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Appendix B-5: Sample Emails Consulting Community
Groups on the Statement of Community Consultation 1

From: info@stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk
Sent: 22 March 2022 16:55
To: Parish Clerk Aldington & Bonnington PC
Subject: Re: Stonestreet Green Solar

Dear Peter

Further to our previous emails regarding the Stonestreet Green Solar project, we have now published our Statement of Community Consultation, which can be viewed at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation
Also on the website is a copy of an information leaflet that is being mailed to local residents.

We have now confirmed our first round of local information events which are as follows;

- 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

I would be grateful if you could let members of the Parish Council know about the events.

Also on the website are the Terms of Reference for the Community Liaison Panel for the project, and I would like to invite two members of Aldington Parish Council to join the CLP. Perhaps you could let me know who would like to join in due course.

Please let me know if you would like any further information at this stage.

Regards

Charlie Vavasour

On 29/11/2021 12:53, Parish Clerk Aldington & Bonnington PC wrote:

Dear Giles

Just to let you know we have access to the hall from 7pm tonight.

Kind regards

Peter

Peter Setterfield PSLCC

Parish Clerk

Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council



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Appendix B-6: Emails Consulting Host Authorities on the
Statement of Community Consultation 2

Fw: Stonestreet Green Solar SoCC

Charlie Vavasour [REDACTED]@quantumpr.co.uk>

Thu 20/07/2023 10:04

To: Michael Taylor [REDACTED]

 1 attachments (14 MB)

SGS Revised SoCC FINAL - 08.08.22.docx;

From: Charlie Vavasour [REDACTED]@quantumpr.co.uk>**Sent:** 08 August 2022 15:18**To:** Alex Stafford [REDACTED]@ashford.gov.uk>; Roland Mills [REDACTED]@ashford.gov.uk>**Cc:** Ben Lewis [REDACTED]@bartonwillmore.co.uk>; epl <epl@evolutionpower.co.uk>**Subject:** Re: Stonestreet Green Solar SoCC

Dear Alex

Thank you for confirming that Ashford Borough Council does not have any comments on the revised SoCC for the Stonestreet Green Solar project.

As explained in my previous email, Evolution Power has needed to make some small amendments to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the Stonestreet Green Solar project. The amendments are largely due to the decision taken by the Applicant to rearrange the Statutory Consultation to take place in Autumn 2022, rather than Summer, to avoid the school holiday period. We have also taken the opportunity to make minor updates to the SoCC to reflect the informal consultation previously undertaken and the progress made with technical assessment work. My email of last week included an attachment showing where amendments have been made to the SoCC.

Please find attached a clean final draft SoCC. As an authority in which the proposed development may be sited, we wish to invite comments on the draft SoCC from Ashford Borough Council.

Section 47(3) of the Planning Act 2008 sets a statutory deadline for the receipt by an applicant of the local authority's response to a consultation on a draft SoCC of 28 days, commencing on the day after the day on which the local authority receives the draft SoCC. Therefore, we kindly request that all comments on the draft SoCC for Stonestreet Green Solar be submitted to Evolution Power by 23:59:59 on Monday 5 September 2022.

Following receipt of all comments from the relevant local authorities including Ashford Borough Council, we will carefully consider the comments before finalising the SoCC then making it available for public inspection and publishing a notice stating where and when the SoCC can be inspected.

Regards

Charlie Vavasour


From: Alex Stafford <[REDACTED]@ashford.gov.uk>**Sent:** 05 August 2022 17:04**To:** Charlie Vavasour [REDACTED]@quantumpr.co.uk>; Roland Mills [REDACTED]@ashford.gov.uk>**Cc:** Ben Lewis [REDACTED]@bartonwillmore.co.uk>; epl <epl@evolutionpower.co.uk>**Subject:** RE: Stonestreet Green Solar SoCC

Fw: Stonestreet Green Solar Project

Charlie Vavasour <charlie@quantumpr.co.uk>

Thu 20/07/2023 10:03

To: Michael Taylor <michael@quantumpr.co.uk>

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From: Charlie Vavasour**Sent:** 08 August 2022 15:18**To:** [REDACTED]@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk [REDACTED]@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk;

[REDACTED]@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk [REDACTED]@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Cc: Ben Lewis [REDACTED]@bartonwillmore.co.uk; epl <epl@evolutionpower.co.uk>**Subject:** Stonestreet Green Solar Project

Dear Llywelyn and Claire

I emailed you last week informing you that Evolution Power has needed to make some small amendments to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the Stonestreet Green Solar project. The amendments are largely due to the decision taken by the Applicant to rearrange the Statutory Consultation to take place in Autumn 2022, rather than Summer, to avoid the school holiday period. We have also taken the opportunity to make minor updates to the SoCC to reflect the informal consultation previously undertaken and the progress made with technical assessment work. My email of last week included an attachment showing where amendments have been made to the SoCC.

