be agreed for the CLP and it is intended that the group will meet prior to or during key stages throughout the pre-application and examination stages.

12. Consultation feedback

Collection of responses

To capture participant feedback, we will produce a consultation questionnaire inviting comments on the different elements of the proposed Stonestreet Green Solar project. The questionnaire will be made available at the local information events, online through the dedicated project website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk) and via post upon request. Consultees will be able to respond by completing the questionnaire in person at local information events, online or by returning a completed questionnaire using the contact details set out in Section 13 of this SoCC during the consultation period.

How will we consider the responses?

Following the statutory consultation, we will carefully consider all the responses that we receive and have regard to this in finalising our proposals for the Stonestreet Green Solar project, ahead of submitting our DCO application. Our DCO application will include a



Consultation Report setting out how we have had regard to the responses received. This will:

- describe our consultation process;
- explain how we complied with all legal requirements;
- detail how we worked with the local planning authority to ensure our consultation was suitable for your area;
- provide a summary of all consultation responses (from the local communities, statutory and non-statutory consultees and the general public);
- describe any changes we have made to our application as a result of what you told us; and
- explain why, if any, changes were not made to the application that you told us needed changing.

We will ensure that the Consultation Report complies with data protection legislation including that personal data of individuals is treated appropriately. Evolution Power may be asked to provide a copy to PINS of any or all of the statutory consultation responses that were received and we will ensure that we comply with any applicable obligations under data protection legislation.

13. Communication lines

- Send us an email: info@stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk
- Call our Freephone information line: **08081 698335**
- Visit our website: www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk
- Send us a letter: **FREEPOST Stonestreet Green Solar**

Should you require this SoCC in large print, audio or braille then please contact us using the details provided.





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Consultation Report

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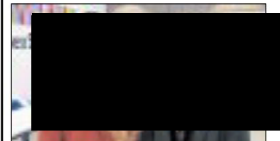
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'Unacceptable'

How the planned Town Square House development on the site of the former Aldi supermarket in Hythe could look

Picture: In5 Group

Town's civic society concerned design for former Aldi site 'leaves a lot to be desired...'

By Rhys Griffiths
rgriffiths@thekmgroup.co.uk

Plans for the redevelopment of the former Aldi site in Hythe have been branded "unacceptable" by the town's civic society.

The group says it believes the "box-like design" of homes and shops is inap-

propriate in the context of the conservation area that covers most of the historic town centre.

Since 2019, the site has been vacant after the German discount retailer relocated its Hythe store to the out-of-town Kengate Industrial Estate.

An exhibition of the plans was due to be held at the Town Hall yesterday (Tuesday).

It is expected a planning application will be submitted to Fol-

kestone and Hythe District Council later in the spring.

"The society welcomes the principle of a mixed-use development of shops and residential with the upgrading of the town square," a society spokesman said.

"However, the design leaves a lot to be desired."

If approval is granted by the summer, the developers hope to begin work on site before the end of the year.

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Stonestreet Green Solar Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

Statement of Community Consultation published in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008

Evolution Power Limited (Evolution Power) is intending to develop a renewable energy generating project, together with on-site energy storage, associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection, on land at Aldington near Ashford in Kent, to be known as Stonestreet Green Solar (the project).

The project will be located approximately 2.4km to the south-east of Ashford and approximately 13.7km to the west of Folkestone Town Centre, in the county of Kent. It is situated on approximately 189 hectares ('ha') (467 acres) of land to the north and west of the village of Aldington.

As the proposed generating capacity exceeds 50 megawatts, Stonestreet Green Solar is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008. Our project must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the Planning Act 2008 process.

Before starting pre-application consultation, Evolution Power has prepared and published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to explain how we will consult the local community about the proposed application.

Copies of the SoCC can be viewed free of charge at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk and are also available to view free of charge until submission of

the DCO application at the following public buildings and libraries (subject to any measures put in place by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic):

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Non-Statutory Community Consultation Events

Evolution Power welcomes your views on our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar and will be holding a number of local information events in spring 2022. These will provide interested members of the local community with the opportunity to view the initial proposals and submit early feedback to help shape the proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar.

As part of the non-statutory consultation, face-to-face events will be held, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time, in the following venues:

- Sellindge Village Hall - Friday 8 April, 3pm - 7pm
- Aldington Village Hall - Saturday 9 April, 11am - 3pm
- Bilsington Village Hall - Tuesday 12 April, 1pm - 5pm
- Mersham Sports Club - Wednesday 13 April, 2pm - 6pm

If you have any questions please visit our website or contact us using the details below:

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- Visit our website: www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk
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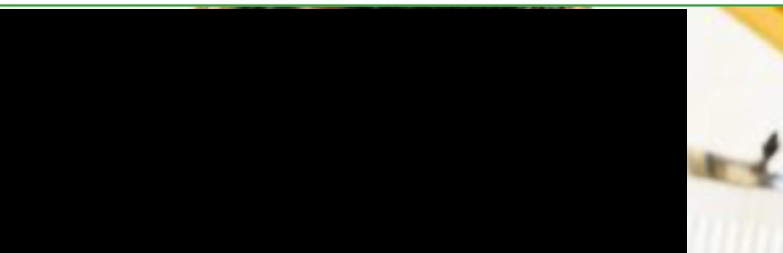
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How the flats next to Elwick Place could look



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Development praised and 'will give new life to town centre' - but won't feature affordable housing

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The effect of the Order is:-

