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### **Environmental and Energy groups**

Natural England  
Historic England  
The Environment Agency  
Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)  
The Council for British Archaeology  
Lincoln Archaeology Group  
RSPB  
Woodland Trust  
The British Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership Society  
Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology  
National Trust  
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust  
Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust  
Lincolnshire Rivers Trust  
North Lincolnshire Local Access Forum  
Scunthorpe & Gainsborough Water Management Board  
Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board  
Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum  
UK Alternative Energy  
Lincolnshire Energy Centre  
Lincolnshire Bird Club

### **Sports and Leisure groups**

Walking in England  
Active Lincolnshire  
Ramblers - Lincolnshire Area  
Lincs Inspire  
Lincoln & District Angling Association (LDAA)  
Sport England  
Cycling UK Lincolnshire  
Gainsborough Aegir Cycling Club  
Spalding Cycling Club  
Cycling UK Nottinghamshire  
Lincolnshire Walking Group  
Sustrans (East Midlands)  
The Ramblers (Nottinghamshire Representative)  
Nottinghamshire Footpaths Preservation Society  
British Horse Society (Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire representative)  
The Ramblers Association  
Lincolnshire Gliding Club  
North Lincs Riding Club

### **Economic and Business groups**

Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership  
Invest North East Lincolnshire

Business Lincolnshire  
Confederation of British Industry  
Lincoln Business Improvement Group  
Team Lincolnshire

**Local groups and 'near neighbours'**

Lincolnshire Conservation Group  
Willingham by Stow Horticultural Society  
Churches Together in All Lincolnshire  
Springline Parish (group of churches)  
St Andrew's Church  
Fillingham Church  
Glentworth St Michael's Church  
St Chad's Church Harpswell  
RAF Ingham Heritage Centre  
RAF Scampton  
Lincoln Aero Club  
Millhaven Canine Rehabilitation  
Lincolnshire Rescue Kennels  
Lincoln Golf Club

**Charitable organisations and religious groups**

The Victorian Society  
Salvation Army  
Christians Against Poverty  
CARE  
Islamic Association of Lincoln  
Sleaford Islamic Centre  
East Midlands Synod  
Lincolnshire Jewish Community  
The Jack Brunton Charitable Trust  
The Principle Trust Children's Charity  
Lincs Inspire  
SENSE Lincolnshire  
LTC – Beat It! Social Isolation  
Lincolnshire Polish Society  
Lincolnshire Pamoja  
Nottingham Equal  
Muslim Council of Britain

**Local business groups/wider representation**

Country Land and Business Association  
National Farmers Union  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Lincolnshire Rural Support Network  
Rural Business Network  
Lincs Rural

**Seldom heard groups**

Age UK Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire  
Age UK Nottingham and Nottinghamshire  
Lincolnshire Traveller Initiative  
Lincolnshire Deaf Association  
Nottingham Deaf Society  
Lincolnshire Autistic Society

Autistic Nottingham  
The WI Nottinghamshire Federation  
Disability Nottinghamshire  
Disability Lincs  
Lincolnshire Gypsy Liaison Group  
Friends, Families & Travellers  
Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society  
Lincolnshire Pamoja  
National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups  
Lincolnshire Travellers Initiative

**Youth and support groups**

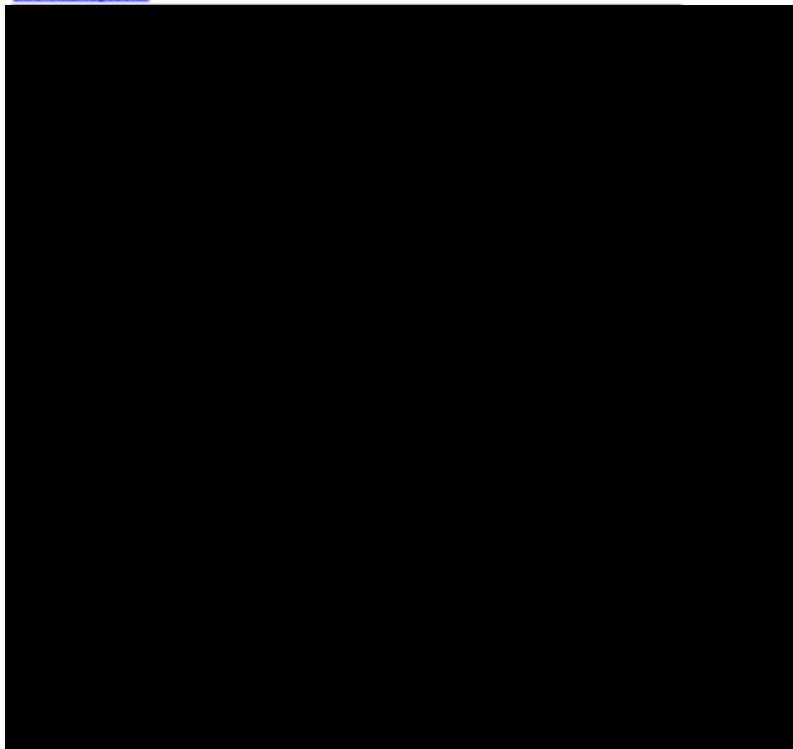
Lincolnshire Youth and Community Development  
Lincolnshire Young Farmers  
Lincoln and West Lindsey Lincolnshire Young Farmers  
Nottinghamshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs  
Lincolnshire Council For Voluntary Youth Services  
Carers First Lincolnshire  
Healthwatch Lincolnshire  
LEAP - Housing Support Service  
Lincolnshire Food Partnership  
Lincolnshire Housing Partnership  
Gainsborough Local Access Programme  
Young Lincolnshire  
Lincolnshire Youth Council  
Lincoln and West Lindsey Youth Workers Youth and Community Development  
Barnardo's  
Scouts Nottinghamshire  
Scouts Lincolnshire  
Girlguiding Lincolnshire North  
Girlguiding Nottinghamshire

**Schools/education**

Ingham Primary School  
Hemswell Cliff Primary School  
Mayflower Specialist School Academy Trust  
The Marton Academy  
Sturton by Stow Primary School  
The Gainsborough Academy Lincolnshire  
Gainsborough College (UK)  
Lincoln College  
Lincoln University Technical College  
University of Lincoln

## Appendix C-2: Example email issued to community groups (30 May 2023)

From: [Info.Tillbridgesolar](mailto:Info.Tillbridgesolar)  
Bcc:



Subject: Tillbridge Solar statutory consultation – 30 May to 11 July 2023  
Date: 30 May 2023 12:12:19  
Attachments: [Tillbridge Solar Consultation Leaflet.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Solar Project Information Booklet.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Solar Stakeholder Pack May 2023.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Statutory Consultation Launch Letter 30 May 2023 wider consultees.pdf](#)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar and energy storage that would deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

The Scheme would allow for the generation, storage, export and import of electricity with a generation capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), making a critical and meaningful contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions and UK energy security through the development of a clean supply of electricity.

We are writing to you as a local interest group / councillor that may have an interest in our proposals.

### Our engagement so far

We previously introduced the Scheme in July 2022 with a series of Collaboration

Workshops. We are now holding a statutory consultation on our more detailed proposals, which will run for six weeks, from Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023. During this time, we are inviting feedback on our updated proposals, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to minimise the impact of the Scheme.

### How to get involved

We are holding a series of face-to-face consultation events and webinars throughout our consultation, which we strongly encourage you to attend. At these events, you will be able to view our printed materials and meet with members of the project team, who will be on hand to answer any questions.

Our events are being held as follows:

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (register on our website <a href="#">here</a> , or by getting in touch)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (register on our website <a href="#">here</a> , or by getting in touch)	Monday 10 July 2023	6:30pm to 8pm

### Consultation materials

We have produced of the following consultation materials as part of this statutory consultation, all of which can be viewed on our website ([Tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://Tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)):

- Statutory consultation leaflet, which is being posted to all addresses within a defined Primary Consultation Zone (as described in the SoCC). This document provides introductory information about the Scheme, the consultation, and where more detailed information can be found. Please find an electronic copy of the leaflet enclosed with this letter.
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Project information booklet, which provides a more detailed overview of the Scheme, including a summary of some of the potential effects, as explained in the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report. Please find an electronic copy of the booklet enclosed with this letter.

- Statutory consultation feedback questionnaire, which may be used to provide a response on the Scheme.
- Exhibition banners, which are being displayed at the in-person consultation events (as listed above).
- Maps and plans showing the overall location of the Scheme.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.
- PEI Report and Non-technical Summary (NTS).
- SoCC, which has been publicised in accordance with section 47 of the Act.

### Providing feedback

Your feedback is important in helping us to refine our proposals. This may be your last chance to provide feedback before we submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Secretary of State towards the end of this year.

Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:

- Completing the feedback questionnaire online, which can be accessed via the Scheme website: [tillbridgesolar.com/consultation](http://tillbridgesolar.com/consultation)
- Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback questionnaire, which can be handed to the project team in person, or taken away and sent to us via freepost (using FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR). Questionnaires can also be requested free of charge, or collected from one of our local information points, as listed on our website.
- Emailing [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
- Writing to us at FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note that no stamp is required)

Feedback to the consultation should be submitted in writing or online to the Scheme by 23:59 on 11 July 2023. Responses received after that date may not be considered.

### Publicity

As a local interest group or stakeholder that may be active in the local area, we kindly ask that you share information about our consultation more widely. Please also find enclosed a Stakeholder Pack, where you will find blocks of text that can be cut and pasted into newsletters, and wider materials. This will help raise awareness of what is happening, why, and how people can get involved.

### Hard copy information

Please let us know if you would like hard copies of our consultation materials, which can be provided free of charge.

If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply. However, a printed version of the NTS can be provided free of charge and sent you in the post. If you require this information in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print or alternative languages, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details in this letter.

If you have any questions about the Scheme, the consultation, or content of this letter, please contact our community relations team using the details below. More information can also be found on the project website: [tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)

Yours sincerely,

Luke Murray

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- Statutory consultation leaflet
- Project information booklet
- Stakeholder pack



## Appendix C-3: Copy of the briefing presentation for local authorities



### Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Background
- Our proposals
- Statutory consultation
- Questions

## The Tillbridge Solar team







## About Tillbridge Solar

A new solar and energy storage scheme within Lincolnshire, spanning across the local authority boundaries of West Lindsey and Bassetlaw.

Generation capacity exceeding 50MW, providing enough clean energy to power approx. 300,000 UK homes.

1,400 hectares (ha):

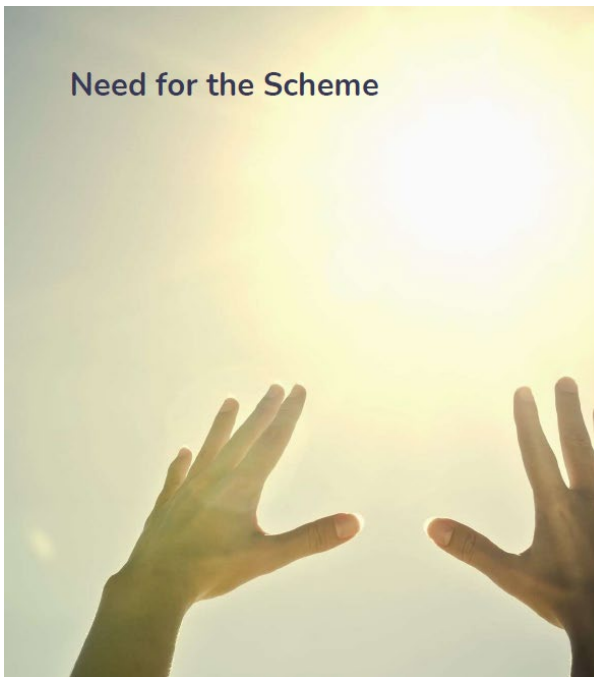
- approx. 900 ha for the solar PV panels and infrastructure
- approx. 500 ha for environmental mitigation and enhancement

Connect to the National Grid at Cottam Substation via approx. 16km of underground electricity cables.

A Bilateral Connection Agreement with National Grid to allow 500MW of renewable energy to be transferred in to and out of its Cottam substation.



## Need for the Scheme



UK climate change targets to achieve net zero by 2050 and ensure the energy supply remains secure, reliable and affordable.

Energy Security Strategy (April 2022) - the UK's solar capacity needs to increase five-fold by 2035 to meet legally binding targets on net zero. Reinforced by draft National Policy Statement for Energy and the sustained growth of solar.

This would increase the total generation capacity from 14 gigawatts (GW) today to around 70GW.

Powering Up Britain (March 2023) – Government commitment to net zero and reiterated the need for both rooftop and ground-mounted solar to achieve national targets.

Decommissioning of Cottam power station provides additional grid connection capacity.



## Consultation and engagement so far



Introduced our emerging proposals in 2022:

- July 2022 - held a series of collaboration workshops, with a report summarising these available on our website.
- Oct 22 – newsletter to local community & stakeholders

Feedback from workshops, along with our ongoing engagement, has shaped our plans.

These have now developed and are being presented as part of our statutory consultation.





## Location

Approx. five kilometres east of Gainsborough and approx. 13 kilometres north of Lincoln.

The Principal Site', where the ground mounted solar PV, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be located; 1,400 ha; land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe.

Cable route corridor; approximately 16km linking the Principal Site to the national grid at Cottam substation.



## Principal Site main infrastructure

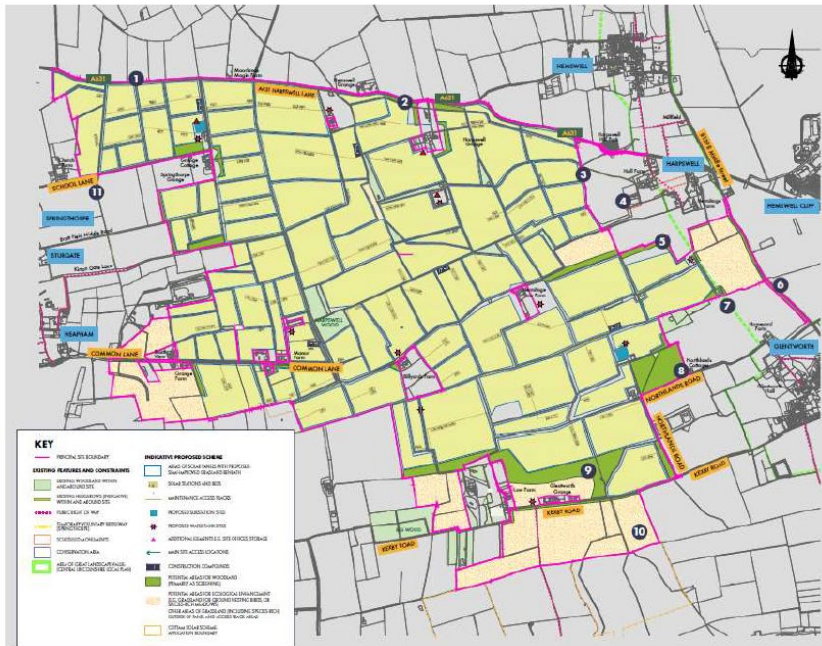
- Solar PV panels (also known as solar modules);
- Solar stations (inverter, transformer and switchgear);
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- Battery Direct Current (DC)/DC converters;
- On-site cabling (within Principal Site); On-site substations;
- Solar farm control centre;
- Equipment storage;
- Fencing, security and lighting;
- Site access and access tracks, including four points of access for the Principal Site off the main highway network and internal access tracks within the Principal Site;
- Surface water drainage;
- Electricity connection to National Grid at Cottam substation via cable route corridor.



## Illustrative site layout

We are now presenting our initial designs for the proposed layout of the principal site as shown by our indicative site layout plan.

This plan can be found on our website, in our materials and at our face-to-face consultation events.



## Construction, operation and decommissioning



Subject to consent:

- Construction could start in Q3 2025
- Operation from Q4 2027

Construction one continuous phase for 24 months  
 Working hours 7am -7pm Monday to Friday and 7am – 1pm Saturday

We will prepare a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

Four access points:

- Three along the A631
- One on the B1398 Middle Street

Operation – activity would be minimal

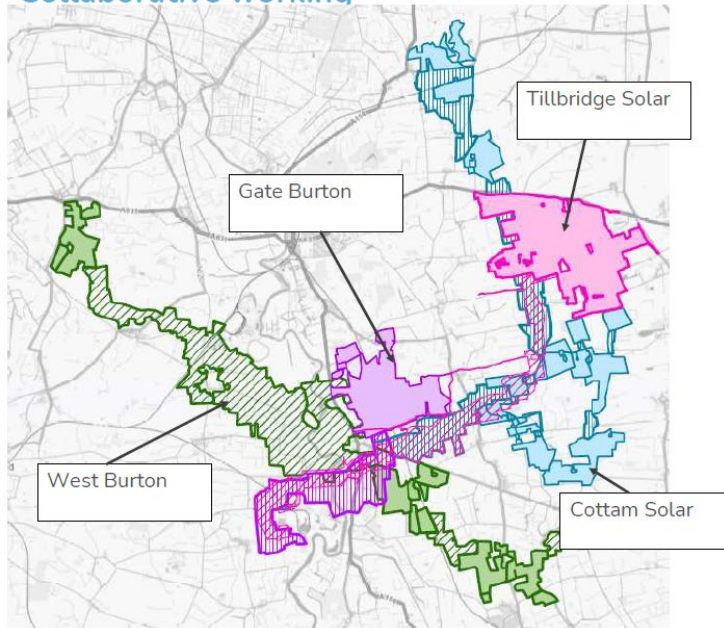
Generate clean energy for approx. 40-60 years

Decommissioning – 12-24 months





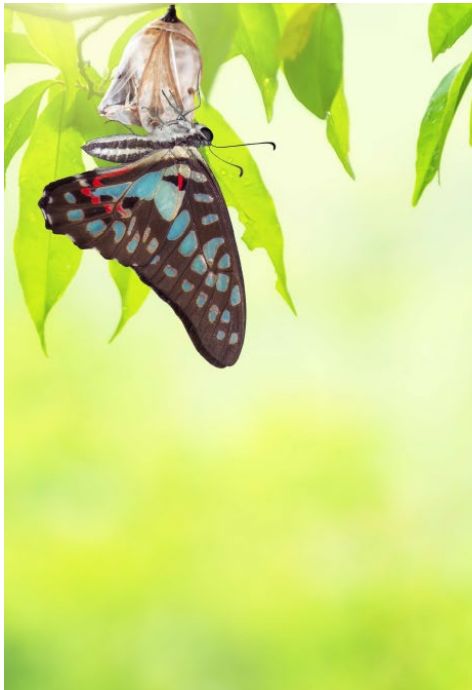
## Collaborative working



We have been refining our plans to identify opportunities for collaborative working with the other developers of solar projects within the area with respect to the cable route corridor connecting to National Grid's Cottam substation.

We are continuing to work to:

- Understand how the corridors might sit alongside each other
- Minimise land take
- Minimise environmental impacts
- Minimise disruption during construction



## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

EIA identifies the potential effects on the environment, people and local communities. These effects can be positive or negative.

We are working to reduce the negative effects of the Scheme and provide mitigation and enhancements where possible.

The preliminary EIA findings are reported within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEI Report).

The PEI Report has been prepared for the purposes of statutory consultation.

A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report will also be available.



## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (cont.)

The PEI Report covers the following topic areas:

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Scheme Location
- Chapter 3 Scheme Description
- Chapter 4 Alternatives and Design Evolution
- Chapter 5 EIA Methodology
- Chapter 6 Air Quality
- Chapter 7 Climate Change
- Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage
- Chapter 9 Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Chapter 10 Flood Risk, Drainage and Surface Water
- Chapter 11 Human Health
- Chapter 12 Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration
- Chapter 14 Socio-economics and Land-use
- Chapter 15 Transport and Access
- Chapter 16 Other Environmental Topics
- Chapter 17 Cumulative Effects
- Chapter 18 Summary of Significant Environmental Effects



### Community benefits

Biodiversity enhancement & community benefit fund being explored.

Suggestions to date have included funding towards:

- Improvements to existing community facilities, e.g. village halls and sports facilities
- Provision of electrical vehicle charging points
- Subsidised solar PV panels for community use and lower cost energy
- Grants for broadband and wider improvements
- Educational visits and wider education/apprenticeship opportunities

Could be managed independently; we've spoken with:

- Lincolnshire Community Foundation
- Nottinghamshire Community Foundation

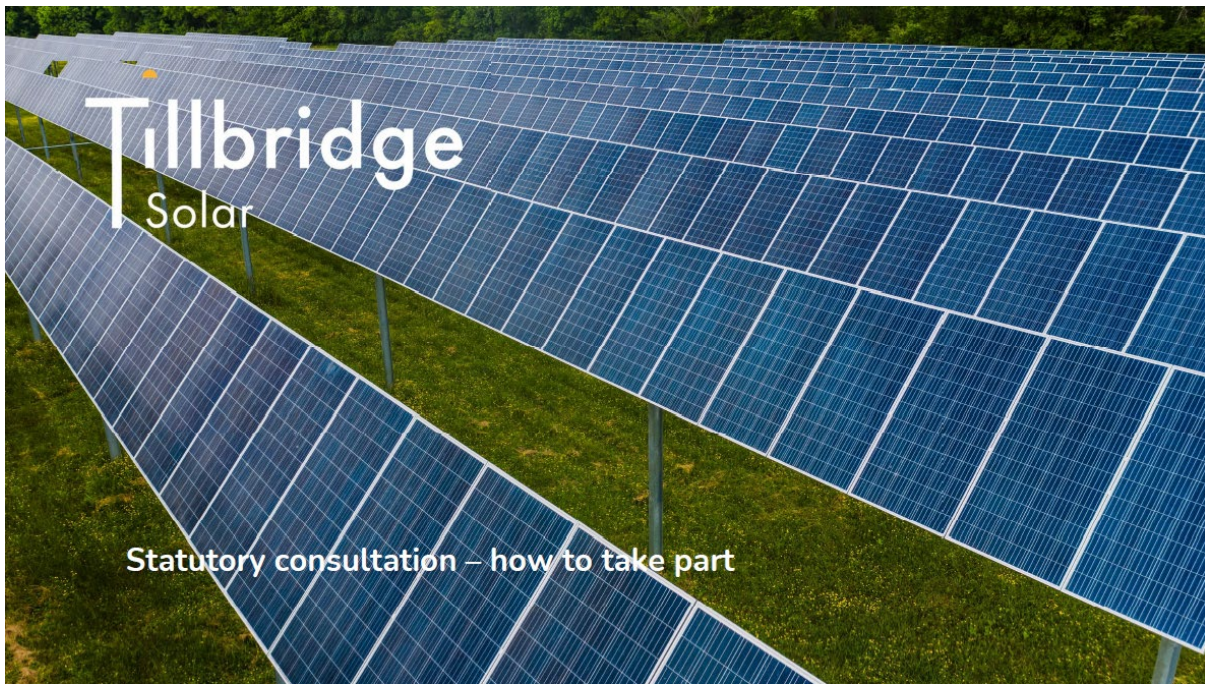
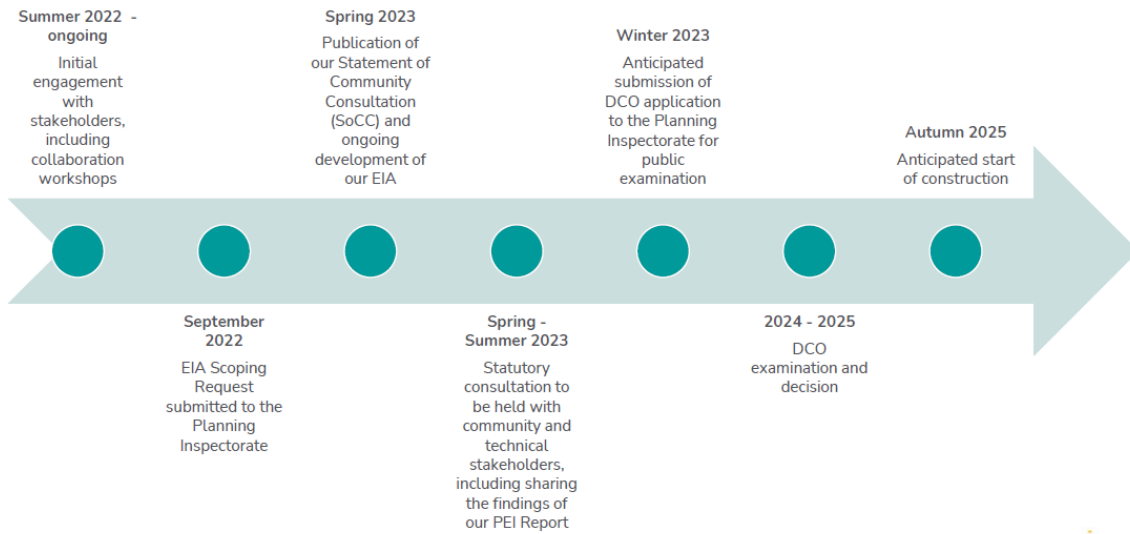
We are considering the possibility of coordinating with other developers on these localised benefits.