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Regards

Charlie Vavasour


Charlie Vavasour
Managing Director**Quantum Public Relations**

Fw: Stonestreet Green Solar Project

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Thu 20/07/2023 10:03

To: Michael Taylor <michael@quantumpr.co.uk>

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From: Charlie Vavasour <charlie@quantumpr.co.uk>**Sent:** 08 August 2022 15:18**To:** Francesca.Potter@kent.gov.uk [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk>

[REDACTED] bartonwillmore.co.uk <[REDACTED]@bartonwillmore.co.uk>; epl@evolutionpower.co.uk <epl@evolutionpower.co.uk>; [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Stonestreet Green Solar Project

Dear Francesca

As per my email to you last week, Evolution Power has needed to make some small amendments to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for the Stonestreet Green Solar project.

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Please find attached a draft SoCC. As an authority in which the proposed development may be sited, we wish to invite comments on the draft SoCC from Kent County Council.

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Regards

Charlie Vavasour

From: [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk>**Sent:** 03 August 2022 16:15**To:** Charlie Vavasour [REDACTED]@quantumpr.co.uk>**Cc:** [REDACTED] bartonwillmore.co.uk [REDACTED]@bartonwillmore.co.uk>; epl@evolutionpower.co.uk <epl@evolutionpower.co.uk>; [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk [REDACTED]@kent.gov.uk>**Subject:** RE: Stonestreet Green Solar Project



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Appendix B-7: Regard had to Host Authorities' Responses to
Statement of Community Consultation 2

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Table 1: Host authority feedback received and applicant response

Section of draft SoCC	Date of receipt	Comment by local authority	Regard to comment	Amendment to SoCC (if applicable)
Ashford Borough Council				
N/A	05/08/2022	ABC have no comments to make on the updated SoCC.	Noted.	N/A
Kent County Council				
Page 4 – Introduction	05/09/2022	The County Council recommends that checks should be undertaken to ensure that this SoCC, which is to be published online, is accessible for assisted technology such as screen readers.	The Applicant checked to ensure the SoCC pdf is accessible for screen readers.	No changes to the SoCC were made.
Page 5 – The Project	05/09/2022	The County Council recommends that the size and format of the text within Figure 1: Indicative Site Plan should be amended to ensure it is clearly readable.	This was noted and actioned.	The Applicant amended the size and format of the text within Figure 1: Indicative Site Plan to make it clearly readable.
Page 8 – Who will we consult?	05/09/2022	The County Council recommends that the size and format of the text within Figure 2: Core Consultation Zone Map and Figure 3: Wider Consultation Zone Map should be amended to ensure it is clearly readable.	This was noted and actioned.	The Applicant amended the size and format of the text within Figure 2: Core Consultation Zone Map and Figure 3: Wider Consultation Zone Map to make it clearly readable.

Section of draft SoCC	Date of receipt	Comment by local authority	Regard to comment	Amendment to SoCC (if applicable)
Page 12 – The Consultation Process	05/09/2022	<p>Statutory Consultation – Indicatively expected Autumn 2022</p> <p>The County Council recommends that the statutory consultation includes an opportunity whereby the public are invited to attend a presentation led by the applicant, and be provided with a chance to raise relevant questions. This type of forum allows members of the public to be able to listen to and benefit from points being raised and potentially generate further areas of consideration by the applicant in respect of the project.</p>	<p>The Applicant agreed to arrange a public presentation, which was held on Tuesday 8 November 2022, 8pm to 9.30pm, at Aldington Village Hall.</p>	<p>The <i>Statutory Consultation Events</i> section, page 14 of the draft SoCC was amended to insert '<i>A public presentation will be held locally to enable interested parties to ask questions about the project.</i>'</p>
Page 12 – The Consultation Process	05/09/2022	<p>The County Council also recommends the applicant considers targeted, paid for (sponsored), social media advertising to raise awareness of the consultation.</p>	<p>This was noted and actioned. The Applicant agreed to run adverts on Facebook and Twitter throughout the five-week consultation period.</p>	<p>The <i>Statutory Consultation – Summer 2022</i> section, page 12 of the draft SoCC was amended to insert '<i>and on social media</i>' into the sentence '<i>More specific details of the consultation will be publicised through adverts in the local press</i>'.</p>
Page 13 – How will we consult with you?	05/09/2022	<p>Statutory consultation events</p> <p>The County Council recommends that the statutory consultation events also run into the evenings, as well as the day at the weekend, to ensure adequate opportunities for the public to attend.</p>	<p>This was noted. The Applicant held a series of local information events at a range of different times as well as a day at the weekend, to ensure</p>	<p>No changes were made to the draft SoCC.</p>