- 1) to authorise, as required, the overnight and 24-hour closure of:-
 - a) both carriageways of the A2070 and A2042 between Sevington Roundabout and Flanders Field Roundabout (A2042);
 - b) all of the slip and link roads leading to and from the carriageways in a) above at Park Farm Interchange (A2042) and Sevington Roundabout;
 - c) all of the side roads at the junction with the carriageways in a) above;
 - d) the gap in the central reservation at the junction of the carriageways in a) above with Church Road (thereby preventing right turns into Church Road); and
 - e) the cycle tracks
 - i) adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the A2070 between Waterbrook Avenue and Avocet Way; and
 - ii) adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the A2070 between a point opposite Avocet Way and the northbound carriageway of the Boulevard;
- 2) to impose, over 24-hour periods, a mandatory 40 mph speed restriction on:-
 - a) the eastbound carriageway of the A2042 and A2070 between Flanders Field Roundabout (A2042) and the existing 50mph to 40 mph transition;
 - b) the westbound carriageway of the A2070 between the existing 40mph to 50mph transition and its divergence from the off-slip at Park Farm Interchange (A2042);
 - c) the northbound carriageway of Avocet Way between its junction with the A2070 and a point 60 metres south;
 - d) both carriageways of Waterbrook Avenue between its junction with the A2070 and a point 20 metres south; and
 - e) the southbound carriageway of the Boulevard between its junction with the A2070 and a point 20 metres north; and
- 3) to operate a 24-hour contraflow alternately westbound and eastbound as required on either carriageway of the A2070 between a point approximately 220 metres east of the centreline of Park Farm Interchange underbridge and a point approximately 275 metres south-west of Sevington Roundabout.

Lane closures and carriageway closures under traffic light control will also be operated.

These measures are in the interests of road safety while contractors undertake junction improvement works, to include the conversion of the Orbital Park Roundabout into a signalised junction, and all associated works.

It is expected that the work will last for approximately 6 months starting on or after Monday 11th April 2022.

The Order will come into force on 9th April 2022 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months, ceasing when the works are complete.

Traffic affected by the carriageway and slip closures will be diverted using the A28, A2042, A2070, North Street and Canterbury Road. Traffic wishing to join the westbound A2070 from Church Lane will be diverted using Cheesemans Green Lane, Finn Farm Road, Church Hill, and Ashford Road to join the A2042. Traffic affected by the Church Road right turn ban will continue northbound on the A2070 to Jet Roundabout and return. Light vehicles (only, owing to low bridges on route) affected by the closure of the Boulevard at junction with the roundabout/works will be diverted northbound on the Boulevard, Crowbridge Road, and Newtown Road to join the above carriageway diversion.

The cycle tracks will be closed alternately so pedestrian and cyclists will use the available alternative on the other side of the road, or use a segregated area of the carriageway as available.

The temporary closures, speed restrictions, contraflow, and diversion routes will be clearly indicated by traffic signs when they are in operation during the works period.

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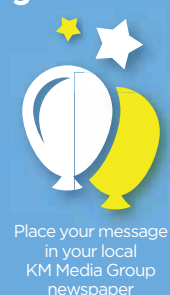
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Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 11 Mallards, Ashford, Kent TN24 9HW (also of 23 Gorse Mead, Ashford, Kent TN23 5PN), who died on 01/10/2021, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 25/05/2022, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Stonestreet Green Solar Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

Statement of Community Consultation published in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008

Evolution Power Limited (Evolution Power) is intending to develop a renewable energy generating project, together with on-site energy storage, associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection, on land at Aldington near Ashford in Kent, to be known as Stonestreet Green Solar (the project). The project will be located approximately 2.4km to the south-east of Ashford and approximately 13.7km to the west of Folkestone Town Centre, in the county of Kent. It is situated on approximately 189 hectares ('ha') (467 acres) of land to the north and west of the village of Aldington.

As the proposed generating capacity exceeds 50 megawatts, Stonestreet Green Solar is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Planning Act 2008. Our project must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) through the Planning Act 2008 process.

Before starting pre-application consultation, Evolution Power has prepared and published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) to explain how we will consult the local community about the proposed application.

Copies of the SoCC can be viewed free of charge at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk and are also available to view free of charge until submission of

Non-Statutory Community Consultation Events

Evolution Power welcomes your views on our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar and will be holding a number of local information events in spring 2022. These will provide interested members of the local community with the opportunity to view the initial proposals and submit early feedback to help shape the proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar.

As part of the non-statutory consultation, face-to-face events will be held, subject to any Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the time, in the following venues:

- Sellindge Village Hall - Friday 8 April, 3pm - 7pm
- Aldington Village Hall - Saturday 9 April, 11am - 3pm
- Bilsington Village Hall - Tuesday 12 April, 1pm - 5pm
- Mersham Sports Club - Wednesday 13 April, 2pm - 6pm



the DCO application at the following public buildings and libraries (subject to any measures put in place by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic):

- Ashford Library, Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 9am to 5pm; Thursday: 9am to 6pm. Saturday: 9am to 3pm; Sunday: closed)
- Folkestone Library, 2 Grace Hill, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1HD (Monday: 9:30am to 5pm; Tuesday: 9:30am to 5pm; Wednesday: closed; Thursday: 9:30am to 5pm; Friday: 9:30am to 5pm; Saturday: 9:30am to 4:30pm; Sunday: 10am to 4pm)
- Ashford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL (Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm; Saturday and Sunday: closed)
- Folkestone and Hythe Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QY (Monday to Friday: 10am to 4pm; Saturday and Sunday: closed)
- Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ (Monday to Friday: 8am to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday: closed)

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Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

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