As part of the consultation we welcome views on management of the fund and local projects and initiatives we could support.





## Indicative Scheme timeline





## Our statutory consultation

Our statutory consultation:

- Six weeks from **Tuesday 30 May 2023 to Tuesday 11 July 2023**.
- We want to hear views on our detailed design proposals for the Scheme.
- Including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to minimise the impact of the Scheme.
- Feedback will help us to finalise our detailed proposals for our application, which we expect to submit to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) later this year.



## How to take part in our consultation

*Attend a public consultation event*

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
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## How to take part in our consultation

### View information

On our website [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)

In person at the five local information points:

- West Lindsey District Council Office
- Lincoln Central Library
- Gainsborough Library
- Saxilby Library
- Retford Library

Materials available to collect at these locations include:

- feedback questionnaires
- consultation leaflets

Printed copies of the following will be available at each of these locations to inspect (but not take away):

- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- more detailed statutory consultation booklet
- PEI Report
- NTS



## Our materials – website and interactive map

Visit our documents library for a full suite of materials: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library>



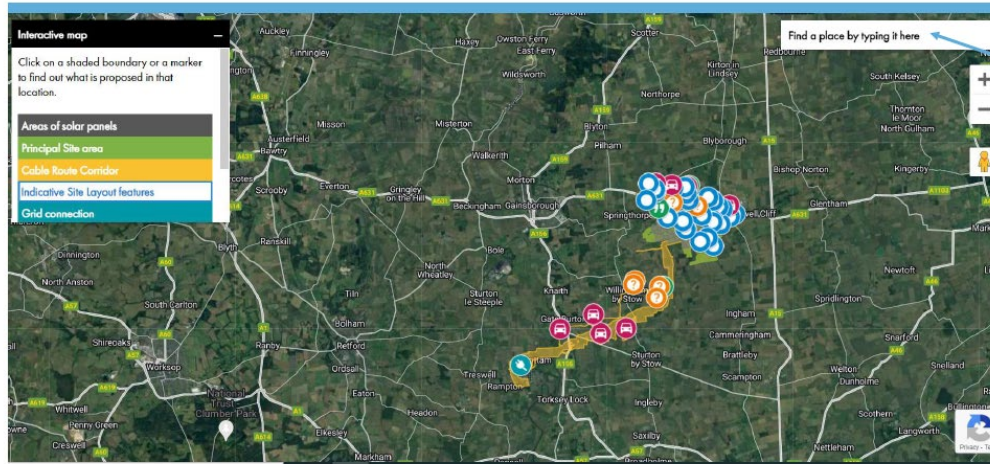
## Preliminary Environmental Information Report





## Our materials – website and interactive map

Can be found on the website at: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme/>

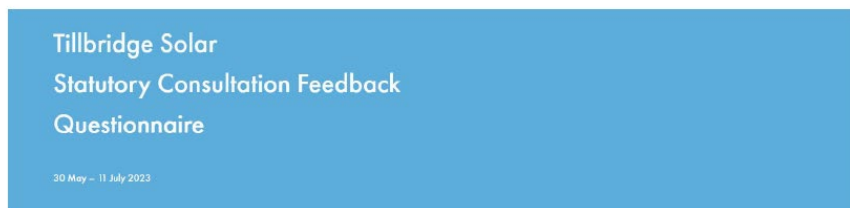


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## Providing feedback online

Can be found on the website at: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme/>

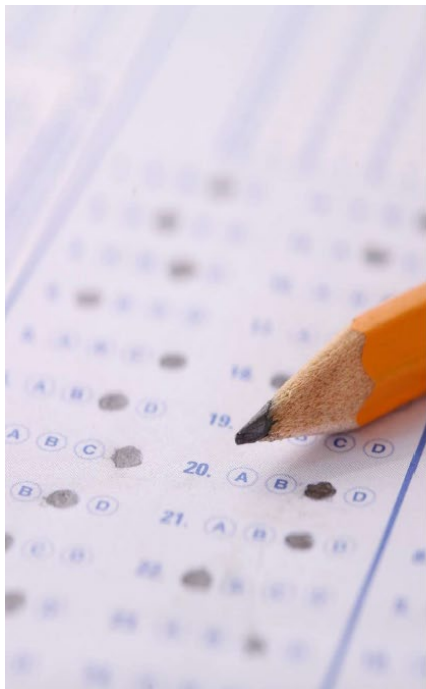


Please complete this feedback questionnaire to let us know your views on our proposals for Tillbridge Solar. The deadline for responses is 23:59 on **Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

We are developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme (the "Scheme"), which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities in Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the National Grid at Cottam substation in

This feedback questionnaire sits alongside our wider suite of consultation materials, including a Project Information Booklet and Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, and details how you can respond to the proposals set out in the consultation materials. All of our materials can be found on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](https://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)). Our website also contains details of how you can access hard copy information, should you wish to do so, as part of this consultation.



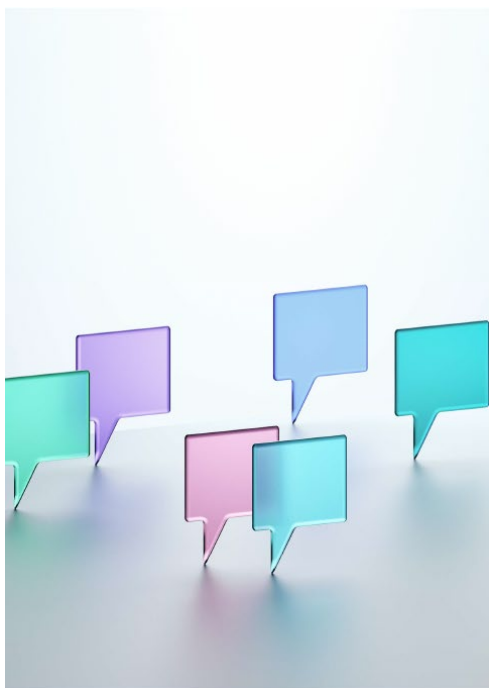


## Providing feedback

Provide feedback either online or in writing, by:

- Going to our website and completing an online feedback questionnaire.
- Collecting a questionnaire from one of our consultation events, information points or on request (by contacting the community relations team by email, phone or post) .
- Returning a completed questionnaire to us at one of our events, by email or by post.
- Providing free form comments by email or post.

**The deadline for comments is 23.59 on 11 July 2023**



## How we will use feedback and next steps

Once the consultation has closed at 23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023, we will review all comments and suggestions that have been received during the consultation period.

We will take time to consider and have regard to feedback when making further refinements to our proposed design and developing our planned mitigation measures.

We will set out a summary of the responses given in a Consultation Report, with details on how feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals.

This report will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) – sent to PINS on behalf Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero: More info at:

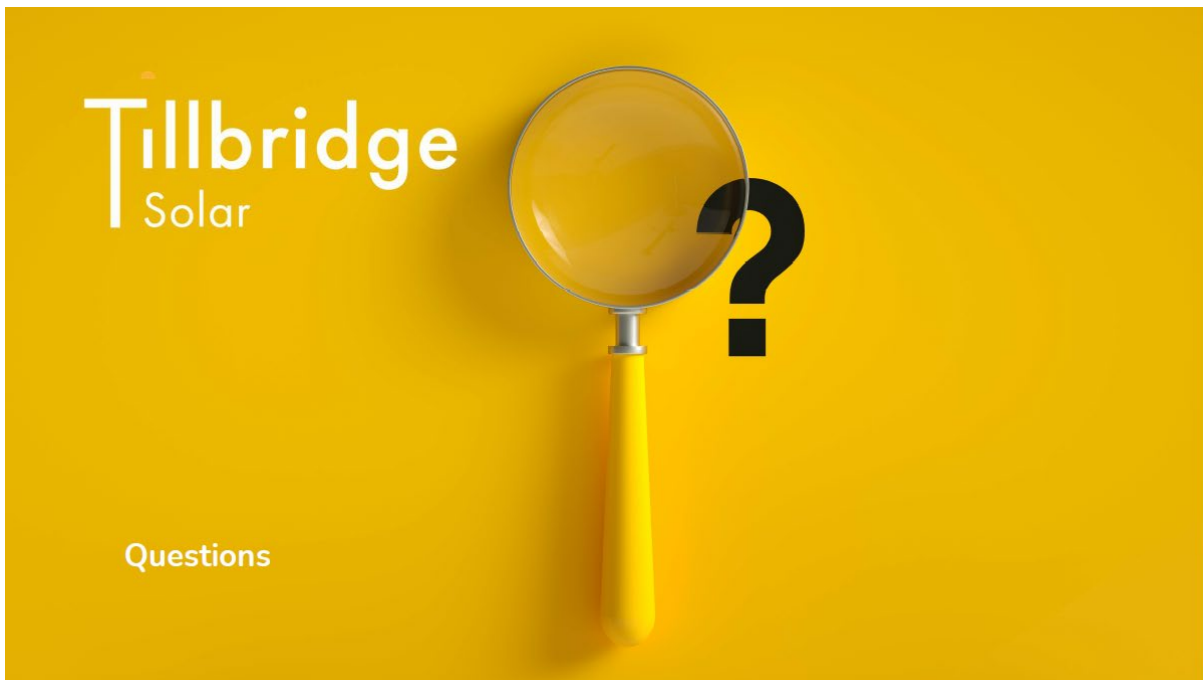
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## Keeping in touch

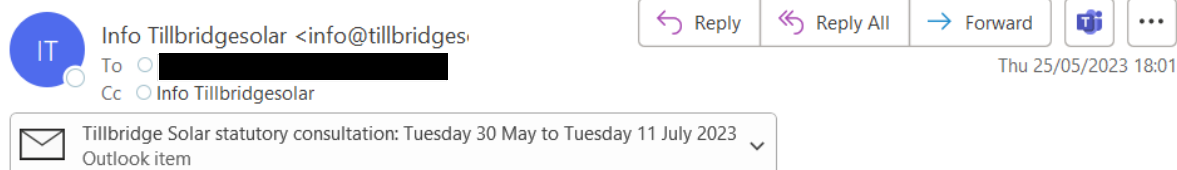
- We are committed to engaging openly with all stakeholders. Come along to our events to speak to the team in person. You can also request separate meetings.
- Through out the consultation period and after, people can get in touch using the details below:
  - Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
  - Freephone: 0800 046 9643
  - Freepost: **FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR**
  - Website: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)



## Appendix C-4: Draft email and attachments included in the communications to local authorities

### C-4.1: Example email to Lincolnshire County Council

Tillbridge Solar - additional information to share



Dear Neil,

I hope you are well and thank you for inviting us to present at your Committee meeting earlier this month.

Further to the information sent below, we have prepared the attached email to be circulated internally with Members and colleagues at Lincolnshire County Council. This email contains a number of documents to help inform your Members and help publicise the Tillbridge Solar consultation as widely as possible. To this end, we kindly ask that you:

- Forward this to your social media and community engagement team and include information about the consultation on your website and social media channels – **the attached email encloses a ‘Stakeholder Information Pack’ with the relevant links and draft information.**
- Provide this information for your community engagement team for them to forward on to seldom heard / hard to reach groups, including any Travellers communities that reside in the County / District.

As discussed previously, we have also sent this email directly to members at the Council to ensure they are best prepared for the start of the consultation and any potential questions they may face from their constituents.

If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

Kind regards,

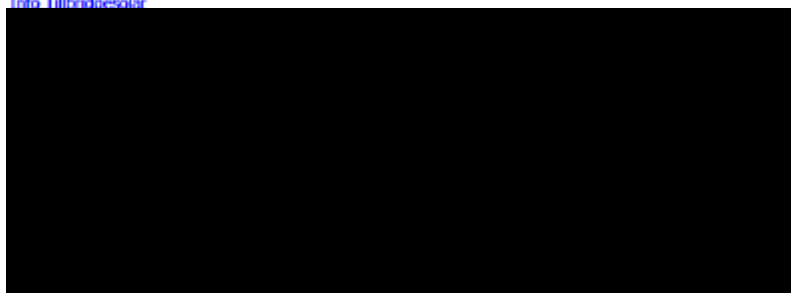
Matthew

Tillbridge Solar community relations team

### C-4.2: Example email for LPAs to share with members



**From:** [Info Tillbridgesolar](#)  
**Bcc:**



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**Date:** 25 May 2023 17:43:47  
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[Tillbridge Solar Stakeholder Pack\\_May 2023.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Solar Section 47 Notice\\_May 2023.pdf](#)  
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Dear Councillor,

**Subject: Tillbridge Solar statutory consultation: Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023**

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

As a Councillor that may have an interest in the Scheme, we are writing to you to provide an update on our proposals and our upcoming engagement activities. We previously wrote to you to invite you to attend our Collaboration Workshops in July 2022, including follow up information and a Community Newsletter issued in October 2022.

Following this initial engagement exercise, we are now approaching our statutory consultation. This consultation will run for six weeks, from **Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

During this time, we are inviting feedback on our updated proposals, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to mitigate the impact of the Scheme.

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**Briefing information**

Ahead of our consultation beginning on Tuesday 30 May, we wanted to provide you with the relevant written information for the Scheme.

We have been in communication with the relevant Planning contacts at Lincolnshire County



Council, West Lindsey District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council, and have held, or are in the process of arranging, a briefing session to introduce our plans in more detail.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about this or would like to arrange an individual briefing.

#### Upcoming consultation activities

All of the latest Scheme information will be made available on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)) from 30 May 2023. Ahead of this, we wanted to share with you a list of our upcoming face-to-face consultation events and online webinars, which we encourage you to attend.

Our outreach activities and advertising have commenced this week (w/c Monday 22 May 2023). We are enclosing with this letter:

- A copy of the final Statement of Community Consultation, published in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act (on Thursday 25 May 2023);
- A copy of the Section 47 Notice, published in local newspapers on Thursday 25 May;
- Tillbridge Solar stakeholder information pack, shared with parish councils and wider groups on Thursday 25 May to help publicise the consultation;
- Tillbridge Solar information poster; and
- A copy of our Statutory Consultation Leaflet, which is being posted to around 5,000 addresses within our primary consultation zone (as described in the SoCC).

Please get in touch if you have any questions about this information or would like any materials in printed format.

#### Upcoming face-to-face consultation events and webinars

Our events and webinars are being held on the following dates:

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (registration open from 30 May 2023 via website and getting in touch)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm

Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (registration open from 30 May 2023 via website and getting in touch)	Monday 10 July 2023	6:30pm to 8pm

If you have any questions about the Scheme, the consultation, or content of this letter, please contact our community relations team using the details below. More information can also be found on the project website: [tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)

Yours sincerely,

Luke Murray

Project Director, Tillbridge Solar  
Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)  
Freephone : 0800 046 9643

## Appendix C-5: List of Councillors receiving the email on 25 May 2023

### Lincolnshire County Council

Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Martin John	Hill OBE
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Patricia Anne	Bradwell OBE
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Michael	Brookes
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Alison	Austin
Lincolnshire County Council	Ms	Debbie	Barnes OBE

Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Richard	Butroid
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Lindsey Ann	Cawrey
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Colin John	Davie
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Richard Graham	Davies
Lincolnshire County Council	Councillor	Susan	Woolley

### Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	Ben	Bradley
Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	Bruce	Laughton
Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	Mike	Quigley MBE
Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	Roger	Jackson

Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	Richard	Butler
Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	Neil	Clarke
Nottinghamshire County Council	Councillor	John	Ogle

### West Lindsey District Council

West Lindsey District Council	Councillor	Owen	Bierley
West Lindsey District Council	Councillor	Anne	Welburn
West Lindsey District Council	Councillor	Angela	Lawrence
West Lindsey District Council	Councillor	Roger	Patterson
West Lindsey District Council	Mr	Ian	Knowles

West Lindsey District Council	Mr	Mark	Sturgess
West Lindsey District Council	Mr	Oliver	Fytche-Taylor
West Lindsey District Council	Councillor	Ian	Fleetwood

Hemswell ward	Ward Councillor	Paul	Howitt-Cowan
Scampton ward	Ward Councillor	Roger	Patterson
Stow ward	Ward Councillor	Lynda Marie	Mullally
Torksey ward	Ward Councillor	Roger Alan	Pilgrim
Lea ward	Ward Councillor	Emma Frances	Bailey

## Bassetlaw District Council

Bassetlaw District Council	Councillor	Simon	Greaves
Bassetlaw District Council	Councillor	Jo	White
Bassetlaw District Council	Councillor	Jack P	Bowker
Bassetlaw District Council	Councillor	Madelaine	Richardson
Bassetlaw District Council		David	Armiger

Bassetlaw District Council	Councillor	David G	Pidwell
Bassetlaw District Council	Councillor	Sybil	Fielding

Sturton ward	Ward Councillor	James	Naish
Rampton ward	Ward Councillor	Ant	Coultate

## Appendix C-6: Copy of posted and outreach letters – 25 May 2023

### C-6.1: Copy of poster




Tillbridge Solar is holding a statutory consultation on its proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme located on land to the east and south east of Gainsborough and to the north of Lincoln. We are holding a series of face-to-face consultation events and two webinar sessions. These offer the opportunity to view and discuss our more detailed plans for Tillbridge Solar with members of the project team, and provide your feedback.


The events and webinars are being held as follows:


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For more information please visit [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)

Or contact us via:

 0800 046 9643

 FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR

 [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)

### C-6.2: Letter sent to community facilities/locations



[insert address block]

Thursday 25 May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Tillbridge Solar statutory consultation – publicity information**

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

We are writing to you to provide an update on our proposals and our upcoming engagement activities. As you may be aware, we have previously carried out a programme of informal engagement on the Scheme, including a series of Collaboration Workshops in July 2022.

Following this initial engagement exercise, we are now approaching our statutory consultation. This consultation will run for six weeks, from **Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023**. During this time, we are inviting feedback on our updated proposals, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to mitigate the impact of the Scheme.

**Publicity information**

Ahead of our consultation beginning on Tuesday 30 May, we are sharing information with key stakeholder groups to help raise awareness of our consultation with local communities. We are also looking to display information in well-used locations. **Please find an information poster enclosed.**

As a shop or community facility that may be well-used by members of the local community, we kindly ask that you display this poster in a prominent location. If you have any questions about this, or the Scheme in general, please get in touch using the details below. Please also let us know if you require additional printed copies of this poster to display.

All of the latest Scheme information will be made available on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)) from **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Murray

Project Director, Tillbridge Solar  
Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) ; Freephone : 0800 046 9643

## C-6.3: Letter sent to host and neighbouring parish councils



[insert address block]

Thursday 25 May 2023

Dear Parish Council/Meeting,

**Subject: Tillbridge Solar statutory consultation – publicity information**

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

As a Parish Council/Meeting that may have an interest in the Scheme, we are writing to you to provide an update on our proposals and our upcoming engagement activities. We have previously carried out a programme of informal engagement on the Scheme, including a series of Collaboration Workshops in July 2022.

Following this initial engagement exercise, we are now approaching our statutory consultation. This consultation will run for six weeks, from **Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023**. During this time, we are inviting feedback on our updated proposals, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to mitigate the impact of the Scheme.

### Publicity information

Ahead of our consultation beginning on Tuesday 30 May, we are sharing information with key stakeholder groups to help raise awareness of our consultation with local communities. **Please find an information poster enclosed.**

It would be greatly appreciated if you could display this poster in a prominent area in your parish. If you have any questions about this, or the Scheme in general, please get in touch using the details below. Please also let us know if you require additional printed copies of this poster to display.

All of the latest Scheme information will be made available on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)) from **Tuesday 30 May 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Murray

Project Director, Tillbridge Solar  
Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) ; Freephone : 0800 046 9643

## C-6.4: List of locations and parish councils sent hard copy posters

### Shops/community hubs

Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Address 5
Nettleham Post office	The Green	Nettleham	Lincoln	LN2 2NR
Lincolnshire Co-op Welton post office	1 Ryland Road	Welton	Lincoln	LN2 3LU
Lincolnshire Co-op Gainsborough post office	11-13 Market Street	Gainsborough		DN21 2BL
Ropery Road Post office	294 Ropery Road	Gainsborough		DN21 2PD
Newton on Trent Post office	6 High street	Newton on Trent	Lincoln	LN1 2JS
Saxilby Post office	107 High street	Saxilby	Lincoln	LN1 2HG
Beckingham post office and village shop	The Green	Beckingham		DN10 4NL
Waddingham post office	Silver Street	Waddingham	Gainsborough	DN21 4SJ
Osgodby post office	Meadow Mt	Main street	Market Rasen	LN8 3TA
Dunholme post office	St Chads Church	Dunholme	Lincoln	LN2 3QT
Corringham Post office	Hall, 10A, Middle street	Corringham	Gainsborough	DN21 5QR
RAF Hemswell Post office	Gainsborough Road	Hemswell Cliff	Gainsborough	DN21 5TX
The Community Shop	34 Riseholme Road		Gainsborough	DN21 1NJ
One Stop	29 High Street	Saxilby	Lincoln	LN1 2LN
Morton Village Hall Committee	Unersheim, Mill Lane	Morton	Gainsborough	DN21 3BW
R.A.G.E community centre	Richmond House, Richmond Park	Morton Terrace	Gainsborough	DN21 2RJ
Connexions Community Hub	6-8 Church Street	Gainsborough		DN21 2JH
The Salvation Army Church and Community Centre	Beaumont Street	Gainsborough		DN21 2ER
Park Springs Community Centre	Riseholme Road	Gainsborough		DN21 1NJ
Willoughton Village Hall	Vicarage Road	Willoughton	Gainsborough	DN21 5SA
Stow Post Office	St Mary's Church	Church Rd	Stow	LN1 2DE
Retford Post Office	10 Spa Lane	Retford	DN22 6EA	



Rampton Post Office	The Green	Adjacent The Eyre Arms Public House	Retford	DN22 0HR
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### Host and neighbouring parish councils

FAO Parish Clerk	Gainsborough Town Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Northorpe Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Hemswell Cliff Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Normanby by Spital, Owmbly-by-Spital and Saxby Parish Councils
FAO Parish Clerk	Ingham Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Lea Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Knaith Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Sturton Le Steeple Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Clarborough and Welham Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Headon cum Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Fenton and Torksey Lock Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Torksey Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Sturton by Stow Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Cammeringham Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Harpwell and Hemswell Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Heapham Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Upton Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Springthorpe Parish Meeting
FAO Parish Clerk	Stow Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Brampton Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Corringham Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Fillingham Parish Council

FAO Parish Clerk	Glentworth Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Torksey Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Marton and Gate Burton Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Willingham by Stow Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Kexby Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Treswell with Cottam Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	South Leverton Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	North Leverton with Hablesthorpe Parish Council
FAO Parish Clerk	Rampton and Woodbeck Parish Council

## Appendix C-7: Example of briefing slides given to parish councils/meetings (on request)



### The Tillbridge Solar team





## About Tillbridge Solar

A new solar and energy storage scheme within Lincolnshire, spanning across the local authority boundaries of West Lindsey and Bassetlaw.

Generation capacity exceeding 50MW.