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			adequate opportunities for the public to attend.	
Page 13 – How will we consult with you?	05/09/2022	<p>Communications outreach</p> <p>The County Council recommends that the applicant has consideration of Government Guidance 'Understanding accessibility requirements for public sector bodies' to ensure that the project's website and documents are digitally accessible.</p>	The Applicant had consideration of Government Guidance for accessibility, as stated in the Applicant's Accessibility Policy on the project website.	No changes were made to the draft SoCC.
Folkestone & Hythe District Council				
N/A	05/09/2022	The content of the document is clear, specifically with regard to the timetable of events leading up to the formal submission of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) itself.	This was noted.	No changes were made to the draft SoCC.
N/A	05/09/2022	From a Folkestone & Hythe District Council (FHDC) perspective, and in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) the Council is required by legislation to consult certain bodies which it considers may have an interest in or be affected by a document. These bodies include local parish and town councils.	This was noted.	No changes were made to the draft SoCC.
N/A	05/09/2022	Evolution Power has stated that the relevant town and parish councils will be consulted, which is considered to be in accordance with our SCI. For	The Applicant included the parish clerks of Sellindge, Lympne and Burmarsh	No changes were made to the draft SoCC.

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		<p>clarity this should include Sellindge, Lympe and Burmarsh parish Councils.</p>	<p>Parish Councils in communications to notify residents and businesses within the wider consultation zone about the consultation.</p>	
N/A	05/09/2022	<p>I note that the wider consultation zone map extends 10km from the centre of the site and includes a large proportion of the North Downs and Romney Marsh areas in the Folkestone & Hythe District. It is recommended that during the statutory consultation, copies of this SoCC, the consultation documents and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) should be available to view free of charge at New Romney Library, Lyminge Library and Hythe Library, in addition to Folkestone Library, to ensure that residents who live closer to the site are able to view hard copies of the consultation easily. It may also be worthwhile placing hard copies on the Kent County Council Mobile Library.</p>	<p>This was noted and actioned.</p>	<p>The SoCC was updated to include New Romney Library, Lyminge Library and Hythe Library as Deposit Locations. Copies of the Updated SoCC, leaflets and newsletters, the consultation documents and the PEIR were available to view free of charge at the Deposit Locations during the statutory consultation period. The Applicant also contacted Kent County Council Mobile Library, but the library was unable to accommodate the request to make copies of the documents available due to concerns over the availability of space, and health and safety.</p>
N/A	05/09/2022	<p>FHDC is content with the suggested face-to-face consultation events which are also proposed at Sellindge Village Hall, subject to any Covid-19</p>	<p>This was noted.</p>	<p>No changes were made to the draft SoCC.</p>

Section of draft SoCC	Date of receipt	Comment by local authority	Regard to comment	Amendment to SoCC (if applicable)
		<p>restrictions that may be in place at the time. The exhibition events will be held during afternoons in the week and on one day at the weekend, which is considered acceptable and will allow residents who work in the week to attend at the weekend.</p>		
N/A	05/09/2022	<p>It is also pleasing to note that Evolution Power has identified the need 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, which accords with Folkestone & Hythe District Council’s “Reaching the Seldom Heard” chapter within it’s SCI.</p>	This was noted.	No changes were made to the draft SoCC.
Page 7 – The Project	05/09/2022	<p>Page 7 of the SoCC document details the Core Consultation Zone and confirms that residents and businesses within the Zone will received leaflets and newsletters and on Page 10, the consultation process with regard to the PIER is discussed. In addition to the above-suggested additional places documents can be reviewed, please could clarification be given as to whether FHDC is also considered a ‘business’ within the core consultation zone or whether as neighbouring Authority (with a small proportion of the land being directly affected by the DCO application itself) it will be sent all consultation documents, feedback etc. including the PIER directly?</p>	The Applicant liaised with FHDC to confirm it would be sent all of the consultation documents, including the PEIR, directly.	N/A

Section of draft SoCC	Date of receipt	Comment by local authority	Regard to comment	Amendment to SoCC (if applicable)
N/A	05/09/2022	Would information relevant to each stage of the engagement process be obtained either directly from the PINs website or the local centres (such as Libraries) as detailed within the SoCC?	The Applicant liaised with FHDC to confirm that information would be available at the Deposit Locations and PINS website at each stage of the engagement process.	N/A
N/A	05/09/2022	Finally, and with regard to face-to-face consultations set out on page 12, you will have seen the Council's response to the recent Scoping Opinion with regard to the access and its impact on land within the District of Folkestone & Hythe. Would it be Evolution Power's intention to discuss any matters directly with us, or would it be for us to attend the workshop events as set out on page 13 of the SoCC in order for discussions (if felt necessary) to take place?	The Applicant liaised with FHDC to confirm that it would discuss matters directly with FHDC.	N/A



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STONESTREET GREEN SOLAR

Statement of Community Consultation

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

September 2022



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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) (which supersedes an earlier SoCC published in March 2022) 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. Our

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



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.