1,400 hectares (ha):

- approx. 900 ha for the solar PV panels and infrastructure
- approx. 500 ha for environmental mitigation and enhancement

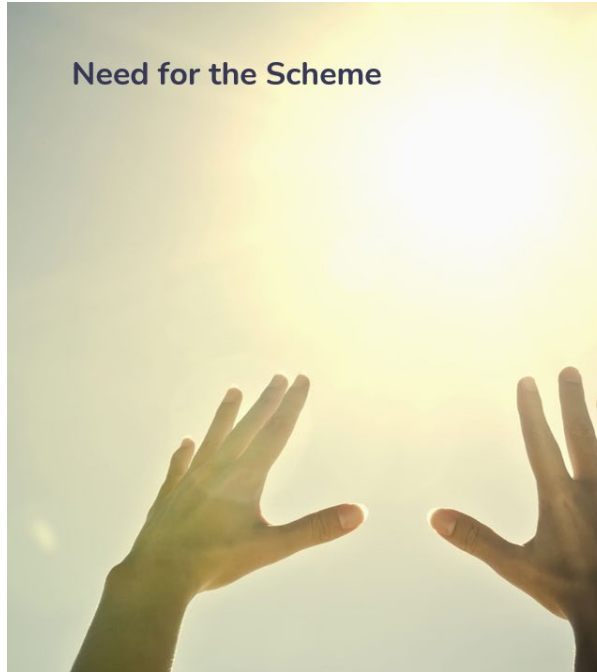
Connect to the National Grid at Cottam Substation via approx. 16km of underground electricity cables.

A Bilateral Connection Agreement with National Grid to allow 500MW of renewable energy to be transferred in to and out of its Cottam substation.

A generation capacity exceeding 50MW, providing enough clean energy to power approx. 300,000 UK homes.

**AECOM**





## Need for the Scheme

UK climate change targets to achieve net zero by 2050 and ensure the energy supply remains secure, reliable and affordable.

Energy Security Strategy (April 2022) - the UK's solar capacity needs to increase five-fold by 2035 to meet legally binding targets on net zero.

This would increase the total generation capacity from 14 gigawatts (GW) today to around 70GW.

Powering Up Britain (March 2023) – Government commitment to net zero and reiterated the need for both rooftop and ground-mounted solar to achieve national targets.

Decommissioning of Cottam power station provides additional grid connection capacity.

**AECOM**



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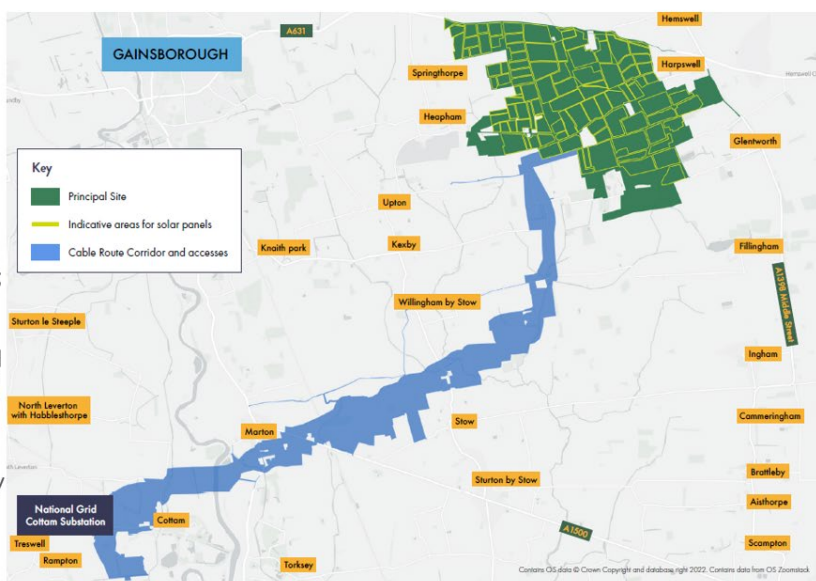
**Our updated proposals**

## Location

Approx. five kilometres east of Gainsborough and approx. 13 kilometres north of Lincoln.

The Principal Site', where the ground mounted solar PV, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be located; 1,400 ha; land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe.

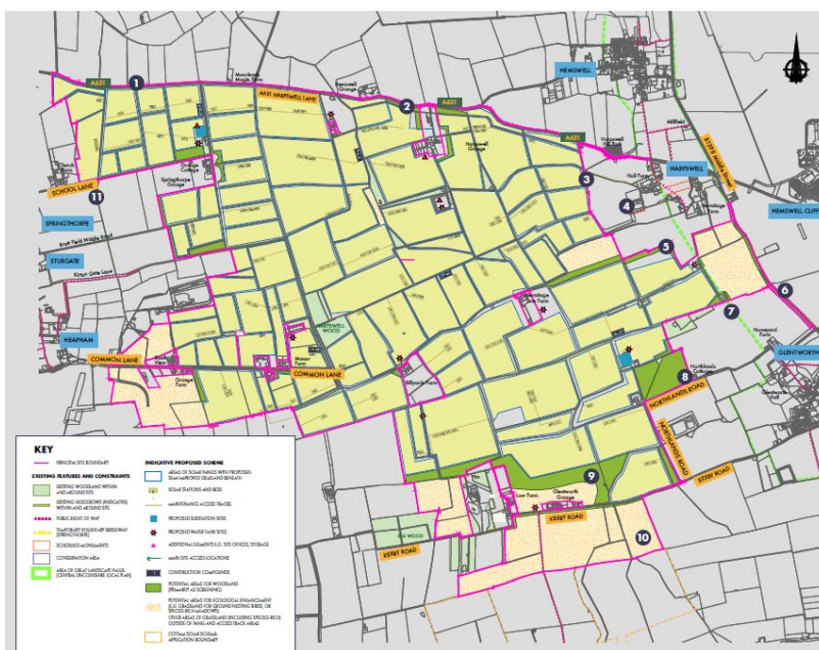
Cable route corridor; approximately 16km linking the Principal Site to the national grid at Cottam substation.



## Indicative site layout plan

We are now consulting on our updated proposals, including our indicative site layout plan.

A larger version of this plan will be available on our website from 30 May.





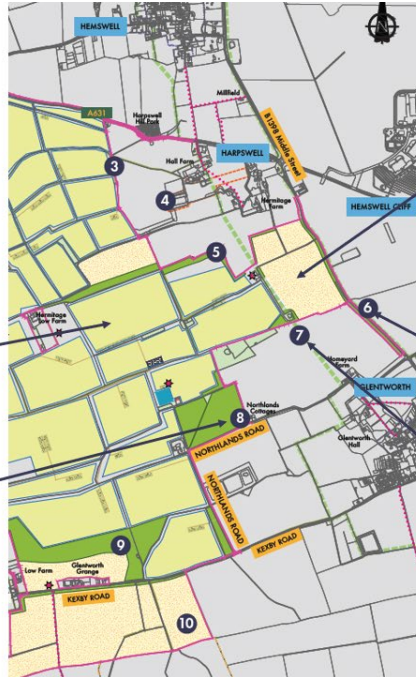
## Glentworth

We are now consulting on our updated proposals, including our indicative site layout plan.

A larger version of this plan will be available on our website from 30 May.

Areas for Solar Panels

Woodland as screening and new habitat area north of Northlands Road



Potential areas for ecological enhancement

Narrow band of planting along Middle Street to provide continuous wildlife corridor and limit views nearest to the site

Solar infrastructure set back from Lincoln Cliff



## How to take part in our consultation

### Attend a public consultation event

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
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Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Monday 10 July	6:30pm to 8pm

### Statutory consultation – information available

- Statutory consultation leaflet, which is being posted to all addresses in our PCZ.
- Project information booklet, which provides a more detailed overview of the Scheme.
- Statutory consultation feedback questionnaire, which may be used to provide a response on the Scheme.
- Exhibition banners, which are being displayed in person at the consultation events (as listed below).
- Maps and plans showing the overall location of the Scheme.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.
- Statutory notices, letters and wider requirements
- PEI Report and NTS – Including a number of chapters summarising our preliminary environmental findings on various topic areas.
- SoCC, which has been publicised in accordance with section 47 of the Act.

Information will be available on our website and in our Documents Library ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)) from Tuesday 30 May.





## Providing feedback

- Completing the feedback questionnaire online: [tillbridgesolar.com/consultation](https://tillbridgesolar.com/consultation)
- Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback questionnaire.
- Questionnaires can also be collected from one of our local information points or requested from the community relations team.
- Emailing [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
- Writing to us at FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note that no stamp is required)

Please respond by 11:59pm on 11 July 2023



## How we will use feedback and next steps

Once the consultation has closed at 11:59pm on Tuesday 11 July 2023, we will review all comments and suggestions that have been received during the consultation period.

We will take time to consider and have regard to feedback when making further refinements to our proposed design and developing our planned mitigation measures.

We will set out a summary of the responses given in a Consultation Report, with details on how feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals.

This report will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) – sent to PINS on behalf Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero: More info at:

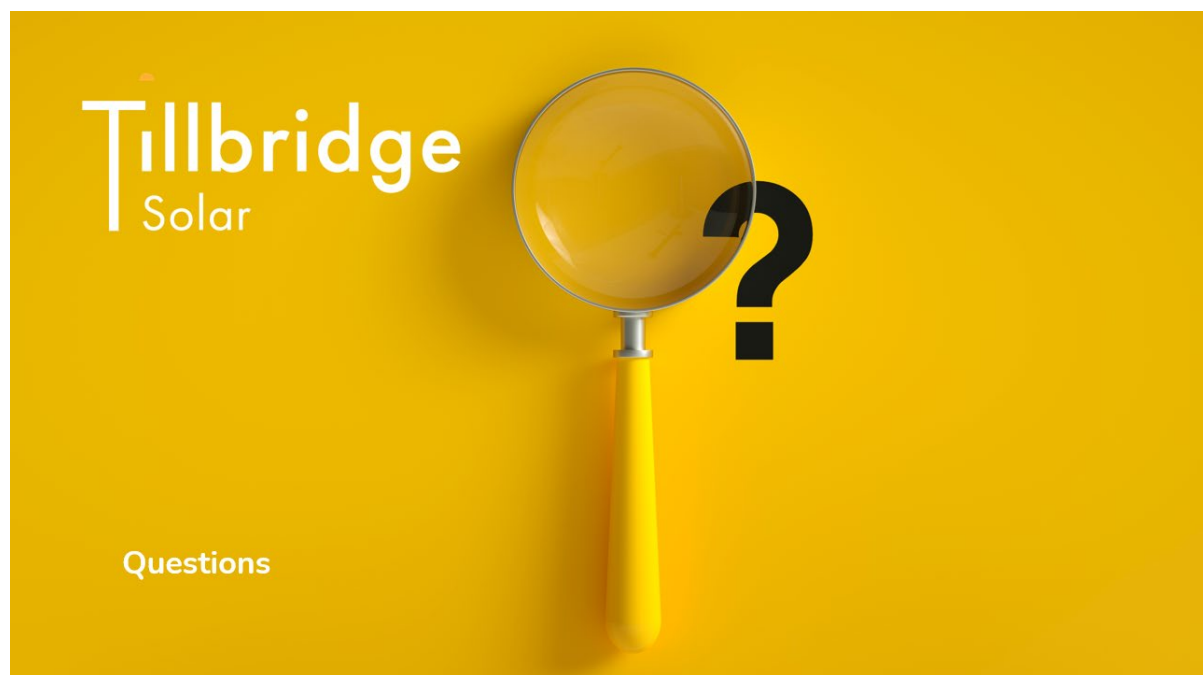
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>





## Keeping in touch

- We are committed to engaging openly with all stakeholders.
- Through out the consultation period and after, people can get in touch using the details below:
  - Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
  - Freephone: 0800 046 9643
  - Freepost: FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR
  - Website: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)



## Appendix C-8: Emails sent to host and neighbouring parish councils/meetings on the day of publication of the SoCC

**From:** [Info.Tillbridgesolar](mailto:Info.Tillbridgesolar)  
**Bcc:**   
**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar publication of Statement of Community Consultation and wider information  
**Date:** 25 May 2023 17:10:26  
**Attachments:** [Tillbridge Solar Final SoCC May 2023.pdf](#)  
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[Tillbridge Solar Stakeholder Pack May 2023.pdf](#)  
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[Tillbridge Solar Information Poster May 2023.pdf](#)

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Dear Parish Council/Meeting,

### Publication of Statement of Community Consultation and wider information

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

Further to our correspondence on Thursday 18 May, we wanted to share with you a copy of our final Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). This has taken into consideration comments from the following local authorities:

- Lincolnshire County Council;
- West Lindsey District Council;
- Nottinghamshire County Council; and
- Bassetlaw District Council.

We have also attached a copy of our Section 47 Notice, which has been published from today in local newspapers in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Please let us know if you would like any of this information in printed format.

### Information to share

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In addition to the final SoCC and Section 47 notice, we have also attached a stakeholder information pack and information poster. These have been designed to be a resource for you to help share information about the Tillbridge Solar consultation process.

To note, the pack includes links to the Tillbridge Solar website. The site will be fully updated from **Tuesday 30 May 2023**. We welcome you to use information from this pack to share information more widely, including via any websites, social media, newsletters, and e-bulletins.

If you have any questions about the attached information, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Luke Murray

Project Director, Tillbridge Solar

Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) ; Freephone : 0800 046 9643

Encl:

- Statement of Community Consultation
- Section 47 Notice
- Stakeholder information pack
- Information poster

## Appendix C-9: Emails and attachments sent to MPs on 18 May 2023

Tillbridge Solar statutory consultation – invitation for an initial briefing



Info Tillbridgesolar <info@tillbridgesolar.com>

To brendan.clarkesmith.mp@parliament.uk



Thu 18/05/2023 15:58

You forwarded this message on 18/05/2023 16:00.



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277 KB

Dear Brendan Clarke-Smith MP,

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar and energy storage scheme that would deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

As a Member of Parliament that may have an interest in the Scheme, we are writing to you to provide an update on our proposals and our upcoming engagement activities, and to ensure that you are informed ahead of potential questions from your constituents. We previously wrote to you to invite you to attend our Collaboration Workshops in July 2022, along with follow-up information and a Community Newsletter issued in October 2022.

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Kind regards,

Luke Murray

## Tillbridge Solar statutory consultation – invitation for an initial briefing



Info Tillbridgesolar <info@tillbridgesolar.com>  
To robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk

Reply Reply All Forward

Thu 18/05/2023 15:59



Dear Robert Jenrick MP,

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Reply

Reply All

Forward



Thu 18/05/2023 16:00



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277 KB

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# Appendix C-10: Copies of the consultation materials sent to MPs

## C-10.1: Host MPs

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**To:** [edward.leigh.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:edward.leigh.mp@parliament.uk)  
**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023  
**Date:** 30 May 2023 11:59:07  
**Attachments:** [Tillbridge Solar Consultation Leaflet.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Solar Project Information Booklet.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Solar Statutory Consultation Launch Letter\\_30 May 2023\\_Edward Leigh.pdf](#)

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**To:** [robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk)  
**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023  
**Date:** 30 May 2023 12:00:42  
**Attachments:** [Tillbridge Solar Consultation Leaflet.pdf](#)  
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**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023  
**Date:** 30 May 2023 12:02:35  
**Attachments:** [Tillbridge Solar Consultation Leaflet.pdf](#)  
[Tillbridge Solar Project Information Booklet.pdf](#)  
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## C-10.2: Neighbouring MPs

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**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023  
**Date:** 30 May 2023 12:06:05  
**Attachments:** [Tillbridge Solar Consultation Leaflet.pdf](#)  
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## Appendix C-11: Example of a reminder emails issued during statutory consultation

### C-11.1: Reminder email to various stakeholder groups (6 June 2023)

**From:** Info Tillbridgesolar  
**Bcc:**   
**Subject:** RE: Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023  
**Date:** 06 June 2023 21:15:44

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Dear Parish Council/Meeting,

This email is a reminder of our upcoming engagement activities, starting with our first online webinar tomorrow evening (Wednesday 7 June) at 6:30pm.

You can register for this webinar directly through our website or by getting in touch:  
<https://app.livestorm.co/tillbridge-solar/tillbridge-solar-webinar?s=41373b16-110e-450f-9465-fa7ae90f6470>

Kind regards,

The Tillbridge Solar community relations team

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**From:** Info Tillbridgesolar <info@tillbridgesolar.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2023 11:56 AM  
**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023

Dear Parish Council/Meeting,

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar and energy storage that would deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

The Scheme would allow for the generation, storage, export and import of electricity with a generation capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), making a critical and meaningful contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions and UK energy security through the development of a clean supply of electricity.

Further to our previous correspondence in week commencing **Monday 22 May**, we are now writing to you to announce the start of our statutory consultation. We are writing to you as a Parish Council/Meeting that may have an interest in our proposals.

[Our engagement so far](#)

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## C-11.2: Reminder email to various stakeholder groups (4 July 2023)

**From:** [Info Tillbridgesolar](#)  
**Bcc:** 

**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023  
**Date:** 04 July 2023 16:29:11  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Tillbridge Solar Farm Project (the "Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. This email is a reminder to provide feedback as part of our statutory consultation, which is due to close at 11:59pm on Tuesday 11 July 2023.

### The Scheme

The Scheme is a new solar farm and energy storage proposal being brought forward by Tillbridge Solar Ltd (company number 12887594) (the "Applicant"), a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy and Canadian Solar. The Scheme comprises two distinct sections, which are "the Principal Site" and "the Cable Route Corridor" (these are explained in more detail below).

The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately 13 kilometres to the north of Lincoln. The new solar farm and energy storage is to be located the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe. This would cover an area of approximately 1,400ha and is located entirely within the administrative area of West Lindsey District Council. The solar farm would connect to the national grid via underground cables (the Cable Route Corridor) connecting to National's Grid Cottam substation located approximately 16 kilometres to the south-west of the Principal Site.

The Scheme comprises a generating station of above 50 megawatts and therefore

qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under sections 14(1) (a) and 15(2) the Act. The development consent order (DCO) application for the Scheme (the Application) will be made by the Applicant to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the Secretary of State) via the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will appoint an Examining Authority to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the Application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to make the Order. The Applicant intends to submit the Application towards the end of 2023.

The Scheme comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and infrastructure to export and import electricity to the national electricity transmission network.

The BESS is associated development to ensure that energy can be stored when it is generated and not demanded. The BESS would have a direct relationship with the solar PV panels and it would support the operation of this by storing electricity produced during times of peak capacity until it needs to be released. Details of design of the BESS elements, including their power and energy ratings, and their dimensions and appearance, are currently in development.

Supporting electrical infrastructure on the Principal Site would include up to two substations, operating at a 400 kilovolt (kV)/33kV voltage. Substations would consist of infrastructure such as transformers and switchgear and equipment to help facilitate the export/import of electricity from/to the Principal Site to/from the national grid. A 400 kV underground cable circuit would be required within the Principal Site to interconnect the two substations. A security fence would enclose the PV panel areas of the Principal Site and pole mounted CCTV systems are also likely to be deployed around the perimeter of the operational areas of the Scheme.

The Principal Site would have four points of access, three located along the A631 Harpswell Lane and one located on the B1398 Middle Street. A series of internal access tracks are also proposed within the Principal Site to facilitate construction and the operation of the Scheme, including the use of existing farm tracks and upgrading of surfaces as required.

An indicative site layout plan has been produced to provide an initial indication of the location of areas for solar PV panels and green infrastructure, including proposed areas for woodland planting, ecological enhancement and the provision of new and enhanced hedgerows. There are also areas within the Principal Site where existing woodland and hedgerows would be retained. This plan can be found as part of the

Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, which can be accessed through the Scheme's website ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](https://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)).

The Cable Route Corridor would comprise the underground electrical infrastructure (400 kV cables) to export and import electricity to and from the national electricity transmission network at National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire. The length of the cables to connect the Principal Site to the National Grid Cottam substation is approximately 16 km, and crosses the administrative areas of West Lindsey District Council and Bassetlaw District Council, falling within Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire respectively. The Cable Route Corridor is currently being developed in terms of construction methods and requirements. This includes details of whether the cable would be placed in an open trench (which would be refilled and reinstated following completion of cable placement) or laid using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) to cross existing infrastructure such as roads, rivers and railways, the location of jointing bays, temporary storage compounds and access points.

#### Responding to the consultation

Any response or representation in respect of the Application must (i) be received by the Applicant on or before 23:59 on 11 July 2023, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. Should you wish your comments to remain anonymous, please provide your postcode only.

You can provide your response to this consultation by:

- Completing a hard copy feedback questionnaire, which can be requested from the Project team in electronic or hard copy format free of charge, collected from a consultation event or local information point, or printed at home.
- Completing an online version of the feedback questionnaire, which can be accessed via the Scheme website: [tillbridgesolar.com/consultation](https://tillbridgesolar.com/consultation)
- Submitting your own form of response (provided it is in writing).

Any responses to this consultation or other representations in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- By post: FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please write this in capitals, you do not need a stamp)
- Online: [tillbridgesolar.com](https://tillbridgesolar.com)
- By email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)

**We also encourage you to attend our final face-to-face public consultation event this Thursday 6 July between 2:30pm and 6:30pm at Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL.**

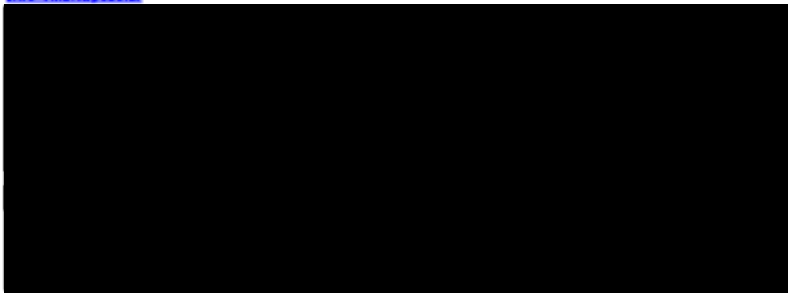
If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything in more detail, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Murray  
Project Director, Tillbridge Solar Ltd

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### C-11.3: Reminder email to various stakeholder groups (10 July 2023)

**From:** [Info Tillbridgesolar](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)  
**Bcc:**   
**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Consultation Webinar - 10 July 2023  
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Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Tillbridge Solar Farm Project (the "Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. This email is a reminder to provide feedback as part of our statutory consultation, which is due to close at 11:59pm on Tuesday 11 July 2023.

This email is a reminder of our final consultation webinar, which is taking place this evening (10<sup>th</sup> July) at 6:30pm. To register, please visit: <https://app.livestorm.co/tillbridge-solar/tillbridge-solar-webinar?s=176b7be9-9b02-4aed-b20a-cea0baf98844> or respond to this email to get in touch with the team.

Kind regards,

Luke Murray  
Project Director, Tillbridge Solar Ltd

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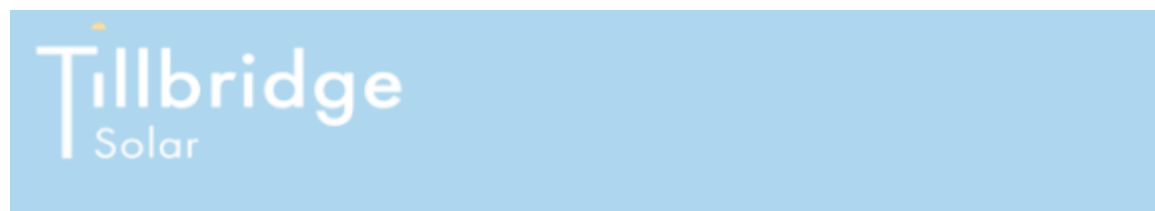
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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 4:01 PM  
**Subject:** Tillbridge Solar Statutory pre-application consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Tillbridge Solar Farm Project (the "Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. This email is a reminder to provide feedback as part of



## Appendix C-12: Example of a near neighbour letter (25 May 2023)



[Insert address]

Friday 26 May 2023

Dear Owner/Occupier,

**Subject: Tillbridge Solar – Invitation to take part in statutory consultation: 30 May 2023 to 11 July 2023**

We are writing to you regarding Tillbridge Solar ("The Scheme"), which is a proposed solar farm that will deliver electricity to the national electricity transmission system. The Scheme is proposed to be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

The Scheme comprises two distinct sections, which are "the Principal Site" - where the solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and associated infrastructure would be located - and "the Cable Route Corridor" - which would connect the Scheme to the National Grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

Our statutory consultation for the Scheme is running from 30 May 2023 until 11 July 2023. We have also sent you a copy of our **Statutory Consultation Leaflet**, which summarises the Scheme and our upcoming engagement activities. You should have received this or will be receiving this over the coming days. Please let us know if this does not arrive with you in the post.

As a near neighbour of Tillbridge Solar (located within 50 metres of the Principal Site boundary), we would encourage you to attend an event and invite you to have an individual meeting with the project team, who would outline the proposals and answer any questions you may have.

For reference, the in-person public consultation events are being held:

Venue	Date	Times
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm

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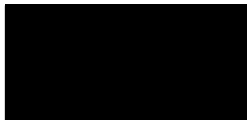


Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm

Should an individual meeting be of interest, please contact our community relations team on [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) or 0800 046 9643 to arrange a convenient time.

We look forward to meeting you at an event.

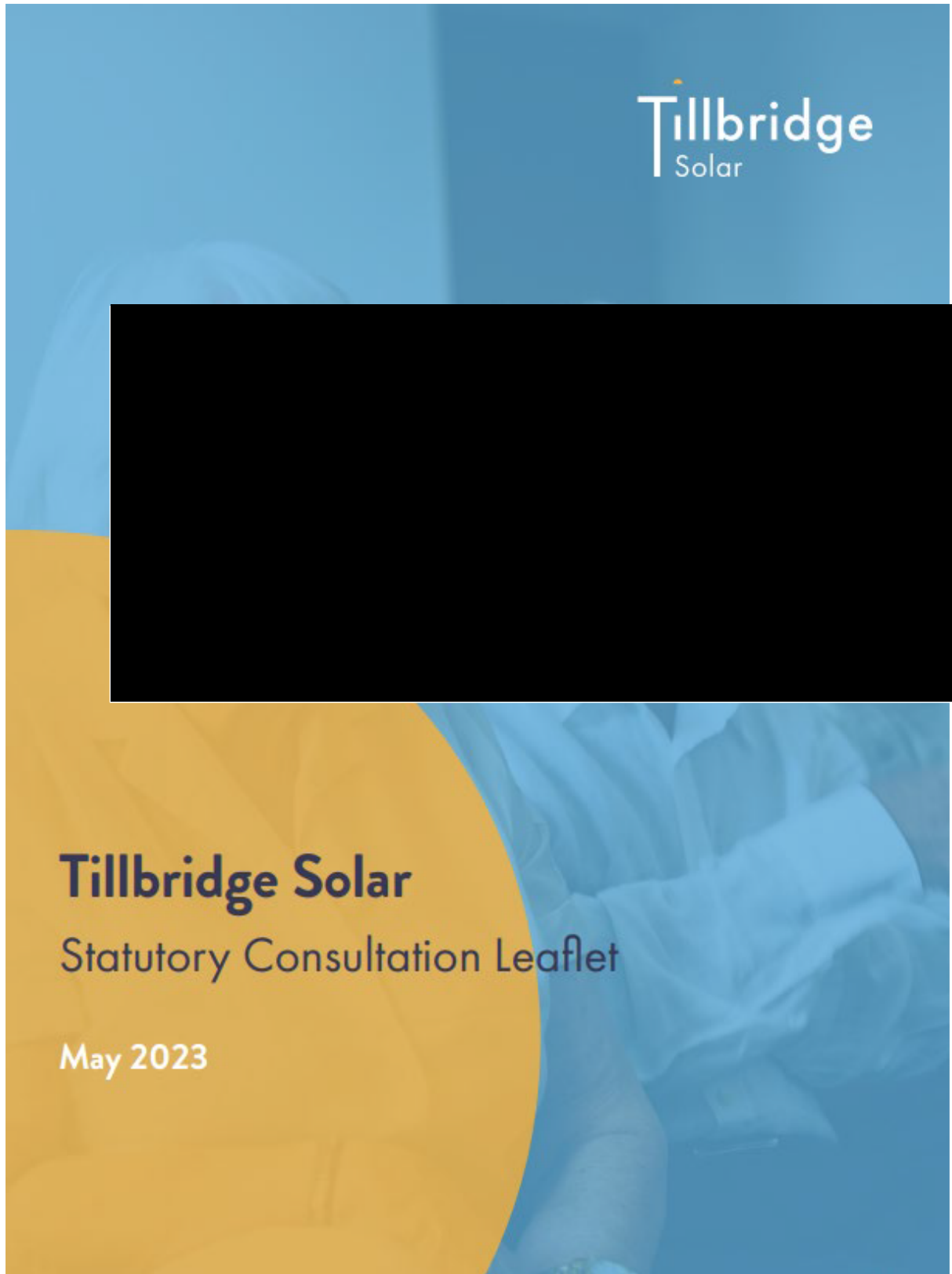
Yours sincerely,



Luke Murray  
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Tillbridge Solar  
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## Appendix C-13: Consultation materials

### C-13.1: Statutory consultation leaflet (May 2023)



## Introduction

Following on from our first Community Newsletter in October 2022, which introduced Tillbridge Solar, this leaflet outlines our statutory consultation proposals for the project.

The project, known as Tillbridge Solar (the "Scheme"), would allow for the generation, export and import of electricity with an anticipated capacity greater than 50 megawatts (MW), and could power up to 300,000 UK homes. The Scheme would also store energy on site for when it is needed most by homes and businesses.

Our statutory consultation will run for six weeks, from **Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023**. During this time, we want to hear your views on our detailed design proposals for the Scheme, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to minimise the impact of the Scheme.

This leaflet provides details of this statutory consultation, including our upcoming consultation events and where you can find more information. We hope you can attend an event and we welcome your comments. If you have any questions, please get in touch using the contact details at the end of this leaflet.



## About Tillbridge Solar

Tillbridge Solar Limited is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage project that would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on site energy storage facilities within Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the national grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

The decommissioning of the previous coal-fired Cottam power station has provided additional spare grid connection capacity and the opportunity for the region to play an important role in renewable energy generation in years to come.

The solar PV panels and energy storage facilities would be located on land to the south, east and south-east of Gainsborough (the "Principal Site"). The Scheme would then connect to National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire via an underground electricity cable (within the "Cable Route Corridor"). **A high-level map showing the location of our proposals is shown on page 5 of this leaflet.**

## Who we are



Tillbridge Solar Limited is a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy Ltd and Canadian Solar, who are both experienced developers of renewable energy projects. They are being supported by a team of experienced technical specialists.



Tribus Clean Energy Ltd specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 gigawatts (GW) and a pipeline of more than three gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery and Energy Storage Systems (BESS).



Canadian Solar is a leading manufacturer of solar PV modules and provider of solar energy solutions, with a UK solar development pipeline of over 2GW and more than 4GWh of BESS.

## Our vision for Tillbridge Solar

Our vision for Tillbridge Solar is to deliver cleaner, greener, and lower-cost energy, while also enhancing the local environment and ensuring we are a responsible developer.

We recognise the impacts associated with multiple projects being developed in the region.

Given the proximity of Tillbridge Solar to other solar projects, we have explored opportunities for collaborative working, particularly where there are common interests to reduce the potential impacts of the Scheme on local communities and the environment, include along our Cable Route Corridor.

Our objectives for Tillbridge Solar are to:



Build a solar farm that will contribute to the UK's zero-carbon future and support Lincolnshire's transition to Net Zero.



Increase biodiversity and enhance existing ecology to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain and maximise opportunities to create new habitats for wildlife.



Provide equivalent energy needs for around 300,000 households with low-cost energy, generated in the UK at a time of great uncertainty within the energy market.



Ensure the local landscape is central to the Scheme's design.



Develop a Scheme in a responsible and considerate way.



Provide opportunities for local communities and the local economy.



## Our early-stage engagement

In July 2022, we held a series of collaboration workshops in the area with elected representatives, such as local councillors and parish councils, along with representatives from environmental and community groups. The workshops allowed us to introduce our early-stage proposals.

We want to thank everyone who took part in the workshops – we are grateful for the feedback we've received to date. This engagement has helped shape the Scheme and allowed members of the community and other stakeholders to discuss key aspects of our plans in more detail.

A full summary of our collaboration workshops, including the key issues and information discussed, can be found as a report on our website [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com). This report also provides a summary of comments received during the workshops and how we are continuing to refine the Scheme in response to these.

## Statutory consultation

We are now inviting you to take part in this statutory consultation on our detailed proposals for Tillbridge Solar. Our consultation is running from Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023.

As part of this consultation, we are providing updated information on our more developed proposals, including the proposed Principal Site layout and the refined Cable Route Corridor. We have been using feedback from our early-stage and ongoing engagement to inform our design of the following areas:

- A 'Principal Site' of approximately 1,400 hectares (ha), which comprises 900 ha of developable area (where all solar PV panels and associated infrastructure would be located), and 500 ha of non-developable areas (which is being considered for environmental mitigation and enhancement measures).
- An underground electricity Cable Route Corridor, approximately 16 km in length, connecting the Principal Site to National Grid's Cottam Substation.

We are also providing a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report, which describe the initial results of our environmental surveys that we have been undertaking as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.

Details of how to access our updated information, including detailed site layouts, and how to get involved in this consultation is provided on page 6 of this leaflet.

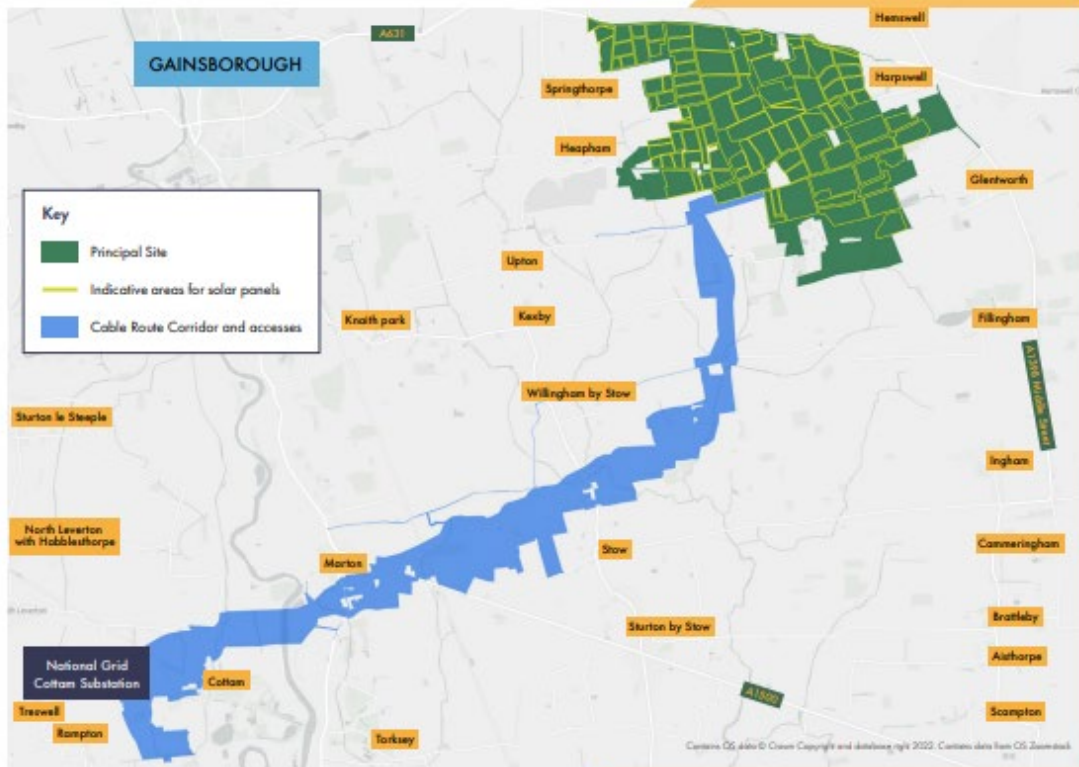


**A Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**, which sets out how we intend to consult people ahead of our application for development consent for the Scheme, was prepared with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). We also consulted with, and have had regard to, comments from local planning authorities regarding the SoCC.

## — The location of our proposals

### More information

You can use our Interactive Map online to find locations of interest. Our project information booklet includes an indicative site layout plan for the Principal Site. The booklet can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.



## — Have your say

Your feedback is important to us and will help to shape our final designs. You can learn more about our proposals and provide feedback in the following ways:

- Come along to one of our consultation events, where you can meet the project team, learn about our proposals, and provide your feedback using a feedback questionnaire
- Visit the Scheme webpage to view our latest information, including our full suite of statutory consultation documents and interactive map, and provide your feedback via an online version of the feedback questionnaire
- Visit one of our information points to view hard copies of the statutory consultation materials and collect a feedback questionnaire
- Contact our communication lines via phone, post or email (using the details on page 12) to request a feedback questionnaire or ask questions about the consultation
- Complete and post a feedback questionnaire back to us via **FREEPOST: TILLBRIDGE SOLAR** (please note that you do not need a stamp).

We recommend that you view our updated plans in more detail to help inform your consultation response. This includes our PEI Report (summarising the findings of our initial studies), which is designed to help you understand the likely environmental effect of the Scheme and the mitigation measures proposed, and the NTS.

All of these documents can be found on our website. We can also provide these documents on a USB device, free of charge on request, which are limited to one per household. Hard copies of the project information booklet, feedback questionnaire and NTS will be available at the consultation events. If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report or other consultation documents, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply.

**If you require materials in an alternative format (e.g. large print or braille) please let us know.**



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## Our events

We are holding a series of public information events as part of our statutory consultation. These will give you the opportunity to view all of the consultation materials on our more developed and detailed proposals for Tillbridge Solar.

You can submit your feedback in writing at the events via a feedback questionnaire or take a feedback questionnaire away to post back to us. We encourage anyone with an interest in the Scheme to come along. We are also holding two webinar events for those unable to attend in-person sessions to ask questions.

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (please visit our website or get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
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Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (please visit our website or get in touch to register)	Monday 10 July	6:30pm to 8pm

## Local information points

There are a number of locations within the local area where you are able to access hard copies of our statutory consultation materials. These locations are:

<p><b>West Lindsey District Council Office</b></p> <p>Guildhall Marshall's Yard, Marshalls Yard, 13b Beaumont St,            Gainsborough, DN21 2NA</p> <p>Monday to Friday (9am to 5pm)</p>	<p><b>Lincoln Central Library*</b></p> <p>Free School Lane, Lincoln, LN2 1EZ</p> <p>Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to 5pm),            Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 4pm)</p>
<p><b>Gainsborough Library*</b></p> <p>Cobden St, Gainsborough, DN21 2NG</p> <p>Monday to Wednesday and Friday (9am to 5pm),            Thursday (9am to 6pm), and Saturday (9am to 1pm)</p>	<p><b>Saxilby Library*</b></p> <p>St Andrews Centre, William St, Saxilby, LN1 2LP</p> <p>Tuesday (10:30am to 3:30pm), Wednesday (10:30am to 4pm)            and Friday (10:30am to 1pm)</p>
<p><b>Retford Library*</b></p> <p>Churchgate, Retford, DN22 6PE</p> <p>Monday to Friday (9am to 6pm) and Saturday (9am to 3pm)</p>	

Materials available to collect at these locations include copies of feedback questionnaires and additional copies of this leaflet. Printed copies of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), more detailed project information booklets, full PEI Report and NTS will be available at each of these locations to inspect (but not take away).

We recommend contacting the venues to check the opening times before visiting.

\* Computer access will be available in these locations.



## ● Navigating our consultation documents

We are carrying out a formal stage of statutory consultation in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. We've prepared a set of documents and materials to explain the proposals we're consulting on to help you provide feedback.

All documents can be found on the website from 30 May 2023 at: [tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)

Document	Summary
<b>Project information booklet</b>	Provides detailed information on the Scheme, the planning process, what we're consulting on and how our plans have evolved over time, including an indicative site layout plan for this consultation. This can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.
<b>Feedback questionnaire</b>	Allows you to provide comments on our proposals. You can collect this from our events, a local information point or by request. You can also provide your feedback online.
<b>Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report</b>	Explains what effects we believe the Scheme would have on the environment and the measures we are proposing to reduce the impacts. This includes a main report, figures, maps and plans. You can view this online, in hard copy at our events, or request a USB device. If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply.
<b>Non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report</b>	An NTS of the PEI Report is also available to view on the Scheme website and at our consultation events. A hard copy of the NTS can be sent free of charge on request.
<b>Interactive map</b>	Allows you to search for areas of interest, including explanations of the individual Scheme elements. You can view this on our website.
<b>Maps and plans</b>	A series of maps and plans for the Scheme are also available on the Scheme website and at our consultation events, including its location in relation to other solar schemes in the region.
<b>Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</b>	The SoCC sets out how we intend to consult people ahead of our application for development consent for the Scheme. The SoCC can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.

## Working with other solar developers

We are aware there are a number of other proposed solar developments in the area and understand the uncertainty around some of the impacts these projects could cumulatively have on local communities. This includes separate proposals from Low Carbon for their Gate Burton Energy Park and from Island Green Power for their West Burton and Cottam Solar projects.

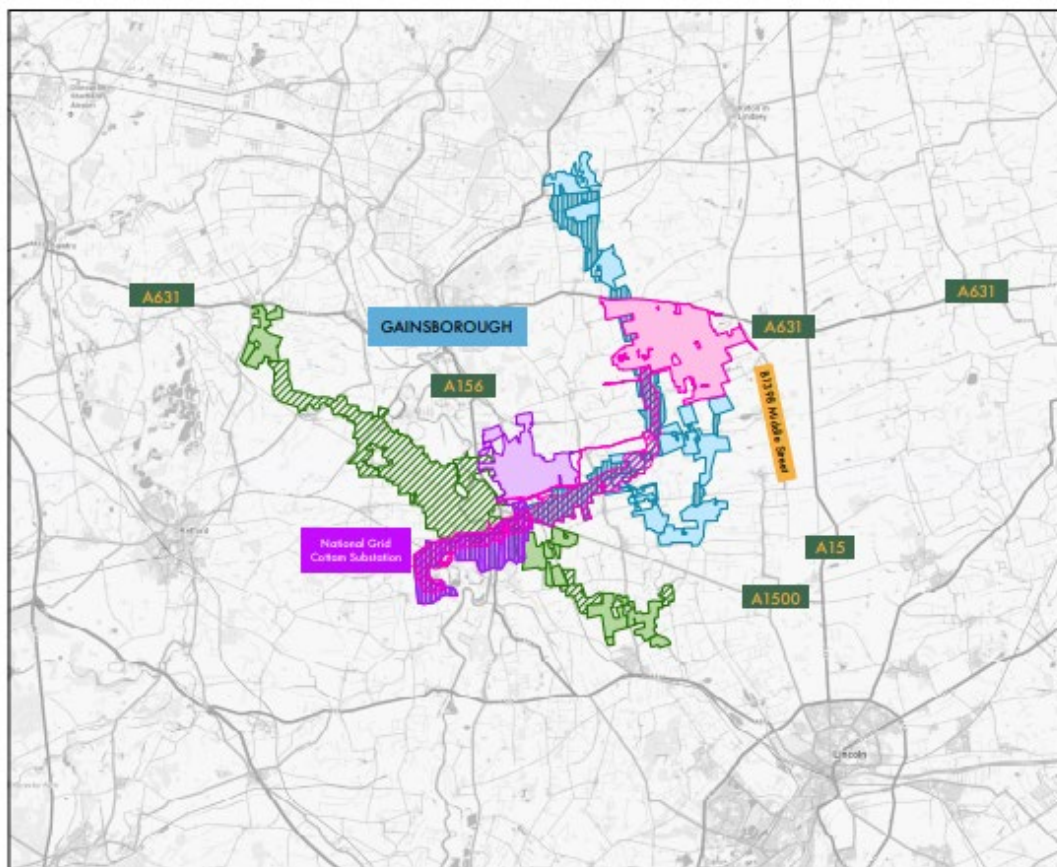
We have been, and will continue to work constructively with both developers to make sure that local residents are fully informed about each of the different solar proposals.

We are also working to ensure that all environmental effects are fully assessed, and mitigation provided where possible, with this early information now available as part of the 'Cumulative Impacts' section of our PEI Report.

Our discussions so far have also centred around cable route installation, aiming to ensure as little disruption to the local community as possible. You will be able to view more information on this in our project information booklet as part of our statutory consultation.

### Key

	Tillbridge Solar Principal Site Boundary		Gate Burton PEI Report red line boundary		Cottam Solar project PEI Report red line boundary		West Burton project PEI Report red line boundary
	Cable Route Corridor Search Area		Principal Site		Principal Site		Principal Site
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## Indicative project timeline



- Summer 2022**  
Initial engagement with stakeholders, including collaboration workshops
- September 2022**  
EIA Scoping Request submitted to the Planning Inspectorate
- Spring 2023**  
Publication of our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and ongoing development of our EIA
- May - July 2023**  
Statutory consultation to be held with community and technical stakeholders, including sharing the findings of our PEI Report
- Winter 2023**  
Anticipated submission of DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination
- 2024 - 2025**  
DCO examination and decision
- Autumn 2025**  
Anticipated start of construction

## Contact details

If you have any questions about the Scheme or consultation, please get in touch using the channels below. Our communications lines will remain open throughout the statutory consultation and after the consultation has closed on 11 July 2023.

It is important you submit your feedback to us before the closing date, so that it can be considered in our proposals. The deadline for responses is **23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

Please also let us know if you would like to be kept up to date with the latest Scheme updates, which we can provide by post and/or email.



[www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)



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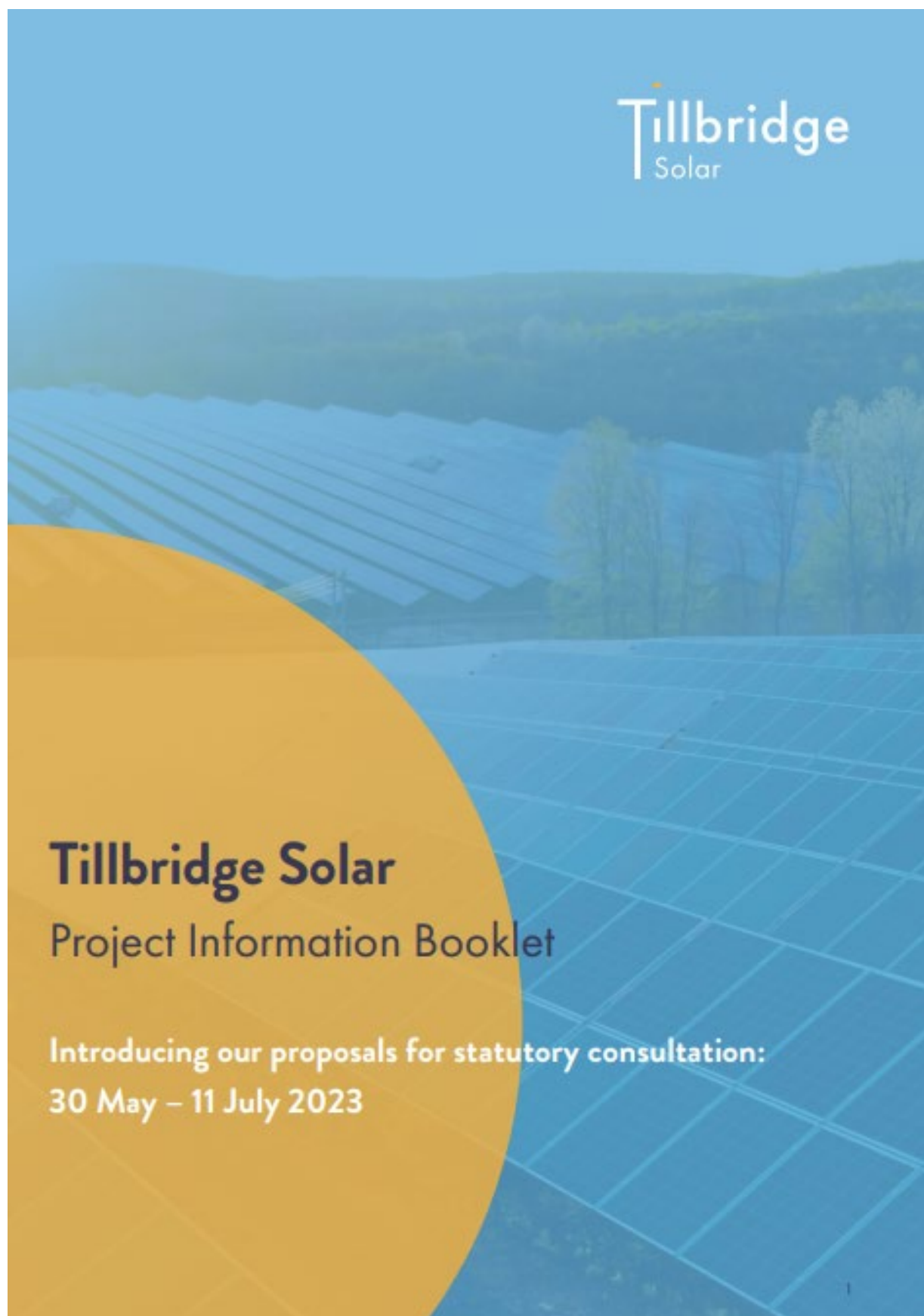
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You can also sign-up for updates and contact us using our comment form on our website.