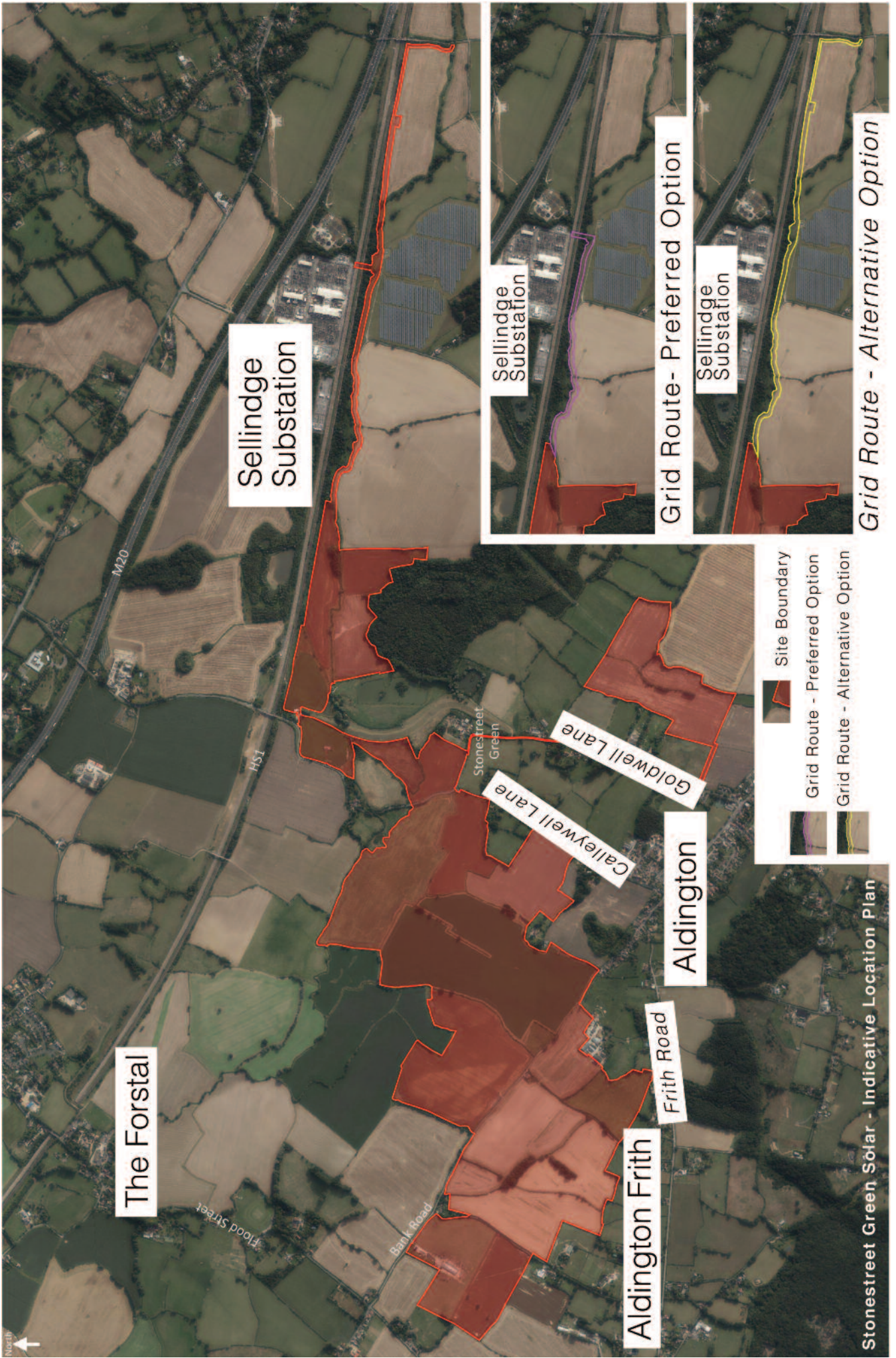
The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. If accepted, the application will be examined by an independent Examining Authority at PINS who will review the application and may ask written questions and 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;
- 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.

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 is currently expected to 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 44,000 homes, saving around 34,000 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 Smeeth. 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.