If you would like this document in large print, audio or braille formats, please contact us using the details above.



## C-13.2: Project Information Booklet





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→ Introduction

Tillbridge Solar Limited is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme, (the "Scheme") which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities within Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the national grid at Caltam substation in Nottinghamshire.

The Scheme, known as Tillbridge Solar, would allow for the generation, storage, export and import of electricity with a generation capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), making a critical and meaningful contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions and UK energy security through the development of a clean supply of electricity.

Our statutory consultation – May to July 2023

We have been carrying out detailed assessments on an area of land to the east and south-east of Gainsborough, which helped us determine the most suitable location for the Scheme. After continuing this work and introducing our emerging proposals in 2022 through a series of collaboration workshops, we are now inviting you to take part in our statutory consultation.

Our consultation is running for six weeks from **30 May until 11 July 2023**. This booklet provides information on how you can get involved and have your say. Your feedback is important in helping us to finalise the detailed proposals for our application for the Scheme, which we are expecting to submit to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) later this year.

Key information

You can find out the details of our public consultation events and webinars in this booklet, including where you can find and request hard copy and online information related to the Scheme.

We recommend that you read our Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and non-technical summary (NTS) before providing feedback during this consultation. These documents provide more detail on the findings from our environmental assessments to date and how we are proposing to reduce impacts.

Key statistics



The Scheme would comprise an area of approximately 1,400 hectares (ha) of predominantly agricultural land, with approximately 900 ha being considered for the solar PV panels and associated infrastructure and approximately 500 ha being considered for environmental mitigation and enhancement.



The Scheme would connect to the national grid at Caltam substation via underground electricity cables, approximately 16 km in length.



We are anticipating that the Scheme would be fully operational from 2027, and would be generating clean energy for approximately 40 to 60 years.



The Scheme would have a generation capacity exceeding 50MW, providing enough clean energy to power approximately 300,000 UK homes.

→ Background

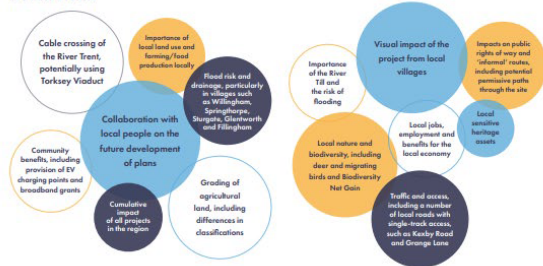
Consultation and engagement so far

We first introduced our emerging proposals for the Scheme in 2022, including holding a series of collaboration workshops in the local area.

In July 2022, as part of the early-stage engagement for the Scheme, we held a series of collaboration workshops

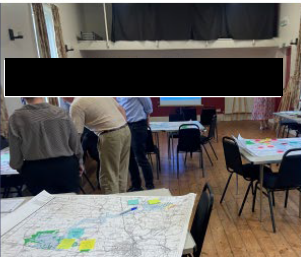
in the local area with elected representatives, such as local councillors and parish councils, along with representatives from environmental and community groups. A newsletter was sent out to the local community, elected representatives and local interest groups in October 2022, which introduced the proposals to the public.

Key issues, constraints and features important to workshop attendees included:



Feedback received during these workshops, along with our ongoing engagement with local authorities, parish councils and other interested parties, has helped shape our plans, which have now developed and are being presented as part of this statutory consultation.

A summary of our engagement during our collaboration workshops, including how we have used comments to help refine the Scheme, is set out in the **Post-collaboration workshop report**, which is available on our website or on request (see 'Contact us').



→ Statutory consultation – get involved

We are now carrying out a statutory consultation on our refined proposals for the Scheme.

The Scheme is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) due to it having a proposed generation capacity exceeding 50MW. We are therefore required to submit an application for development consent to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

We are planning to submit our application for development consent later this year. Before then, we are required to carry out a statutory stage of consultation.

This is your opportunity to provide your feedback and help further shape our proposals that will be submitted as part of our final application.

More information

More information on the national infrastructure planning process can be found on PINS' website: [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/)

This includes details on what comes next in the process after our application is submitted, including Acceptance, Examination and Recommendation and Decision.

Who we are

Tillbridge Solar Limited is a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy Limited and Canadian Solar, who are both experienced developers of renewable energy projects. They are being supported by a team of technical specialists.



Tribus Clean Energy

Tribus Clean Energy Limited specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 gigawatts (GW) and a pipeline of more than 3 gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery and Energy Storage Systems (BESS).



Canadian Solar

Canadian Solar is a leading manufacturer of solar PV modules and provider of solar energy solutions, with a UK solar development pipeline of over 2GW and more than 4GWh of BESS.



Tillbridge Solar Limited

Both developers are using their experience from developing similar size projects in the UK to help bring forward our plans for Tillbridge Solar.



### Need for the Scheme

The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and to ensure that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Together with legally binding commitments such as these, the government has further set out how the deployment of renewable technologies such as wind, solar, nuclear and hydrogen will be accelerated in its latest Energy Security Strategy (April 2022).

This strategy outlines that the UK's solar capacity needs to increase five-fold by 2035 to meet legally binding targets on net zero, which would increase the total generating capacity from 14 gigawatts (GW) today to around 70GW in the future. Tillbridge Solar would make a significant contribution towards achieving these targets, helping to provide energy security and a reliable source of affordable energy.

In response to the findings of the most recent UN climate report (March 2023), the UN secretary-general said that all countries should bring forward their net zero plans by a decade. The UK government responded that the report makes it clear that countries must "work towards for more ambitious climate commitments" ahead of the UN climate summit COP28 in November. The report notes solar energy is becoming increasingly cost effective and is generally supported by the public.

The release of Powering Up Britain (March 2023) marked a clear statement from the Conservative-led Government on its commitment to making net zero a reality and reiterated the need to maximise deployment of both rooftop and ground-mounted solar to achieve national targets.

The decommissioning of the previous coal-fired Cottam power station nearby has provided additional spare grid connection capacity and the opportunity for the region to play an important role in renewable energy generation in years to come. With an agreement in place between Tillbridge Solar Limited and National Grid for the Scheme to connect to the national grid by 2027, we are now looking to sensitively design the Scheme to help realise this opportunity. Further information on the need for the Scheme would be outlined in the materials supporting the application for development consent.



As a Scheme, Tillbridge Solar is committed to helping to realise the benefits of solar technology. We also understand the local sensitivities and cumulative impacts of multiple schemes in Lincolnshire, and we are committed to developing our plans in a sensitive and considerate way.

### Our vision for Tillbridge Solar

Our vision for Tillbridge Solar is to deliver cleaner, greener, and lower-cost energy, while also enhancing the local environment and ensuring we are a responsible developer.

We recognise the impacts associated with multiple projects being developed in the region.

Our objectives for Tillbridge Solar are to:

-  Build a solar farm that will contribute to the UK's zero-carbon future and support Lincolnshire's transition to Net Zero.
-  Provide equivalent energy needs for around 300,000 households with low-cost energy, generated in the UK at a time of great uncertainty within the energy market.
-  Develop a Scheme in a responsible and considerate way.

Given the proximity of Tillbridge Solar to other solar projects, we have explored opportunities for collaborative working, particularly where there are common interests to reduce the potential impacts of the Scheme on local communities and the environment; include along our Cable Route Corridor.

-  Increase biodiversity and enhance existing ecology to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain and maximise opportunities to create new habitats for wildlife.
-  Ensure the local landscape is central to the Scheme's design.
-  Provide opportunities for local communities and the local economy.



### The role of solar energy in the UK

Our current power system still relies heavily on fossil fuels, such as gas. The development of solar energy has a number of benefits, including:



#### Low cost

New solar farms provide the most affordable electricity to the UK's national grid. Increasing solar development will directly help reduce the cost of energy in the UK.



#### Speed and efficiency

Solar is the fastest of all renewable energy technologies to deploy and is the quickest way to act to address the energy crisis.



#### Jobs and investment

Deploying 40GW of solar could create 35,000 new jobs by 2030.



#### Reliability

Achieving 40GW of solar capacity by 2030 would afford at least 10% of the UK's entire electricity needs and contribute to self-sufficiency. Solar can operate all year round, with energy storage ensuring a safe and stable supply of energy to homes, businesses and the national grid.



#### Support for other sectors

Solar can help diversify income, reduce energy costs and improve sustainability of operations, including the agricultural sector. Solar can help regenerate soil quality, and ensure the availability of high-quality agricultural acreage for future generations.



#### Widespread support

Most recent survey results suggest that solar is the most popular form of renewable energy technology in the UK, with support increasing over time.

<sup>1</sup>Briefing - Energy-Security-Strategy-2022.pdf [solarmenergyuk.org]

### Site selection

The Scheme comprises two distinct sections, which are:

- 'The Principal Site', which is the location where ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be installed; and
- 'The Cable Route Corridor', which would comprise the underground electrical infrastructure required to connect the Principal Site to the national grid.

The location of the Principal Site for the Scheme was determined through consideration of a number of criteria, including from a planning policy and environmental perspective, along with impacts of local communities.

#### More information

More information on the site selection can be found in PEI Report Volume 1, Chapter 4: Alternatives and Design Evolution, which outlines site selection, alternatives and how the design has evolved.

This location was considered suitable for solar for a number of reasons, including:

- The area is characterised by large flat areas of land to enable high levels of irradiation (exposure to sunlight) and reduce shading between arrays.
- The point of connection at Cottam substation has capacity. The power station ceased operation in 2019 but the existing substation on the site is still operational.
- It would maximise the utilisation of lower grade, non-best and most versatile agricultural land based on the DEFRA mapping.
- It is not located within internationally and nationally designated biodiversity sites and avoids direct impact on locally designated biodiversity sites.
- It is not located within or close to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- It is not located within designated Green Belt.
- It would minimise impacts on designated heritage assets.
- It is predominantly within Flood Zone 1 and at low risk of flooding (defined as being less than 0.1% chance of flooding in any year).
- It has good transport access for construction, being adjacent to the primary route network (A631).
- It is of a size and has topography which meets the requirements of the Scheme to generate and store significant amounts of electricity.

It has limited land use conflicts with respect to local development plan allocations and the displacement of existing businesses.

- No closures to Public Rights of Ways (PRoW) within the Principal Site (where one is located); however, there would be temporary closures within the Cable Route Corridor which would be managed by a PRoW management plan.
- Designated areas of local landscape value.

The 2,700 ha area for the Principal Site was refined and reduced through a master planning exercise reducing the development area to approximately 1,700 ha (as presented at the collaboration workshops) which would:

- Reduce landscape and visual impacts
- Minimise effects on sensitive receptors, such as residential properties
- Retain existing woodland and hedgerows where possible
- Utilise existing farm tracks where possible for site access
- Set the Scheme away from designated heritage assets (statutory listed buildings and conservation areas)
- Not result in the closure or diversion of definitive PRoWs on the Principal Site.



Evolution of scheme design

Our early-stage engagement, including our collaboration workshops, meetings held with occupiers of neighbouring properties and ongoing meetings, along with ongoing design work, has resulted in the following key changes to the Principal Site Boundary:

- Land to the west of Springthorpe has been removed due to concerns raised by local landowners and ecological advice.
- Land to the east of Springthorpe has been removed as a result of ongoing engagement with local stakeholders, and to have regard to the proximity of a byway and temporary permissive bridleway located to the east of Springthorpe.
- The Scheme has been pulled in from the east away from Middle Street (The Cliff) to have regard to views and the setting of Glenworth and the Area of Great Landscape Value.
- The Scheme was pulled in from the south having regard to the setting of Fillingham village and Middle Street around Fillingham Castle.

Ongoing design work has also helped evolve the Scheme's design in the following ways with respect to the Principal Site:

- Reduction in a total site area from approximately 1,700 ha to 1,400 ha (of the Principal Site) following feedback from the collaboration workshops and the initial results from environmental site surveys.
- Provision of buffers and offsets from existing landscape features such as ponds, hedgerows and woodland.
- Inclusion of new semi-improved grassland under the panels.
- Screening and planting design to reduce visual impacts to sensitive receptors, such as residential properties.
- Screening and planting design to reduce landscape and visual impacts generally.
- The Scheme has been pulled back from Harpswell Hall, a Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- Use of solar panels that are mounted on a single axis tracker and 'track' east to west during the daytime to maximise the amount of sunlight that hits the solar panels and energy generated.

The Cable Route Corridor has also undergone further refinement:

- This alternative route has been removed as an option with the focus of more detailed design work on land to the south of Willingham-by-Stow. This would facilitate the opportunity for sharing the corridor with other developers.
- Torkey Viaduct was considered as a means for the cable to cross the River Trent; but was discounted due to impact upon the heritage asset.
- Further desk-top environmental and planning constraint mapping was undertaken to identify constrained areas and to refine the Cable Route Corridor to have the least environmental impacts.
- Technical design input alongside environmental and planning considerations refined working width, access requirements and crossing points of the Cable Route Corridor.
- Review of the Cable Route Corridor by the land referencing team helped to refine the design further.
- Data was shared with other developers to maximise collaboration, the progression of a shared corridor with cables running parallel to each other and to minimise environmental impacts.

Statutory consultation – our proposals for Tillbridge Solar

The Scheme comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity and would include on-site energy storage facilities. The Scheme would connect to the national grid at Cottom substation in Nottinghamshire via an underground electricity Cable Route Corridor.

Tillbridge Solar has secured a Bilateral Connection Agreement (BCA) with National Grid to allow 500MW of renewable energy to be transferred in to and out of its substation. This agreement would allow the scheme to transport this amount of power to the national grid at one time, however, with energy storage facilities on-site, we would be able to store excess energy and release it at times when it is needed most.

The proposals include measures to:

- Minimise impacts upon residents and nearby communities
- Respond sensitively to local context, including landscape, habitats, wildlife and heritage
- Provide landscape and ecological enhancement measures.

While we are open to any comments on our proposals, we are particularly keen to receive comments on:

- The overall Scheme
- Our updated plans for the Principal Site, including the indicative location of equipment and infrastructure within this area
- Our Cable Route Corridor between the Principal Site and connection at National Grid's Cottom substation
- Measures we are proposing to reduce the impacts associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme, as set out in the FEI Report
- Any additional measures you would like us to include in our proposals, including local community benefits
- Any other feedback on our work so far or local issues and sensitivities of which we should be aware.



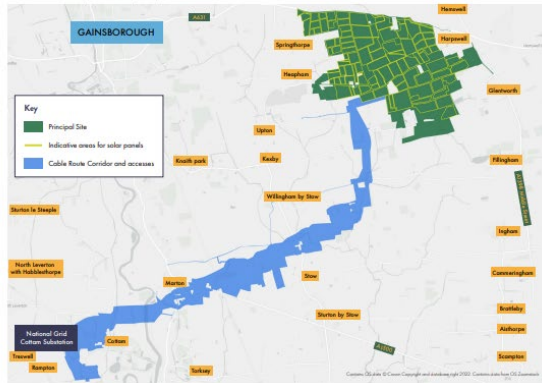
Location

The Scheme would be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately 13km to the north of Lincoln. It would involve two distinct elements, which are:

- The 'Principal Site', which would be built on primarily agricultural land contained within a single red line boundary. This would be where the ground mounted solar PV, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be located and covers an area of approximately 1,400 ha on land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle

Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe.

- The 'Cable Route Corridor', which is approximately 16km long and would involve the construction of underground electricity infrastructure to connect the Principal Site to National Grid's Cottom substation. This is displayed as an initial search area across the administrative areas of West Lindsey District Council and Baselwood District Council.



The Principal Site and Cable Route Corridor



The site would comprise approximately 900 ha of developable area (where all solar PV panels and associated infrastructure would be located), and approximately 500 ha of non-developable areas (which is being considered for environmental mitigation and enhancement measures).



We are currently presenting a wider search area for our Cable Route Corridor than what would be required. This is to allow for the completion of environmental surveys to set out potential constraints allowing the cable route to be refined to minimise impacts. Whilst the intention will be to refine the extent of the Cable Route Corridor down further as part of the ongoing environmental assessment work, it will still need to be of sufficient width for flexibility to ensure that localised constraints can be sensitively dealt with.

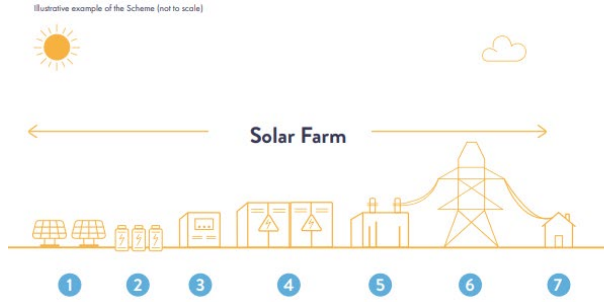
Principal Site main infrastructure

Within our final application for development consent, we are applying for the rights to construct, operate and maintain the following Scheme elements.

**More information**  
 More information on the Scheme infrastructure can be found in PEI Report Volume 1, Chapter 3: Scheme Description

Element	Definition
Solar PV panels	Panels convert sunlight into electrical current. There will be clearance of the PV panels above the ground and the height of the panels at maximum tilt above the ground would be 3.5 metres.
Inverters, transformers and switchgear (solar station)	This infrastructure is required to convert the electricity ready for export to the national grid.
Battery and Energy Storage Solution (BESS)	BESS would be distributed throughout the Principal Site sitting alongside the solar station.
Electrical substations	Two substations would be located within the Principal Site.
Solar Farm Control Centre	This would be a single building used to operate and maintain the solar farm once operational. Operational staff would work from the solar farm control centre.
Equipment storage	The Scheme would require space for the storage of parts and equipment either as open storage or within a building.
Underground cabling within the Principal Site	Underground cables would need to be built on site to connect the solar panels, BESS and other infrastructure to the transformers and to the on-site substations.
Temporary infrastructure	We would need temporary parking and construction compounds for the duration of the construction period within the Principal Site.
Fencing and security	A security fence would enclose the operational areas of the site. The fence is likely to be a timber post and wire deer fence. A pole-mounted closed-circuit television (CCTV) system would be installed around the perimeter of the site, and would face towards the solar farm and away from any land outside of the site.





### The sun

Harnessing the sunlight as the earth's primary source of energy

- 1. Solar panels**  
Convert the sun's energy into DC electrical power.
- 2. BESS**  
Battery and energy storage will have a direct relationship with the solar PV panels and it will support the operation of this by storing electricity produced during times of peak capacity until it needs to be released.
- 3. Inverters, transformers and switchgear**  
Infrastructure is needed to convert power generated by the PV panels and step up the voltage within the Principal Site to allow onward transmission to the national grid.
- 4. Substations**  
Consisting of equipment to facilitate the export/import of electricity from/to the Principal Site to/from the national grid.
- 5. Connection to the national grid**  
Electricity is exported from the on-site substation to the national grid via underground 400 KV cables. Cabling is also required within the Principal Site.
- 6. Output of power to the network**  
Power is transmitted to the network by the local network operator via the national grid.
- 7. Our homes**

### How the panels would operate

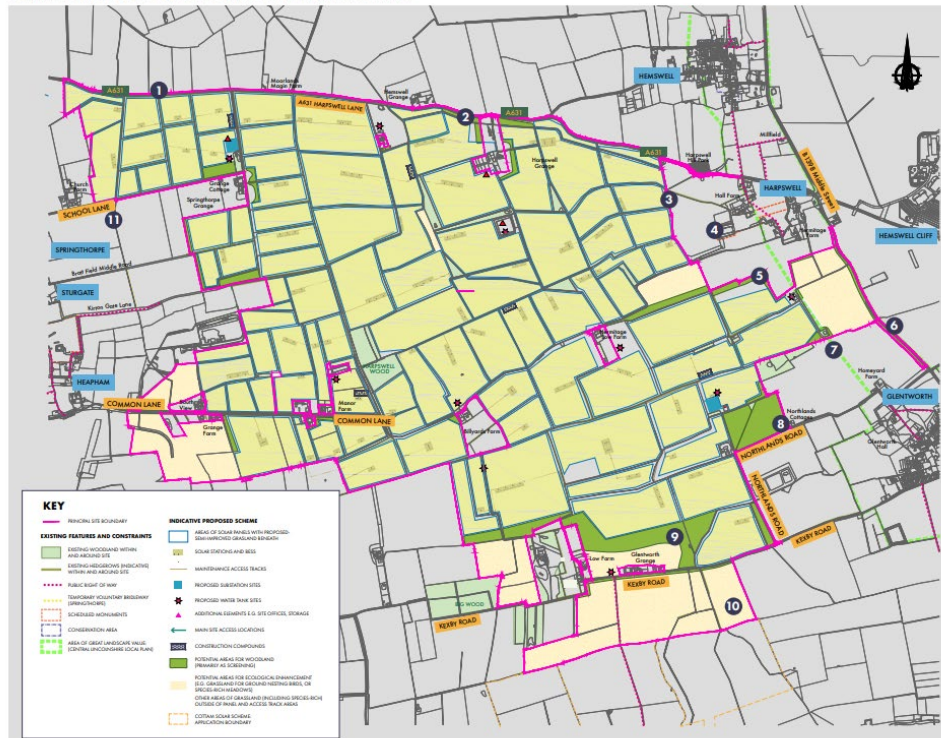
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### The design of the Scheme aims to:

- Safeguard the water environment, be resilient from flooding and not increase flood risk elsewhere.
- Be sensitive to heritage assets and their setting.
- Use land effectively by minimising impacts on Best and Most Versatile and minerals safeguarding zones.
- Retain all existing public rights of way and look to include new permissive paths.
- Ensure highway safety and minimise impacts on the road network.
- Not result in adverse impacts to residential amenity with respect to noise, vibration, visual/ outlook, lighting and glint/ glare.

## Indicative site layout plan

The indicative site layout plan below shows our current proposals for the Tillbridge Solar Principal Site.



### The Scheme

- New and enhanced hedgerows along A631, allowed to grow taller as screening and for wildlife value
- Woodland belts to limit views from the A631 and create new wildlife corridors
- Potential for enhanced planting to provide increased screening along eastern boundary near Harpwell
- Scheme set back from Hill Farm (including Scheduled Monument) and open space/permissive paths
- Screening along northern boundary to limit views from Harpwell
- Narrow band of planting along Middle Street to provide continuous wildlife corridor and limit views across to the site
- Solar infrastructure set back from Lincoln Cliff
- Woodland on screening and new habitat area north of Northlands Road
- Woodland on screening to limit views from properties along Kewley Road, with additional setback of grassland habitats to help mitigate loss of longer-range views
- Buffer to proposed Cotton solar scheme: scope for new habitats, including damp grassland within flood zone
- Setback of scheme from Springthorpe and recreational route east of Sturgate

### More information

A more detailed site layout plan can be found on our website or in person at our public consultation events. Please get in touch if you have any questions.



## Connecting to the national grid – Cable Route Corridor

The electricity generated by the Scheme would be exported via 400 kilovolt (kV) buried cables within the Cable Route Corridor, from the onsite substations to National Grid's Cottam substation. The total length of the cable run for Cable Route Corridor would be approximately 16km.

All of the new offsite cabling would be laid underground and would be directed across fields. At certain points along the route, it would be necessary to drill under 'obstacles' such as roads, railways, watercourses and utilities. Elsewhere, the cable would be laid in a trench with soil then backfilled following its installation. The cable would sit in a trench that is approximately 80cm to 1m wide and by 1.7m deep. There would be no new above ground power lines for the offsite cabling.

During our early-stage engagement and at the EIA Scoping stage, we presented a broad search area for the Cable Route Corridor. An alternative corridor to direct the route to the north of Willingham-by-Stow was presented.

This alternative route has been removed as an option with the focus of more detailed design work on land to the south of Willingham-by-Stow. This would facilitate the opportunity for sharing the of the corridor with other developers.

In refining our Cable Route Corridor, we have considered a range of criteria, including:

Criteria	Consideration
<b>Technical and engineering requirements</b>	We have worked to optimise routing so that cables can be laid in a straight line or in shallow curves to aid with efficient construction.  We have also worked to aid access and construction, including identifying suitable areas for road, rail and river/watercourse crossings.
<b>Planning and environmental constraints</b>	We want to minimise potential disruption and have considered factors such as proximity to residential properties, avoidance of sensitive receptors, proximity to public rights of way, and flood risk.
<b>Land use constraints</b>	We wanted to minimise the number of impacted landowners and follow field edges to minimise possible disturbance for the landowner when farming or using land for other purposes.



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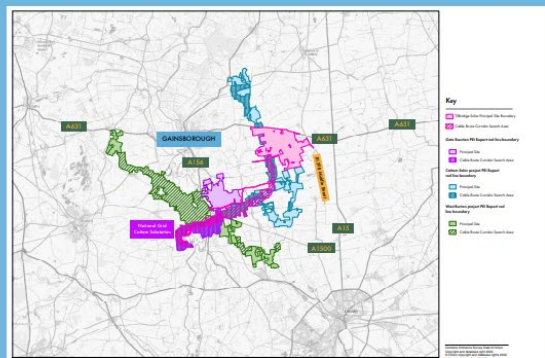
## Decommissioning land reinstatement

The Scheme is expected to generate clean energy for approximately 40 to 60 years, with decommissioning expected to commence thereafter.

Decommissioning of all Scheme infrastructure would take place over a 12 to 24 month period, with all solar PV panels, mounting structures, foundations, inverters and transformers removed, recycled or disposed of in accordance with good practice. It is to be determined whether the 400kV cable would remain in situ or removed as part of decommissioning. The future of the substation and control building would be agreed with the relevant Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of decommissioning.

The drainage of the land within the Scheme would be checked or grass seeded after decommissioning. Should any agricultural drains be altered or removed, they would be restored such that agricultural activities could continue after decommissioning of the Scheme.

Areas of habitat and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement delivered as part of the Scheme would remain up until the land is returned to the previous landowners. Following this, the landowners would choose how the land is to be used and managed.



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## Collaborative working

Given the proximity of our Scheme to Island Green Power's Cottam and West Burton solar projects and Low Carbon's Great Burton Energy Park, we have been refining our plans to identify opportunities for collaborative working in regard to connection to National Grid's Cottam substation.

This collaboration has included building an understanding of the extent of the respective Cable Route Corridors associated with each scheme and how these might be able to sit alongside each other, ensuring that all routes can be brought forward to minimise land take and environmental impacts, including disruption during the construction phase.

We are continuing to work with Low Carbon and Island Green Power and this work, along with your comments during this statutory consultation and our ongoing studies and surveys, will help shape the final plans for our corridor submitted as part of our DCO application.

**PEI Report Volume I Chapter 17: Cumulative Effects** addresses the potential for effect interactions and cumulative effects to occur as a result of the Scheme.

## Construction, operation and decommissioning

### Construction

Should the Scheme be granted development consent, construction could start in autumn 2025. It is currently anticipated that the Scheme would commence commercial operation from winter 2027.

We are anticipating that construction would take place in one continuous phase, which would last for approximately 24 months. This is being assessed as a 'worst-case scenario' in terms of environmental impacts because of this continuous period of works. Therefore, a worst-case scenario has been applied in our assessments, including the daily number of construction vehicle movements.

At the peak of construction, up to 1,250 staff per day would be required to complete work related to the Principal Site. This number would be less at other times of the construction phase. Working days would be one 12-hour shift, with working hours onsite from 7am until 7pm Monday to Friday and from 7am to 1pm on Saturday. We will be preparing a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), which would manage the impacts of construction traffic associated with the Scheme. An outline version of this document will be available as part of our final DCO application.

For the Principal Site, it is anticipated that construction access would include four access points. These would be located along the A631 and one would be located on the B1398 Middle Street.

It is assumed that all access points used during the construction phase will remain open. Activity on site during the operational phase will be minimal, principally routine maintenance, servicing and repairs, and monitoring to ensure the continued effective operation of the Scheme.



### More information

More information on construction, operation and decommissioning can be found in **PEI Report Volume 1, Chapter 3: Scheme Description**

### What would construction involve?

Construction of the Scheme would take place in a number of stages, comprising:

1. Site preparation, including the import of construction materials, plant and equipment to site, along with establishing the relevant construction compounds (containing temporary offices, welfare units, storage areas and parking areas) and perimeter fencing.
2. Construction of internal access roads, piling and mounting of solar panels to their relevant structures, along with trenching and installation of the underground electrical cables.
3. Commissioning of the Scheme, including testing of all equipment, mechanical and visual inspections and commencement of electricity supply into the grid.
4. Reinstatement and habitat creation, including around the perimeter of the Principal Site, within the Site and at strategic locations to provide visual screening.

### Construction of the Cable Route Corridor

The cable would be laid in open-cut trenches before ground is backfilled and reinstated back to its previous condition. We would need some parts of the cable to be installed using trenchless methods, such as horizontal directional drilling, to lay the cable under the River Trent, roads and railways.

### Operation

During the operational phase, activity within the Scheme would be minimal. It would include vegetation management, equipment maintenance and servicing, replacement of any components that fail, solar PV panel cleaning and monitoring.

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## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

### Overview of the EIA process

EIA is a process to identify the potential effects that a proposed development may have on the environment, people and local communities. This process involves consultation with affected communities and other stakeholders to ensure that the EIA has identified the relevant effects of the Scheme. These effects can be positive or negative.

Through the design evolution process, we are working to reduce the negative effects of the scheme and provide enhancements where possible.

The preliminary EIA findings for Tillbridge Solar are reported within the PEI Report. The PEI Report has been prepared for the purposes of statutory consultation.

It has been prepared to help members of the public, consultation bodies and other stakeholders to develop an informed view of the likely significant impacts of the Scheme, as identified at this stage, and comment on particular areas of interest.

This consultation is taking place before we finalise our design as part of our application for development consent. Alongside this application, we will provide a full Environmental Statement (ES), which will report the outcome of the EIA process.

### Accessing the PEI Report

The full suite of PEI Report documentation can be found on our website and will be available at the consultation events. One printed copy is also available to view (but not take away) at each of our local information points. If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.25 per page will apply. We can also provide this free of charge on a USB device. Please use the contact details at the end of this booklet to request a copy.

To allow you to read information on impacts and topic areas that are important to you, we have divided the PEI Report into the following topic areas:

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Scheme Location
- Chapter 3 Scheme Description
- Chapter 4 Alternatives and Design Evolution
- Chapter 5 EIA Methodology
- Chapter 6 Air Quality
- Chapter 7 Climate Change
- Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage
- Chapter 9 Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Chapter 10 Flood Risk, Drainage and Surface Water
- Chapter 11 Human Health
- Chapter 12 Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration
- Chapter 14 Socio-economics and Land-use
- Chapter 15 Transport and Access
- Chapter 16 Other Environmental Topics
- Chapter 17 Cumulative Effects
- Chapter 18 Summary of Significant Environmental Effects

A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report is also available to view on the Scheme website and at our consultation events. A hard copy of the NTS can be sent free of charge on request.



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➔ **Summary of findings of the PEI Report**

The table below outlines the areas of assessment and summarises some of the potential effects and proposed mitigation measures. Please see our NTS of the PEI Report for more information on the environmental effects of our proposals and measures we'll take to avoid or reduce any impact. Volume 1, Chapter 18 of the PEI Report summarises the significant 'residual' effects of the Scheme, which are as those significant effects that will remain following the implementation of mitigation measures.

Area of assessment	Potential effects and proposed mitigation	For more information
<b>Air quality</b>	The construction and decommissioning of the Scheme are likely to generate dust. Following the implementation of measures in the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP), any impacts are anticipated to be not significant. The CEMP would identify procedures to which all of staff and contractors working on site would be required to adhere.  The operation of the Scheme is not anticipated to lead to any significant effects on air quality.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 6
<b>Climate change</b>	Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions would occur during the construction phase as a result of the manufacture of the materials required to build the Scheme. Other sources of GHG emissions would include transport of materials for construction, maintenance activities during operation and emissions from plant used during decommissioning.  However, the the Scheme would help the UK achieve net zero and the target of 70 GW of solar capacity by 2050, so the impact on climate once operational is therefore considered to be a major beneficial effect.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 7
<b>Cultural heritage</b>	In terms of buried archaeology, any disturbed assets would be recorded and evaluated during the construction phase.  Along the Cable Route Corridor, it is anticipated that impacts on any particularly valuable archaeological assets can be avoided by routing the cable away from the asset, although temporary access may still be required through historic assets.  In most cases, the Scheme would have limited effects on the setting of built heritage assets as existing vegetation and ground level differences would obscure views of the Scheme from those assets. However, once operational, solar infrastructure may be visible from the Scheduled Monument of Harpswell Hall and the Grade I listed Church of St Chad. New planting has been included in the landscape design to mitigate effects and the potential for further landscaping will be investigated further, prior to submission of the ES with the DCO application.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 8

<b>Ecology and nature conservation</b>	The layout of the Principal Site has been designed so that impacts on habitats such as woodland, running water and ponds are avoided. However, there may be a significant effect on skylarks due to temporary loss of habitat within the Principal Site whilst newly created habitats become established.  Although further work is required to refine the Cable Route Corridor, at this stage it is anticipated that significant impacts on ecology could be avoided either by routing the cable away from sensitive ecological areas or specifying certain construction methods to reduce impacts. However, there may be a significant effect on hedgerows due to temporary removal of sections of hedgerow required to lay the cable and whilst replacement planting becomes established.  As part of the landscape design for the Scheme, new habitats would be provided to increase biodiversity compared to existing. This would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting areas of agricultural land adjacent to and beneath the solar panels into grassland</li> <li>• Strengthening hedgerows by planting up any gaps</li> <li>• Planting new areas of trees and enhancing habitats next to watercourses.</li> </ul> These measures would benefit wildlife by increasing areas of habitat provision and improving connectivity between habitats. This would be of value to a wide range of animals, particularly farmland birds such as Skylark and Yellowhammer. It is expected that the Scheme would deliver more than 10% biodiversity net gain.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 9
<b>Flood risk, drainage and surface water</b>	Construction works would be carried out in accordance with mitigation measures documented within a CEMP, so that impacts on local watercourses are appropriately managed and prevented. This would include measures to prevent silt water reaching watercourses and the safe handling of fuels and chemicals on site.  Where possible, cabling required either in the Principal Site or Cable Route Corridor would cross watercourses and ditches by drilling the cable underneath them using non-intrusive methods such as horizontal direction drilling (HDD) techniques. Some smaller watercourses may be crossed by 'open cut' through the channel. Where we may need to temporarily build culverts to cross some watercourses, effects would be considered to be significant (with highly sensitive watercourses).  There are no structures within the Scheme Boundary that require large/continuous foundations and would prevent groundwater from continuing to flow freely below ground through soils. The depth where cabling as part of the Cable Route Corridor would be installed is likely to be below the water table.  The Scheme would look to implement sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), whereby new planted areas and ponds would be created to ensure that rainfall that lands within the Scheme Boundary does not reach local watercourses quicker than existing land use.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 10

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<b>Human health</b>	Due to the temporary nature of the construction phase, the effect of the Scheme on the health is assessed as being not significant. Health determinants include connectivity to local community services, prioritisation of travel by walking and cycling, road and route safety, employment and income, air quality, noise and vibration, and climate change.  Once the Scheme is operational, it would enable the generation of renewable energy and help the UK reach its target for net zero by 2050. The effect of this on human health is considered to be beneficial and significant.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 11
<b>Landscape and visual amenity</b>	Landscape effects, i.e. those which occur to features or characteristics of the landscape, will be significant within the Principal Site area, due to the long-term presence of solar infrastructure. However, these will be balanced against an increase in and improvement to the condition of features and habitats such as trees, hedgerows, woodland and species-rich (meadow) grasslands.  Some significant visual effects, i.e. those on people's views, will arise for some residential properties near the Principal Site and roads or footpaths where there are open views (such as Middle Street along The Cliff). However, the inclusion of mitigation screen planting is intended to limit the majority of these visual effects as vegetation matures over time. In particular, we will look to reduce effects from the green space and Scheduled Monument at Harpswell. Opportunities for planting in advance of the scheme construction will also be explored.  Landscape and visual effects are not expected to be significant for the cable corridor. This route will be designed to avoid sensitive landscape elements and views; and any removed vegetation that requires removal will be replaced wherever possible.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 12
<b>Noise and vibration</b>	Mitigation documented within a CEMP would include practical measures to reduce noise and vibration from construction works, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Switching off plant when not in use</li> <li>• Regular maintenance of plant</li> <li>• Undertaking noisy activity such as unloading in a considerate way to minimise noise generation.</li> </ul> In addition, residents near to the Scheme boundary would be kept updated of upcoming construction works, including when any particularly noisy activities would be undertaken.  The site would include plant such as inverters, transformers, switchgear and the BESS, which would generate a steady hum (rather than noticeable impulsive or intermittent sounds) when the Scheme is operational. However, this is not deemed to be significant, so it is not anticipated there will be any significant effects during construction, decommissioning or operation of the Scheme.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 13

<b>Socio-economics and land use</b>	It is estimated that the Scheme would require a peak of 1,250 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs, and an average of approximately 500 gross direct FTE jobs on site over the construction period and the decommissioning period. The Scheme would generate an estimated 10 to 12 FTE long-term jobs during the operational phase.  One public right of way (Ghw/85/1) runs through the Principal Site but would continue to be accessible, with woodland screening measures proposed to mitigate against potential amenity impacts.  We will be submitting an Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey as part of our final DCO application, which will determine the grading of land within the Principal Site.  To date, we have been able to survey approximately 1,200 hectares of our Principal Site (which is approximately 1,400 hectares in total). These surveys show that approximately 94.4% of the area surveyed is classified as 'grade 3b' agricultural land, and approximately 5.6% is classified as 'grade 3a'. An initial report outlining these findings is provided as part of the PEI Report (which can be found on our website) and a full report will be available as part of our DCO application.  The land use can be returned to agriculture after the Scheme is decommissioned and the land would be available for some forms of use (such as sheep farming) during operation.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 14 and Volume II, Appendix 14-2
<b>Transport and access</b>	Additional traffic movements to the Principal Site and Cable Route Corridor during construction would be within the overall capacity of the highway network.  During construction, the Scheme would operate in accordance with a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), which would define the routes that deliveries to the Principal Site and Cable Route Corridor would need to take and would avoid peak hours. Construction staff would be encouraged to car share and travel by public transport, with the Scheme operating a pick-up service.  The Scheme is expected to generate a low level of vehicle trips during the operational phase. It is estimated there would be 10 to 12 staff on site daily, which as a worst-case scenario would generate up to 12 vehicles (24 movements) per day. In addition, there would be an average of 10 to 20 visits per year from four-wheel drive vehicles, HGVs or transit vans for maintenance. This equates to approximately one to two per month.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 15
<b>Other environmental topics - Glint and glare</b>	Solar panels are designed to absorb, not reflect, sunlight. Studies generally agree that, while there is potential for glint and glare from solar panels, the intensity of such reflections is similar to that caused by bodies of still water (which is considerably lower than for other man-made materials such as glass, steel or white concrete). An assessment has concluded there would be no impacts on houses or road surrounding the Scheme Boundary.  We have also assessed other topics such as 'Major Accidents and Disasters', where we anticipate there will be no significant risks during all stages of the Scheme. The Scheme is also unlikely to interfere with telecommunications and television infrastructure.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 16

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<b>Cumulative effects</b>	If there is overlap during the construction phases of other solar schemes planned in the area, then transport effects may be able to be managed jointly, with the potential for the different solar developers to prepare a joint CTMP that could facilitate co-ordination of deliveries to each site and avoid peak traffic hours.  Further detail about the design of the Scheme and further assessment is required to understand the potential for there to be significant cumulative effects on nearby landscape, heritage assets and ecology. This will be reviewed further in the ES that is submitted with the DCO application.	See PEI Report Volume I, Chapter 17
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Community benefits

In addition to biodiversity enhancement, a community benefit fund is being explored and could be provided as part of our development.

We believe those communities living closest to the proposed solar farm should benefit from it – with these communities being best placed to recommend what a ‘community-benefit’ should be.

Suggestions to date have included funding towards:

- Improvements to existing community facilities, such as village halls and sports facilities
- Provision of electrical vehicle charging points
- Subsidised solar PV panels for community use and lower cost energy
- Grants for broadband and wider improvements
- Educational visits and wider education/apprenticeship opportunities.

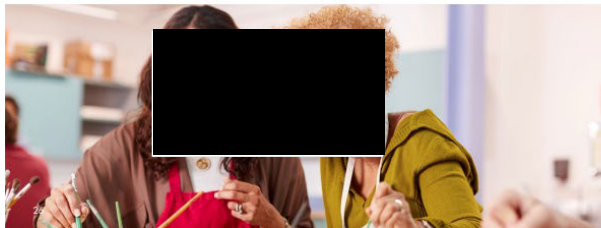
We are currently investigating how a community benefit fund could be managed and delivered independently. One way of doing this is by appointing a community foundation who would independently manage the fund on our behalf. We have spoken with Lincolnshire Community Foundation and Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, who would be able to use their local knowledge and experience to identify funding opportunities and help maximise benefits for local communities.

Their details are as follows:

- Lincolnshire Community Foundation: [www.lincolnshired.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshired.co.uk)
- Nottinghamshire Community Foundation: [www.nottsccf.org.uk](http://www.nottsccf.org.uk)

A community benefit fund would only operate if the Scheme receives development consent. We recognise that other funds could also be active from other developers. We are therefore considering the possibility of coordinating on these localised benefits.

We’re inviting your continued views on how such a benefit could be made available through our Scheme and how it could be administered and managed. We also continue to welcome any further suggestions for local schemes and initiatives that we could support.



View more information

We recommend visiting our website ([www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)), where all of our consultation materials are available to view online. We also have an online interactive map where you can interact with our proposals and provide your feedback on areas important to you (using our feedback questionnaire).

Alternatively, our materials are available to view in person at the five local information points listed on our website.

Materials available to collect at these locations include this consultation booklet, feedback questionnaires and the consultation leaflet. Printed copies of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), full PEI Report and NTS will be available at each of these locations to inspect (but not take away).

Navigating our consultation documents

We’ve prepared a set of documents and materials to explain the proposals we’re consulting on to help you provide feedback.

Document	Summary
<b>Project information booklet</b>	Provides detailed information on the Scheme, the planning process, what we’re consulting on and how our plans have evolved over time. This can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.
<b>Feedback questionnaire</b>	Allows you to provide comments on our proposals. You can collect this from our events, a local information point or by request. You can also provide your feedback online.
<b>Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report</b>	Explains what effects we believe the Scheme would have on the environment and the measures we are proposing to reduce the impacts. This includes a main report, figures, maps and plans. You can view this online, in hard copy at our events, or request a USB device. If you would like a hard copy of the PEI Report, a reasonable charge to cover printing and postage costs of £0.35 per page will apply.
<b>Non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report</b>	An NTS of the PEI Report is also available to view on the Scheme website and at our consultation events. A hard copy of the NTS can be sent free of charge on request.
<b>Maps, plans and visualisations</b>	We have produced a series of detailed site and location plans. Full-scale site plans can be viewed on our website or at our events.
<b>Interactive map</b>	Allows you to search for areas of interest, including explanations of the individual Scheme elements. You can view this on our website.
<b>Maps and plans</b>	A series of maps and plans for the Scheme are also available, including its location in relation to other solar schemes in the region.
<b>Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</b>	The SoCC sets out how we intend to consult people ahead of our application for development consent for the Scheme. The SoCC can be found on our website, in hard copy at our events or can be sent free of charge on request.

How to have your say

Between 30 May 2023 and 11 July 2023, we are asking for your feedback on our updated proposals. Your feedback will help us to shape our proposals before we submit our application for a Development Consent Order.

Specifically, we would like your feedback on:

- The overall Scheme
- Our updated plans for the Principal Site, including the indicative location of equipment and infrastructure within this area
- Our Cable Route Corridor between the Principal Site and connection at National Grid’s Colton substation
- Measures we are proposing to reduce the impacts associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme, as set out in the PEI Report
- Any additional measures you would like us to include in our proposals, including local community benefits
- Any other feedback on our work so far or local issues and sensitivities of which we should be aware

How to take part in our consultation

You can take part in the consultation in the following ways:

Attend a public consultation event

We are holding a series of face-to-face consultation events at publicly accessible venues. These events offer the opportunity to view and discuss our more detailed plans for Tillbridge Solar with members of the project team, and provide your feedback. You will be able to take away printed copies of our consultation booklet and feedback questionnaire.

We will also be holding two webinar sessions where the project team will provide a short presentation, followed by a live question and answer session. You can register for these online events on the Scheme website or by emailing [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)

The events and webinars are being held as follows:

The events and webinars are being held as follows:	Date	Times
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glenworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glenworth, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Stanton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Stanton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Carrington Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Carrington, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hanswell and Hargreave Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hanswell, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Monday 10 July	6:30pm to 8pm

If you are unable to make it to any of the events but want to find out more about the Scheme, or if you have any further questions, please get in touch with our community relations team and you can arrange a call back from a member of the team at a time convenient to you.

In the event of changing government guidelines due to COVID-19, or other unforeseen circumstances meaning the consultation events must be cancelled, replacement online events would be organised that would provide the same information as presented at the in-person events.

Have your say

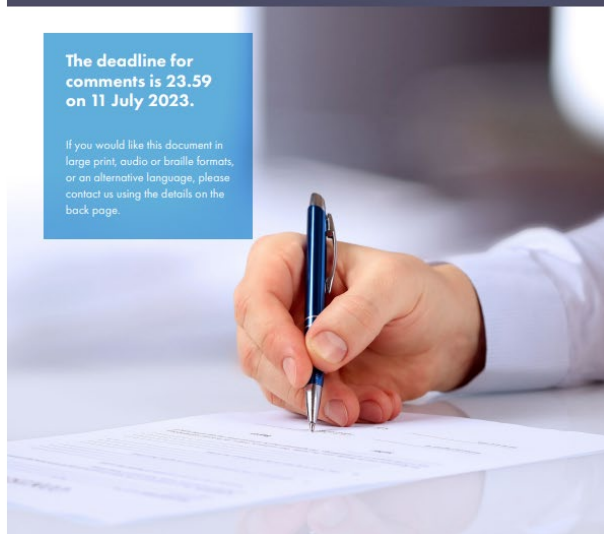
You can provide your feedback to us either online or in writing by:

- Going to the ‘Consultation’ page of our website ([www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)) and completing an online feedback questionnaire
- Collecting a questionnaire from one of our consultation events, information points (listed on our website), or on request (by contacting the community relations team by email, phone or post)

- Returning your completed questionnaire to us at one of our events, by email or by post (by writing ‘FREPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR’ on a blank envelope – please note you do not need a stamp)
- Providing your free form comments by email or post. Please note that we will not accept comments over the phone, however we can assist you wherever possible.