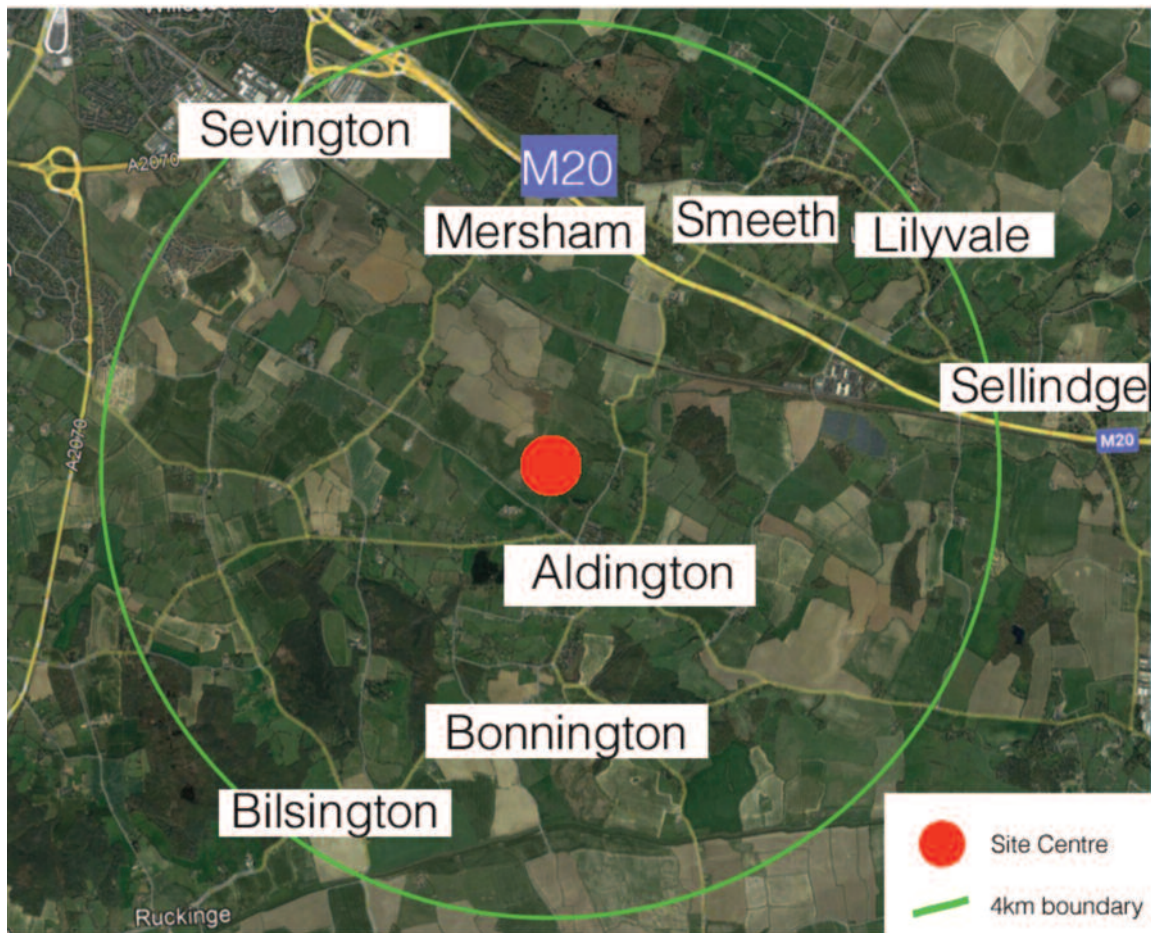


Figure 2: Core Consultation Zone Map



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.

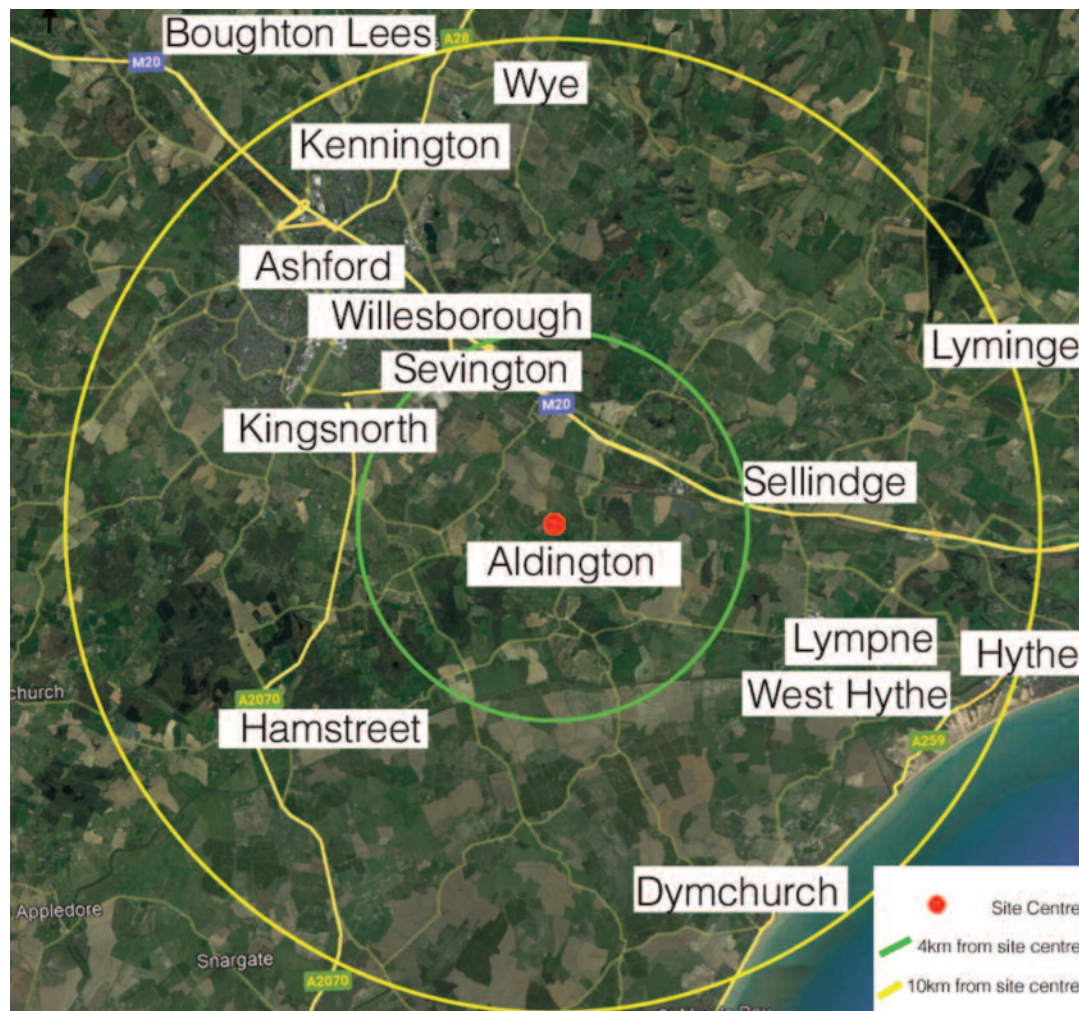


Figure 3: Wider Consultation Zone Map



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

In May 2022, we obtained 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 included a Scoping Report that described the project and explained our initial analysis of the anticipated likely significant environmental effects and the scope of technical assessment required. PINS sought feedback on this from consultation bodies before issuing the Scoping Opinion. A copy of the Scoping Report and the Scoping Opinion are available on the PINS project website under the 'Documents' tab

(<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/stonestreet-green-solar/>) and on the project website (www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation).

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

Following the publication of the Scoping Opinion, we are currently preparing a PEIR 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 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

We introduced community members to our proposals for Stonestreet Green Solar in spring 2022 through initial meetings with members of the community and stakeholders.

Non-Statutory Consultation - Spring 2022

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

Statutory Consultation – Summer 2022

Local information events, a public presentation and further consultation are indicatively expected to take place in autumn 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 and on social media, 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.



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 (completed)
Spring 2022:	Non-Statutory Consultation (completed)
Spring 2022:	Scoping Report submitted (completed)
Spring 2022:	Scoping Opinion published (completed)
Autumn 2022:	Statutory Consultation and PEIR published
Winter 2022/Spring 2023:	Finalise ES and DCO application
Spring/Summer 2023:	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 (the first of which took place in spring 2022). 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 the 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

Our first round of local information events as part of our non-statutory consultation were held in spring 2022 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 is indicatively expected to take place during autumn 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 and early evenings 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.

A public presentation will be held locally to enable interested parties to ask questions about the project.

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

Literature



Stakeholder briefing packs were 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, we expect to be able to make copies of this SoCC, leaflets and newsletters, the consultation documents and the PEIR 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**
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- **Ashford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford TN23 1PL**
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- **Folkestone & Hythe Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QY**
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- **New Romney Library, 82 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8AU**
(Monday, Friday: 9am to 2pm; Tuesday: 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday, Saturday: 9am to 1pm, Thursday 10am to 4pm; Sunday: closed)
- **Lyminge Library, Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HS**
(Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am to 2pm; Tuesday: Midday to 5pm; Thursday: 10am to 5pm; Saturday: 9am to 1pm; Sunday: closed)
- **Hythe Library, 1 Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BQ**
(Monday, Sunday: closed; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am to 5pm; Saturday: 9.30am to 4.30pm)

Copies of the consultation material will be available to access on the project website at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk

* Since the updated SoCC was made available in September 2022, Evolution Power has become aware that the opening hours for Ashford Library have changed slightly. Information on the latest opening hours for Ashford Library and the other Deposit Location libraries can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library>



Once submitted, copies of the full DCO application will be available at one or more of the sites listed above (to be confirmed nearer to the time of submitting the application and subject to agreement from the venues listed). Digital copies of the application 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 have established a Community Liaison Panel (CLP). The terms of reference for the CLP, along with notes of meetings, can be viewed on the Project website at <https://www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation>



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:	<u>info@stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk</u>
Call our Freephone information line:	08081 698335
Visit our website:	<u>www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk</u>
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