The deadline for comments is 23.59 on 11 July 2023.

If you would like this document in large print, audio or braille formats, or an alternative language, please contact us using the details on the back page.



→ **How we'll use your feedback and next steps**

Once the consultation has closed at 23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023, we will review all comments and suggestions that have been received during the consultation period.

We will take time to consider and have regard to your feedback when making further refinements to our proposed design and developing our planned mitigation measures.

We will set out a summary of the responses that you have given us in a Consultation Report, with details on how your feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals. This report will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

We expect to submit our DCO application later this year.

Once our application has been accepted, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) will examine the application.

You will be able to register your interest in our proposals directly with the Planning Inspectorate, who will then inform you about the progress of our application during the examination process, and let you know about further opportunities you will have to inform and contribute to the planning process.

The Planning Inspectorate will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero who will decide on whether or not the Scheme will go ahead. More information about the DCO process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>



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→ **Indicative Project Timeline**



**Summer 2022**

Initial engagement with stakeholders, including collaboration workshops

**September 2022**

EIA Scoping Request submitted to the Planning Inspectorate

**Spring 2023**

Publication of our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and ongoing development of our EIA

**May - July 2023**

Statutory consultation to be held with community and technical stakeholders, including sharing the findings of our PEI Report

**Winter 2023**

Anticipated submission of DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate for public examination

**2024 - 2025**

DCO examination and decision

**Autumn 2025**

Anticipated start of construction




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## Contact details

If you have any questions about Tillbridge Solar, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the details below.

Please contact us if you would like this document in large print, audio or braille formats, or an alternative language.

-  Write to us at: **FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR**  
(please note that you do not need a stamp).
-  Email us at: **info@tillbridgesolar.com**
-  Call our Freephone information line on:  
**0800 046 9643**  
(phone lines are monitored 9am – 5.30pm  
Monday to Friday, with an answerphone facility  
available outside of these hours)
-  For more information on the Scheme please visit our  
website at: **www.tillbridgesolar.com**

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### C-13.3: Statutory consultation Feedback Questionnaire





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## Statutory Consultation Feedback Questionnaire

30 May – 11 July 2023

### Feedback Questionnaire

Please complete this feedback questionnaire to let us know your views on our proposals for Tillbridge Solar. The deadline for responses is **23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

We are developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme (the "Scheme"), which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities in Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the National Grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

We are now seeking your views as part of our statutory pre-application consultation, where we are presenting more detailed proposals for Tillbridge Solar. This statutory consultation is being undertaken under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 and we shall have regard to any consultation responses received in preparing our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Scheme, which we will be making to the Planning Inspectorate towards the end of 2023.

This feedback questionnaire sits alongside our wider suite of consultation materials including a Project Information Booklet and Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, and details how you can respond to the proposals set out in the consultation materials. All of our materials can be found on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)). Our website also contains details of how you can access hard copy information, should you wish to do so, as part of this consultation.

We recommend that you read our Project Information Booklet for information to help you provide us with your feedback on our proposals. You may wish to refer to the PEI Report or to the shorter Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEI Report for more detailed information.

If you would like help completing this questionnaire, or information about our proposals you can:

- Call us on: 0800 046 9643
- Email us at [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
- Visit our website: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)

The statutory consultation runs from **Tuesday 30 May 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023**. It is important you submit your feedback to us before the closing date, so that it can be considered in our proposals.

### Section 1: About you

Your details are important to us in helping to understand who has responded to our consultation, including any organisations and members of the local community. Please see our [Privacy Notice](#) on the back page of this questionnaire for details on how we will use your data.

Title:

Name: \*

Address:

Postcode: \*

Age range:  [18 and under]  [19-35]  [36-50]  [51-65]  [Over 65]  [Prefer not to say]

Telephone:

Email address:

Please tick this box if you would like to receive email updates regarding the Scheme following this statutory consultation.

Please note that updates will be circulated from the community relations team: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com) (Copper Consultancy on behalf of Tillbridge Solar Ltd)

\* Mandatory field

#### 1. How would you describe your interest in our proposals? (Please tick all that apply)

Local resident

Local representative

Landowner

Local business owner

Work locally

Regular visitor

Statutory organisation (please name them)

Local interest group (please name them)

Other (please specify)

If you have named an organisation above, please confirm this below, ensuring you have the authorisation to do so.

Yes, I am responding on behalf of an organisation

No, I am not responding on behalf of an organisation

### Section 2: General Questions

We have produced a 'Consultation Navigation Document' to explain which materials you can access to help inform your feedback. You can find this on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com](http://tillbridgesolar.com)) or you can contact us by email ([info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)) or phone (0800 046 9643) for details of where you can find hard copy information.

### Section 3: Views on the Scheme

### The need for the project

2. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Don't know
Climate change is an important issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy security is an important issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moving away from fossil fuel use for electricity generation is important	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The UK needs more renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The UK needs more energy storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2a. Please let us know the reasons for your responses to question 2 and any other comments you have.

3. Please tell us your views on solar energy.

Strongly support  Oppose

Support  Strongly oppose

Neutral  Don't know

3a. Please let us know the reasons for your responses to question 3 and any other comments you have.

4. Based on the information presented as part of our statutory consultation, how supportive are you of our proposals for Tillbridge Solar?

I support the proposals for the Scheme

I am neither supportive nor un-supportive

I do not support the proposals for the Scheme

4a. Please let us know the reasons for your response to question 4

### Principal Site

This is where the ground mounted solar PV panels, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be located and covers an area of approximately 1,400 hectares (ha) on land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe. It would comprise around 900 hectares of developable areas (for panels and other infrastructure) and approximately 500 hectares of non-developable areas (for environmental mitigation and enhancement).

We have produced an indicative site layout plan which shows our current proposals for the Principal Site, including areas for solar PV panels and for ecological mitigation and screening. An illustrative example can be found in on pages 16 and 17 of our Project Information Booklet and a more detailed version can be found in printed format at our public consultation events and on our website [tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library/](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library/).

**5) Based on the key elements of the Principal Site, as shown on the site layout plan, do you have any comments on the following areas (please tick all boxes for areas you would like to comment on)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Areas of solar panels                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction compounds  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy storage facilities                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential areas of woodland (primary as screening)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed substation sites                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Potential areas for ecological enhancement and other areas of grassland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed water tank sites                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional elements (such as site offices and storage)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main site access locations                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance access tracks (within the Principal Site) |  |

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### Cable Route Corridor

The Cable Route Corridor, which is approximately 16km in length, would involve the construction of underground electricity infrastructure to connect the Principal Site in West Lindsey, Lincolnshire, to National Grid's Cottam substation in Basselaw, Nottinghamshire.

**6) Based on the proposed routing of the Cable Route Corridor, what is your view on our proposals?**

- I support the proposed routing of the Cable Route Corridor
- I am neither supportive nor un-supportive
- I do not support the proposed routing of the Cable Route Corridor

**6a) Please provide the reasons for your answer to question 6 and any comments you have on the proposed routing of the Cable Route Corridor, including any local features we should seek to avoid.**

More information on the Cable Route Corridor can be found in **Volume 1 Chapter 4: Alternatives and Design Evolution**.

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### Construction, Operation and Decommissioning

Should the Scheme be granted development consent, construction could start in 2025 and the Scheme could be in operation by 2027. The Scheme would be in operation for approximately 40 to 60 years. We will carefully plan to minimise impacts and disruption to the local community during this period and welcome your thoughts on how we can do so.

We have produced a series of management plans as part of the PEI Report, which detail how we plan to manage impacts during the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning stages of the Scheme. These include:

- Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
- Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan (BFSMP)
- Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)
- Outline Landscape Environmental Management Plan (LEMP)

**7. Please provide your comments on our assessments relating to the potential effects during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phase of the Scheme**

We welcome your thoughts on any specific measures to help reduce any impacts, including on any of the management plans listed above.

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### Section 4: Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) report

Our PEI Report and NTS provide an overview of our preliminary environmental findings (including studies and surveys) that have been undertaken to date. This work is across a range of environmental topic areas, and also sets out any suitable measures identified to help reduce any impacts.

**We would like to receive your comments on the key environmental topics that are important to you.**

### Transport and Access

For the Principal Site, it is anticipated that construction access would include four access points. Three would be located along the A631 and one would be located on the B1398 Middle Street.

**8. Please provide your comments on our proposed accesses to the Principal Site**

We welcome your thoughts on any specific measures to help reduce any impacts.

**9. Are there any sensitivities along the local road network that we should be aware of as we refine our plans further? Please provide your comments using the space below.**

More information can be found in **Volume 1, Chapter 15 of the PEI Report: Transport and Access**. We welcome your views on any specific local routes and locations along the transport network that are important to you.

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## Landscape and Visual Amenity

10. Please provide any comments you have on our assessment of the potential effects the solar farm could have on the landscape and views, and the measures we are proposing to mitigate those impacts.

*More information can be found in Volume 1, Chapter 12 of the PEI Report: Landscape and Views. We welcome your views on any specific locations and views that are important to you, along with comments on areas for landscape and ecological mitigation we are proposing as part of our plans.*

## Other

11. Do you have any other comments on the information presented in the PEI Report or NTS?

*Please specify any environmental topic areas you are commenting on (such as cultural heritage, noise and vibration, cumulative effects, flood risk, drainage and surface water, water and drainage, transport and access, ecology and nature conservation and socio-economics and land use)*

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## Section 5: Views on community benefits

*It is important that the local communities most affected by our Scheme can benefit directly from it. Details of our plans for community benefits can be found in our Project Information Booklet.*

12. Do you have any comments or suggestions on our community benefits plans, including any specific groups or initiatives that could be supported by the Scheme?

## Section 6: Other comments

13. We would welcome any other comments you would like to make about our proposals for Tillbridge Solar.

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## Section 7: Views on the consultation

14. Please let us know how you heard about the consultation by ticking one or more of the following boxes:

- Received a consultation leaflet
- Received a letter from Tillbridge Solar
- Received an email from Tillbridge Solar
- Saw it advertised in a local newspaper
- Saw social media coverage
- Saw it on the Scheme website
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

15. Did you attend our face-to-face or online consultation events?

- Yes, both face to face and online
- Yes, only face to face
- Yes, only online
- No

16. How informative did you find our consultation events and/or our consultation materials?

- Very informative
- Quite informative
- Not informative
- No opinion
- Not applicable

17. Please rate the information included as part of this consultation in terms of how clearly it was presented and how easy it was to understand.

- Very good
- Good
- Average
- Poor
- Very poor
- Don't know

18. Do you have any other further comments on the delivery of this consultation?

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## Additional space for feedback

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## What happens next?

We will review and have regard to all comments and suggestions that have been received during the consultation period. We will set out a summary of the responses that you have given us in a Consultation Report, with details on how feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals. This report will form part of our DCO application and will be published following submission of our application.

## Get in touch

You can find further information at: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)

Email us: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)

Call us: 0800 046 9643

If you would like this document in large text or an alternative format, please contact us.

## Data Privacy Notice

Tillbridge Solar Limited (the 'Applicant') committed to ensuring the privacy of your personal information. In this notice we explain how we hold, process and retain your personal data. Copper Consultancy Limited is supporting the Applicant with its consultation process and will be carrying out the day-to-day processing of information.

## How we use your personal data

We may process information that you provide to us. This data may include the following:

- Your name;
- Your address;
- Your telephone number;
- Your email address;
- Your employer or any group on whose behalf you are authorised to respond; and,
- Your feedback in response to Tillbridge Solar consultation (consultation).

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To record accurately and analyse any questions you raise during the consultation or feedback you have provided in response to the consultation.
- To report on our consultation, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to that feedback (please note that the information contained in the consultation report will be aggregated and will not identify specific individuals).
- To personalise communications with individuals we are required to contact as part of future consultation or communications.
- The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for our legitimate interest, namely for the purpose of ensuring the consultation process, analysis and reporting are accurate and comprehensive.
- In addition to the specific purposes for which we may process your personal data set out above, we may also process any of your personal data where such processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

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## Providing your personal data to others

We may provide your personal data to the following recipients:

- Tillbridge Solar on whose behalf we are collecting your feedback in order to analyse and report on the responses received.
- Third party service providers and professional advisors who provide services to Tillbridge Solar in connection with the consultation.
- The Planning Inspectorate.
- Any relevant local planning authority or council.
- Our insurers/professional advisers. We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and/or professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining and maintaining insurance cover, managing risks, obtaining professional advice and managing legal disputes.

## Retaining and deleting personal data

We keep the data for as long as we need it for the purposes mentioned above, plus a further six years as permitted by law.

Unless we contact you and obtain your consent for us to retain your personal data for a longer period, we will delete your personal data as soon as practicable following the outcome of the consultation process.

We may retain your personal data where such retention is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject.

## Your rights

The rights you have in relation to your personal information under data protection law are:

- The right to access
- The right to rectification
- The right to erasure
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to object to processing
- The right to data portability
- The right to complain to a supervisory authority, as per the Information Commissioner's office, which can be accessed at: [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

You may exercise any of your rights in relation to your personal data by writing to us using the details below.

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## Our details

Tillbridge Solar Limited (Company No. 12887594) has a registered office at 111 Park Street, Mayfair, London, W1K 7JF, United Kingdom.

Copper Consultancy Limited, who will be carrying out the day-to-day processing of information on behalf of the Applicant, are registered in England and Wales under registration number 03030759, and has a registered office is at Spring Lodge, 172 Chester Road, Helsby, Cheshire, England, WA6 0AR.

You can contact both organisations using the following details:

Freephone: **0800 046 9643**

Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)

Letter: FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note that you do not need a stamp)

## C-13.4: Consultation website



Tillbridge Solar Limited is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme (the “Scheme”), which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities within Lincolnshire.

Our plans for Tillbridge Solar have evolved over a period of initial and on-going engagement with relevant stakeholders.

**We held our statutory consultation from 30 May to 11 July 2023.** During this time, we hosted a number of in-person and online events. Please see the ‘[Consultation](#)’ page for more information on our statutory consultation.

The feedback from our statutory consultation has been considered and we have carried out further technical work. As a result of this, we have identified a number of proposed changes to the draft Order limits and are consulting on these during our **targeted statutory consultation between 14 December 2023 and 25 January 2024**. This consultation is being run in accordance with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

All of the relevant information related to the targeted consultation can be found on the ‘[Consultation](#)’ page, and all documents can be found in the ‘[Documents Library](#)’.



## What are we doing now?



We invited views on our updated proposals during our statutory consultation between 30 May and 11 July 2023. We are now holding our targeted statutory consultation between 14 December 2023 and 25 January 2024. Please see the 'Consultation' page for full information about both consultations.

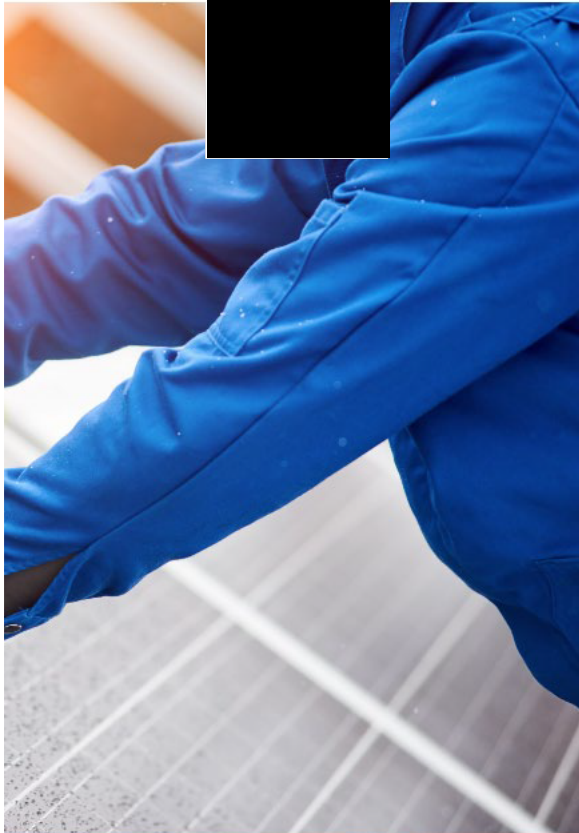


This statutory consultation followed our early stage engagement, including a series of collaboration workshops we held in July 2022. A report summarising these workshops can be downloaded from the 'Documents Library'.

[About us](#)



review our Scheme in more detail.



Since our statutory consultation closed in July 2023, we have been reviewing all comments and suggestions and are continuing to have regard to this feedback. This has resulted in some minor changes to the draft Order limits which we are now consulting on as part of a targeted statutory consultation between 14 December 2023 and 25 January 2024.

We will set out a summary of the responses received throughout our pre-application consultation in a Consultation Report, with details on how feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals. This report will form part of our application for a DCO, which we expect to submit in 2024.

You will be able to register your interest in our proposals directly with the Planning Inspectorate, who will then inform you about the progress of our application during the examination process, and let you know about further opportunities you will have to inform and contribute to the planning process.

### Opportunities for collaboration

Given the proximity of our Scheme to Island Green Power's Cottam

This collaboration has included building an understanding of the

We are continuing to work with Low Carbon and Island Green





# The Scheme

## Overview


Tillbridge Solar is a proposed Scheme located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln. The electricity generated from the Scheme would then connect to National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.



The new solar farm would be located on the land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe. This will cover an area of approximately 1,400ha and is located entirely within the administrative area of West Lindsey District Council. The solar farm would connect to the national grid via underground cables connecting to National Grid's Cottam substation located approximately sixteen kilometres to the south-west of the solar farm site.

The name 'Tillbridge' pays tribute to Lincolnshire's Roman heritage, and specifically Tillbridge Lane that






## Location

To date, we have identified the following areas, as shown in the map below:

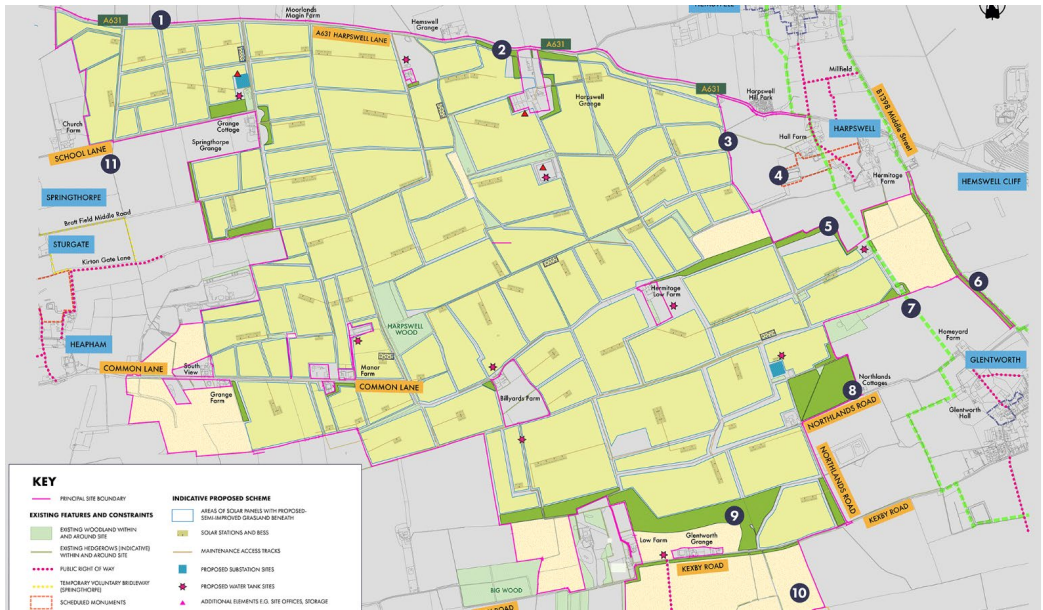
- **Principal Site** – covering an area of approximately 1,400 hectares (ha), the Principal Site comprises 900 ha of developable area (where all solar PV panels and associated infrastructure would be located), and 500 ha of non-developable areas (which is being considered for environmental mitigation and enhancement measures).
- **Cable Route Corridor** – approximately 16 km in length the Cable Route Corridor would connect the Principal Site in West Lindsey, Lincolnshire, to National Grid's Cottam Substation in Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, via underground 400 kilovolt (KV) electricity cables.

Our early stage engagement with key stakeholders, including local representatives, near neighbours and landowners, along with our initial environment surveys and design work helped shape our initial plans in these areas. We presented a more detailed design for the Scheme –

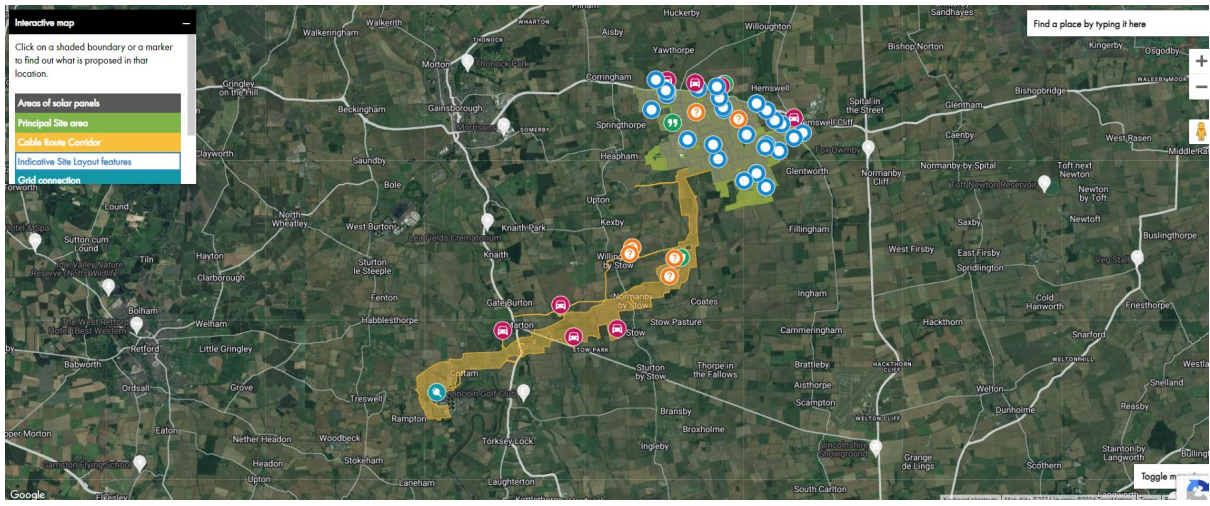


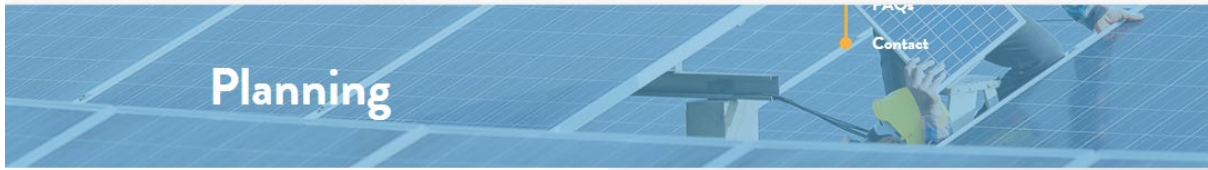



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 Appendix C – Statutory Consultation under Section 47



- 1. Woodland buffer to limit views from the A631 and create new wildlife corridors
- 2. Potential for enhanced planting to provide increased screening along eastern boundary near Harpswell
- 3. Scheme set back from Hall Farm (including Scheduled Monument) and open space/permissive paths
- 4. Screening along northern boundary to limit views from Harpswell
- 5. Narrow band of planting along Middle Street to provide continuous wildlife corridor and limit views nearest to the site
- 6. Solar infrastructure set back from Lincoln Cliff
- 7. Woodland as screening and new habitat area north of Northlands Road
- 8. Woodland as screening to limit views from properties along Kexby Road, with additional setback of grassland habitats to help mitigate loss of longer-range views
- 9. Buffer to proposed Caltham solar scheme: scope for new habitats, including damp grasslands within flood zone
- 10. Setback of scheme from Springthorpe and recreational routes east of Sturgete





## Planning Process

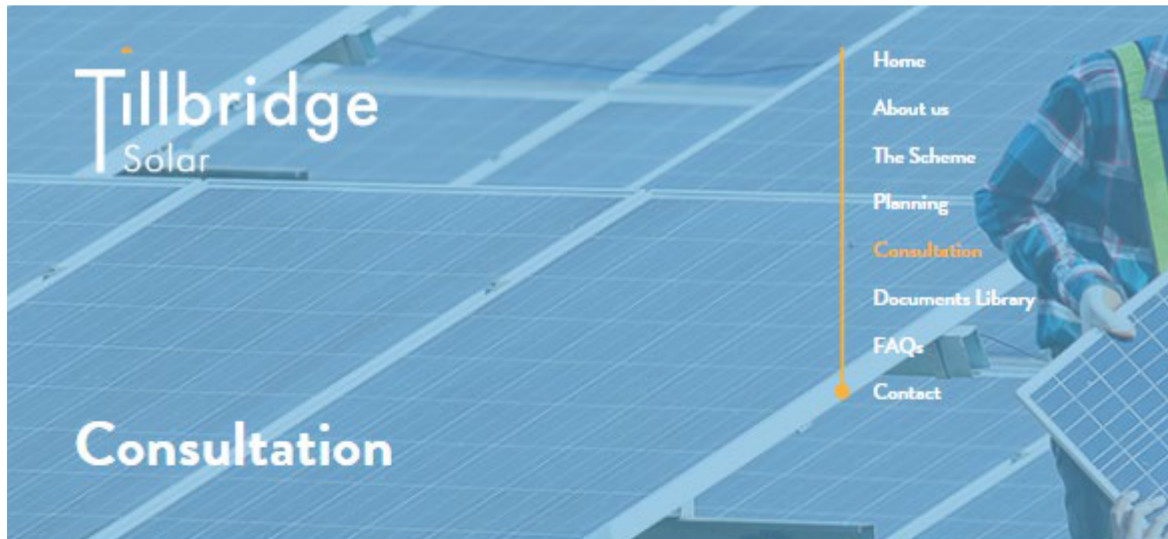
Given that the project would generate more than 50MW of renewable energy, Tillbridge Solar is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means that we need to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.