Appendix B-9: Section 47 Notices for Statement of
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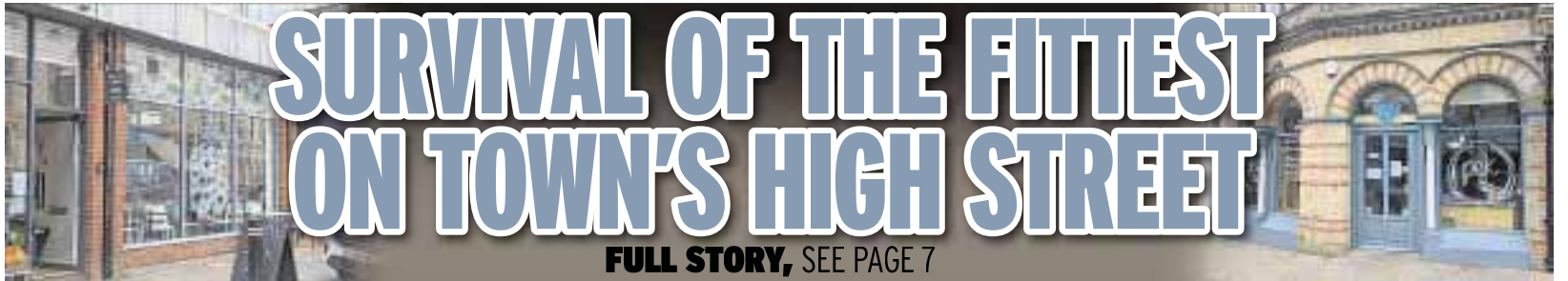
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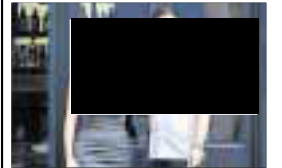
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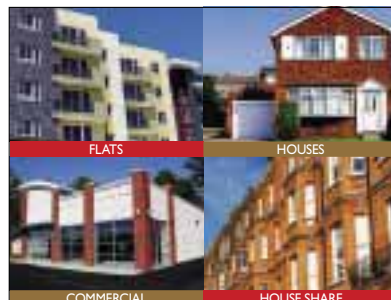
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Stonestreet Green Solar Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order Statement of Community Consultation published in accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008



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.

Evolution Power has prepared and published an updated Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) (which supersedes an earlier SoCC published in March 2022) to explain how we will consult the local community about the proposed application. The updated SoCC sets out the revised indicative timetable for the consultation on the proposed application. According to that revised indicative timetable, the statutory consultation is currently expected to take place in autumn 2022. The consultation will be carried out for at least 28 days in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Copies of the updated 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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Contact

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

22/1437/FH - Little Gables, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DR - Listed building consent for the removal of existing gate and installation of a new gate. Removal of the northern gate pier and rebuilding of pier

22/1360/FH - Land Adjoining 6 Rosemary Cottage, (formerly old Slaughterhouse) High Street, Brookland, Kent - Full planning application for the erection of five detached dwellings, with access from Straight Lane

22/1448/FH - 24 - 28 High Street, Hythe, CT21 5AT - Change of use and conversion to first floor only from office space (class e (c) (ii) to residential flat (class C3).

Representations can be made in writing either on line on the Council's website, by email to planning@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk or in writing to the Chief Planning Officer, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY. Please always quote the application reference number. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. Please note that any representations received will be publically viewable on the Council's website.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Note: This is not a full list of applications received. All planning applications can be viewed and comments made online at <https://folkestonehythedc.force.com/pr/s/be-home>

Under the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, from 25th May 2018 all comments on applications will be held for 3 years.

Liywelyn Lloyd
Chief Planning Officer
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Eurostar return 'is just not sustainable'

By Rhys Griffiths
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Brexit, the pandemic and soaring inflation have scuppered hopes of restarting Ashford's Eurostar services, according to the firm's outgoing chief executive.

Jacques Damas, who will leave the cross-Channel rail operator this month, says he understands the frustration of those who wish to see international trains run from Kent stations once more.

However, in an open letter to the parliamentary Transport Select Committee, he has insisted increased border fric-



Eurostar trains continue to bypass Ashford

tion and tough economic headwinds make it impossible for the services to be financially viable.

Eurostar received no state aid during the pandemic, in contrast to £7 billion allocated to prop up its airline competitors.

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Notice under Article 8

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All representations should be made in writing to the Planning & Development Unit, or electronically via the individual application using our website as above. Please quote the appropriate reference number. Representations must be made by: 17/10/2022

Applicant	Mr Antony Norris	PA/2022/2169
	Eastwell Barn, East Cross, Tenterden, Ashford, Kent TN30 6AD New conservation obscured glass roof light window.	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs J King	PA/2022/2217
	Heronden, Smallhythe Road, Tenterden, TN30 7LR Internal alterations to relocate existing first floor bathroom to former dressing room, including new stud wall behind shower. Reinstatement bedroom in existing bathroom. Installation of soil pipe within floor structure, and external soil vent pipe through roof to be repositioned	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building; Is in conservation area	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Sims	PA/2022/2188
	Crosswell Farm, The Granary Cranbrook Road, Biddenden, TN27 8ER Proposed erection of enclosed double bay garage with workshop space and associated driveway extension.	
Full Reason(s)	Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mrs R Woodruff	PA/2022/2445
	94, Rosemary House, Church Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0JG Proposed conversion of existing barn to ancillary accommodation	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building	
Applicant	Mr Pierre Edmonds	PA/2022/2158
	46, High Street, Tenterden, Ashford, Kent TN30 6AS Conversion of Ground Floor from bank to shop and First Floor Class E (office) to Class C3 (1 no. 2 bedroom dwelling) with access from North elevation including insertion of new windows to N. elevation	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area; Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Hillier	PA/2022/2103
	Lower Woolwich, Mounts Lane, Rolvenden, TN17 4NX Proposed conversion of detached oak framed barn to annex ancillary to main house.	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a right of way; Affects a listed building	
Applicant	Mrs R Woodruff	PA/2022/2221
	94, Rosemary House, Church Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0JG Proposed conversion of existing barn to ancillary accommodation	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Hillier	PA/2022/2370
	Lower Woolwich, Mounts Lane, Rolvenden, TN17 4NX Proposed conversion of detached oak framed barn to annex ancillary to main house.	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a right of way; Affects a listed building	
Applicant	National Trust	PA/2022/2121
	Yew Tree Cottage, Smallhythe Road, Tenterden, TN30 7NG Installation of a Replacement Waste Treatment Plant and Associated Drainage	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area; Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mr C Chantler	PA/2022/2219
	61, Bridge Street, Wye, TN25 5ED Proposed two storey side/rear extension including installation of first floor windows and roof lights on side elevation.	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area; Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mr W Renehan & Mrs M Murphy	PA/2022/2226
	Duxbury, Church Hill, High Halden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3JB New car port with home office over	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area; Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Ms Heather Jones	PA/2022/2182
	6 Eastwell Terrace, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, TN25 4HY Proposed loft conversion, single storey infill extension, first floor infill extension and new vehicular access and turning area.	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs P Barton	PA/2022/2440
	The Cloth Hall, Water Lane, Smarden, Ashford, Kent TN27 8QB Proposed single-storey extension	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building; Is in conservation area	
Applicant	Mr Neil Hunt	PA/2022/2131
	Roberts Farm, Smarden Road, Biddenden, TN27 8QJ Proposed detached double garage	
Full Reason(s)	Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Henderson	PA/2022/2196
	Tylers, The Street, Westwell, Ashford, Kent TN25 4LQ Proposed detached garage and associated driveway. Removal of existing garage door to be replaced with window. New close boarded timber fence to repositioned ownership boundary with 'Beech House'	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area; Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mrs Holmes	22/0041/AS
	Forsham Oast, Wassall Lane, Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 4PP To decommission my septic tank which is situated in my neighbours property (Forsham Farm) and replace it with a klargester biotic water treatment plant located on my property.	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs P Barton	PA/2022/2142
	The Cloth Hall, Water Lane, Smarden, Ashford, Kent TN27 8QB Proposed single-storey extension	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building; Is in conservation area	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs W & M Renehan & Murphy	PA/2022/2225
	Duxbury, Church Hill, High Halden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3JB Conversion of existing C20th outbuilding to Annex	
Full Reason(s)	Is in conservation area; Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mr Chandler	PA/2022/2086
	Millstream Cottage, Field Mill Road, Egerton, TN27 9AU Proposed timber repairs to the barn after storm damage this will involve stripping part of the Kent peg tile roof to allow for the barn to carefully move the frame back into its original position.	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building	
Applicant	Mr & Mrs W & M Renehan & Murphy	PA/2022/2451
	Duxbury, Church Hill, High Halden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3JB Conversion of existing C20th outbuilding to Annex	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building	
Applicant	Mr Matt Baldwin	PA/2022/2099
	The Old Dairy, Land at Ruffins Hill Farm, Roman Road, Ashford, Kent TN25 7EF Demolition of Redundant agricultural buildings. Change of use of agricultural land to 1 no. Dwelling, with associated parking, garage, garden land and biodiversity enhancements.	
Full Reason(s)	Affects the setting of a listed building	
Applicant	Mr Matthew Cainan	PA/2022/2257
	Vine Cottage, Tenterden Road, Biddenden, TN27 8BB Proposed loft conversion (resubmission of application 22/00055/AS)	
Full Reason(s)	Affects a listed building; Is in conservation area	

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.

Evolution Power has prepared and published an updated Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) (which supersedes an earlier SoCC published in March 2022) to explain how we will consult the local community about the proposed application. The updated SoCC sets out the revised indicative timetable for the consultation on the proposed application. According to that revised indicative timetable, the statutory consultation is currently expected to take place in autumn 2022. The consultation will be carried out for at least 28 days in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

Copies of the updated 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):

- 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)
- New Romney Library, 82 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8AU (Monday, Friday: 9am to 2pm; Tuesday: 1pm to 5pm, Wednesday, Saturday: 9am to 1pm, Thursday 10am to 4pm; Sunday: closed)
- Lyminge Library, Station Road, Lyminge, CT18 8HS (Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am to 2pm; Tuesday: Midday to 5pm; Thursday: 10am to 5pm; Saturday: 9am to 1pm; Sunday: closed)
- Hythe Library, 1 Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BQ (Monday, Sunday: closed; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am to 5pm; Saturday: 9.30am to 4.30pm)

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