The Secretary of State will appoint an independent Examining Authority to scrutinise the development consent application in accordance with the relevant legislation (the Planning Act 2008). The Secretary of State will ask the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) to run the examination of the DCO application. Following this period of examination, PINS will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State as to whether to grant development consent.

You can read more information about the DCO planning process on the PINS website [here](#).





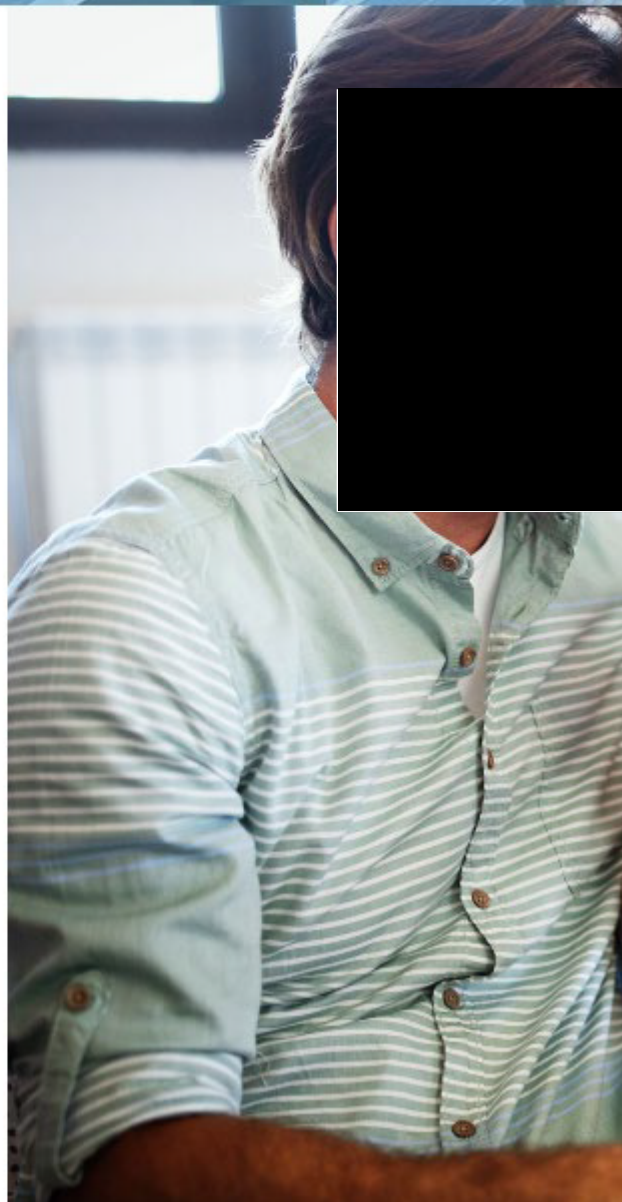
## Consultation and engagement so far

In 2022, as part of the early-stage engagement for the Scheme, we held a series of collaboration workshops in the local area with elected representatives, such as local councillors and parish councils, along with environmental and community groups.

A summary of our engagement during our collaboration workshops, including how we have used comments to help refine the Scheme, is set out in the Post-collaboration workshop report, which is available on the ['Documents Library'](#) page of this website.

We held our statutory consultation for six weeks from 30 May to 11 July 2023. We would like to thank everyone who took part in this consultation and provide feedback. Your comments have been important in helping us refine our detailed proposals for the Scheme, before we submit our application for development consent in 2024.

All information from our statutory consultation, including our Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and non-technical summary (NTS), can still be viewed on the ['Documents Library'](#) page of this website. We will be issuing a community newsletter in due course, which will summarise the results of our statutory consultation and the work we've been carrying out since July 2023.





## Targeted statutory consultation – December 2023 to January 2024

The feedback from our Statutory Consultation has been considered and we have carried out further technical work. As a result of this, we have identified a total of 20 proposed changes to the draft Order limits relating to:

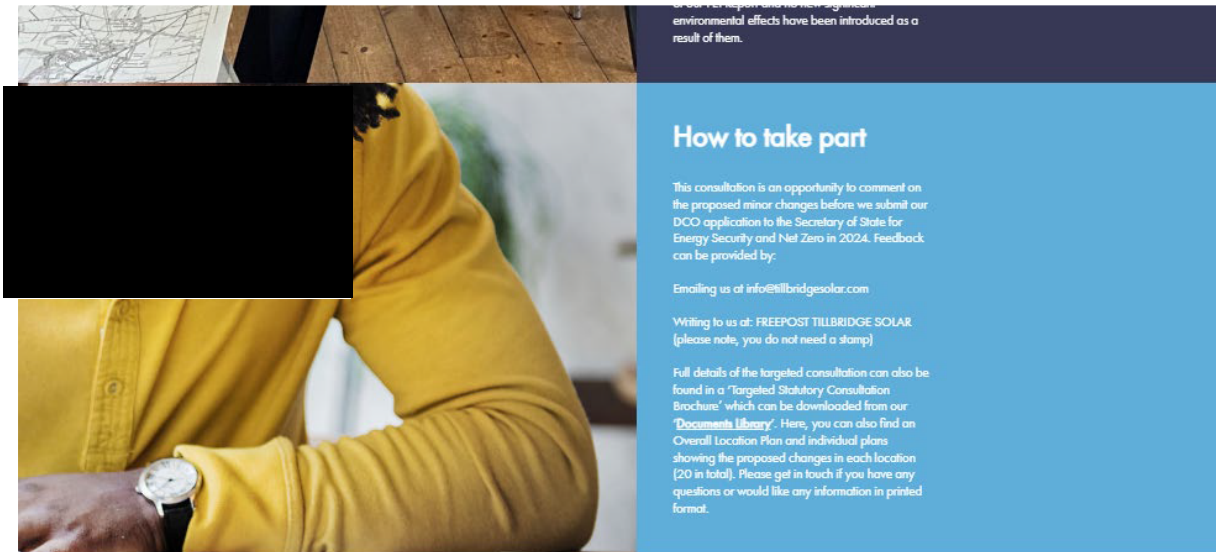
1. the refinement of the Cable Route Corridor to allow for access and public road improvements. This also ensures that the corridor is shared with the other solar nationally significant infrastructure projects in the vicinity of the scheme (being West Burton Solar Farm Project and Cattam Solar Farm Project, which are being developed by Island Green Power, and Gate Burton Solar Farm, which is being developed by Low Carbon).
2. minor changes to the Principal Site (where the solar photovoltaic panels and other infrastructure would be sited) and ensuring that there is sufficient land for our access point in one location along the A631.

We are also proposing further changes as a result of a further land referencing exercise, where we have been able to clarify land ownership in certain locations.

We are now consulting on these proposed changes to the scheme design between 14 December 2023 and 25 January 2024. This consultation is being run in accordance with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

The revisions to the draft Order limits presented during this consultation do not affect the conclusion of our PEI Report and no new significant environmental effects have been introduced as a result of them.





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### How to take part

This consultation is an opportunity to comment on the proposed minor changes before we submit our DCO application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero in 2024. Feedback can be provided by:

- Emailing us at [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
- Writing to us at: FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note, you do not need a stamp)

Full details of the targeted consultation can also be found in a 'Targeted Statutory Consultation Brochure' which can be downloaded from our 'Documents Library'. Here, you can also find an Overall Location Plan and individual plans showing the proposed changes in each location (20 in total). Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like any information in printed format.

Tillbridge Solar webinar June and July 2023






📌 Tillbridge Solar webinar slides June and July 2023

## Next steps

Your feedback from this consultation will help us finalise our Scheme design ahead of submitting our application for development consent in 2024.

We'll set out a summary of the responses you have provided during our statutory consultation and this additional consultation, with details of how your feedback has helped shape our proposals in our Consultation Report. This Consultation Report will form part the Application that we expect to make in 2024. Documents will be available to the public once the application is accepted for examination by the Secretary of State.



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information made available as part of our statutory consultation (in May-July 2023).



## 2022

- [Tillbridge Solar Collaboration Workshop Presentation – July 2022](#)
- [Tillbridge Solar Post Collaboration Workshop Report – September 2022](#)
- [Tillbridge Solar Community Newsletter – October 2022](#)

## 2023 - Statutory consultation documents

- [Consultation leaflet](#)
- [Exhibition boards](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions document](#)
- [Project information booklet](#)
- [Statement of Community Consultation \(SoCC\)](#)
- [Navigating our Consultation Plans](#)
- [Feedback questionnaire](#)
- [Section 47 Notice](#)
- [Non-Technical Summary \(NTS\) of the PEI Report](#)
- [Section 48 Notice](#)

## Targeted statutory consultation – December 2023 to January 2024

- [Tillbridge Solar Targeted Statutory Consultation Newspaper Notice](#)
- [Tillbridge Solar Targeted Statutory Consultation Brochure](#)
- [Tillbridge Solar Consultation Overview Plan and Individual Location Plans](#)

# Tillbridge Solar Statutory Consultation Feedback Questionnaire

30 May – 11 July 2023

Please complete this feedback questionnaire to let us know your views on our proposals for Tillbridge Solar. The deadline for responses is **23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

We are developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme (the "Scheme"), which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities in Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the National Grid at Cottam substation in

This feedback questionnaire sits alongside our wider suite of consultation materials, including a Project Information Booklet and Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, and details how you can respond to the proposals set out in the consultation materials. All of our materials can be found on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)). Our website also contains details of how you can access hard copy information, should you wish to do so, as part of this consultation.



## C-13.5: FAQs document



### Tillbridge Statutory Consultation - 30 May to 11 July 2023 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### Tillbridge-specific FAQs

##### Why is Tillbridge Solar needed?

The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and to ensure that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Together with legally binding commitments such as these, the government has further set out how the deployment of renewable technologies such as wind, nuclear, solar and hydrogen will be accelerated in its latest Energy Security Strategy.

In this strategy, a key aim is to increase the UK's solar capacity five-fold by 2035, which would increase the total generation capacity from 14 gigawatts (GW) today to around 70GW in the future. Tillbridge Solar would make a significant contribution towards achieving these targets and help provide a reliable source of affordable energy.

The release of Powering Up Britain (March 2023) marked a clear statement from the Conservative Government on its commitment to making net zero a reality and reiterated the need to maximise deployment of both rooftop and ground-mounted solar to achieve national targets.

Tillbridge Solar would connect into the National Grid at Cottam Substation. The decommissioning of the previous coal-fired power station on this site has provided additional spare grid connection capacity and the opportunity for the region to play an important role in renewable energy generation in years to come.

##### Where is the Scheme located?

The Scheme would be located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately 13km to the north of Lincoln. It would involve two distinct elements, which are:

- 'The Principal Site', which would be built on primarily agricultural land contained within a single red line boundary. This would be where the ground mounted solar PV, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be located and covers an area of approximately 1,400 ha on land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe.
- 'The Cable Route Corridor', which is approximately 16km long and would involve the construction of underground electricity infrastructure to connect the Principal Site to National Grid's Cottam substation. This is an initial search area across the





administrative areas of West Lindsey District Council and Bassetlaw District Council.

We are currently presenting a wider search area for our Cable Route Corridor than what would be required. This is to allow for the completion of environmental surveys to set out potential constraints allowing the cable route to be refined to minimise impacts. Whilst the intention will be to refine the extent of the Cable Route Corridor down further as part of the ongoing environmental assessment work, it will still need to be of sufficient width for flexibility to ensure that localised constraints can be sensitively dealt with.

A map showing the Principal Site and Cable Route Corridor can be found on our website at: [www.tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme)

#### Given other solar Schemes in Lincolnshire, why is Tillbridge Solar situated here?

The decommissioning of EDF Energy's Cottam Power Station in 2019 freed up around 2,000 MW (2 GW) of generating capacity in this area of Lincolnshire. Tillbridge Solar would play an important role in replacing this former generation capacity and supporting the region's transition to producing more renewable energy.

The availability of grid connection in this area, together with our site selection exercise, has helped to identify preferred areas for development, based on a number of environmental and planning factors.

We are aware there are a number of other proposed solar developments in the area. Lincolnshire is fast becoming the UK leader in solar energy, playing an important role in the transition away from relying on coal and imported oil and gas, towards home-grown renewable energy that ensures self-sufficiency. However, we understand that the rate and pace of different Schemes may cause uncertainty for some about the impacts these Schemes would have for local communities.

Tillbridge Solar is a responsible developer and wishes to work with the local community to ensure that its Schemes cause as little disruption as possible for local people. This will help us understand how these can be delivered collectively and efficiently, whilst reducing potential cumulative impacts to local communities.

We have been and will continue to work constructively with other developers to make sure that local residents are fully informed about each of the different solar proposals. Our discussions so far have also centered around cable route installation, to ensure as little disruption to the local community as possible.

# Tillbridge Solar

## What is the potential cumulative and landscape impact?

We are aware of the other solar schemes coming forward in the local area. Our landscape and wider environmental teams are undertaking landscape and visual appraisal work to address cumulative impacts. If there are impacts, mitigation will be designed into the Scheme. This could include the provision of landscape buffers, such as woodland planting.

## What is the impact on biodiversity?

Our terrestrial and aquatic ecology teams are currently carrying out habitat and species surveys allowing us to identify any potential biodiversity impacts of the Scheme. These surveys include, but are not limited to, breeding birds, wintering birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, water voles and otters. Where there are potential impacts, we will look to provide appropriate mitigation in consultation with Natural England.

## What is the impact on agricultural land in the area?

We will be submitting an Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey as part of our final DCO application, which will determine the grading of land within our Principal Site. A baseline ALC assessment of the Cable Route Corridor will also be undertaken.

To date, we have been able to survey approximately 1,200 hectares of our Principal Site (which is approximately 1,400 hectares in total). These surveys show that approximately 94.4% of the area surveyed is classified as 'grade 3b' agricultural land, and approximately 5.6% is classified as 'grade 3a'. An initial report outlining these findings is provided as part of the PEI Report (which can be found on our website) and a full report will be available as part of our DCO application.

## How long will it take to build?

Tillbridge Solar is subject to being granted development consent from the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. Should the Scheme be granted consent, construction could start as early as autumn 2025. We anticipate that it would take two years to build, with the site potentially being fully operational and generating electricity from 2027.

## How long will Tillbridge Solar be in operation?

The Scheme is expected to generate clean energy for approximately 40-60 years, with decommissioning expected to commence thereafter.

## Who will determine the planning application and what happens next?

The Scheme is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) due to it having a proposed generation capacity exceeding 50MW. We are therefore required to submit an application for development consent to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.



We are planning to submit our application for development consent later this year. Before then, we are required to carry out a statutory stage of consultation.

More information on the national infrastructure planning process can be found on PINS' website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

This includes details on what comes next in the process after our application is submitted, including Acceptance, Examination and Recommendation and Decision.

### Consultation questions

#### When/where are your events?

Our events and webinars are being held on the following dates:

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (registration open from 30 May 2023 <a href="#">here</a> and getting in touch)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (registration open from 30 May 2023 <a href="#">here</a> and getting in touch)	Monday 10 July 2023	6:30pm to 8pm

#### How can I provide feedback?

Consultation responses can be made in the following ways:

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- Completing the feedback questionnaire online, which can be accessed via the Scheme website: [tillbridgesolar.com/consultation](https://tillbridgesolar.com/consultation)
- Attending a consultation event and completing a printed feedback questionnaire, which can be handed to the project team in person, or taken away and sent to us via freepost (using **FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR**). Questionnaires can also be collected from one of our local information points or requested from the community relations team, as detailed in **Table 5.3**.
- Emailing [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
- Writing to us at **FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR** (please note that no stamp is required)

### Will this be your final consultation?

We are expecting this to be our final statutory consultation before we submit our DCO application at the end of 2023. We may need to take further rounds of targeted consultation for any minor changes to the Scheme following our statutory consultation.

### Will you still listen to comments after the consultation?

It is important to provide your comments and feedback during this consultation to ensure that we can make all relevant changes before submitting our DCO application.

We remain committed to engaging with you after this consultation, and will continue to meet with local stakeholders to discuss our plans for the Scheme, and how they have been refined in response to feedback during our statutory consultation.

## General Solar FAQs

### Does solar work in the UK?

Solar works well everywhere in the UK. It is radiation from the sun, rather than temperature, heat or direct sunlight, that enables solar PV panels to generate electricity. Solar panels don't need direct sunlight to operate and produce power all year round, accounting for about 4% of yearly national consumption. In the middle of a day, they can produce over a quarter of the UK's power.

Solar Energy UK, the trade body for solar in the UK, have published a briefing setting out the facts about solar and how it works, addressing some misconceptions about solar projects in the UK. You can access this at: <https://solarenergyuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Briefing-Fact-Checker-1.pdf>





#### What is a battery storage facility?

Battery storage, or battery energy storage systems (BESS), enable energy from renewables, like solar and wind, to be stored and released when customers need power most.

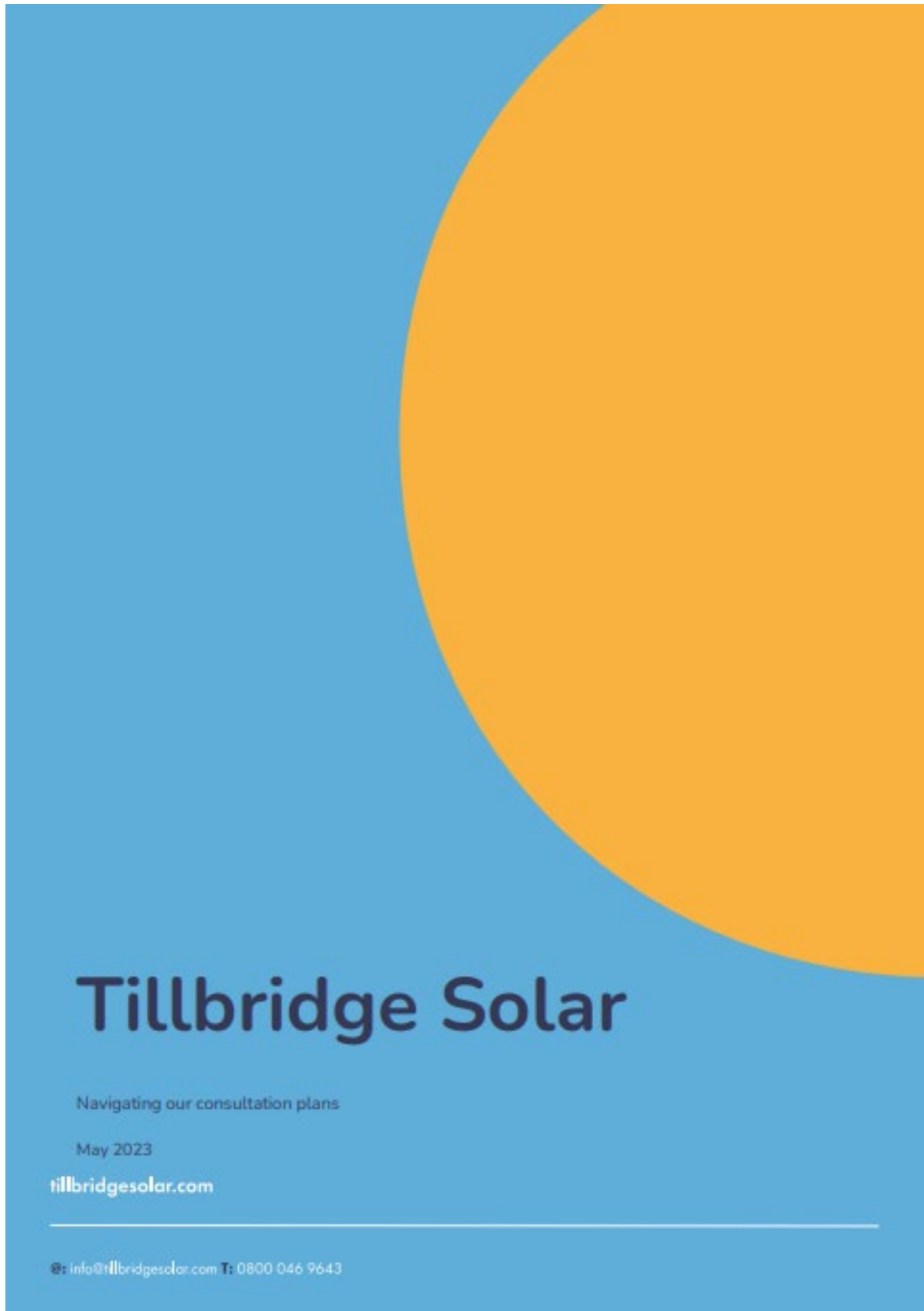
#### Does land used for solar farms reduce food security?

Solar farms provide valuable income for farmers; they can still be used for grazing and support UK farmers to continue food production on other parts of their land. Some developers consider growing produce under or alongside solar panels.

#### How much space do solar farms take up?

Even under 2050 Net Zero targets, Solar farms would occupy 0.5% of the UK's land – much less than what is currently used by golf courses.

## C-13.6: ‘Navigating our consultation plans’ document





May 2023

### Introduction

Tillbridge Solar Limited is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme, (the "Scheme") which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities within Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the national grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

The Scheme, known as Tillbridge Solar, would allow for the generation, storage, export and import of electricity with a generation capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW), making a critical and meaningful contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions and UK energy security through the development of a clean supply of electricity.

### Statutory consultation – 30 May to 11 July 2023

Our consultation is running for six weeks from 30 May until 11 July 2023. You can find out the details of our engagement activities and further information on our website ([www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)).

Our consultation materials

### General overview documents

You can read the following general overview documents to help you understand the background to the Scheme. **We recommend you read these first before providing your feedback:**

1. Statutory Consultation Leaflet – a general 'overview' of the consultation and how to get involved.
2. Project Information Booklet – providing more detailed information on the Scheme, what we're consulting on, the planning process and what happens next.
3. Feedback questionnaire – structured so you can provide feedback on general Scheme elements, and specific areas of our Indicative Site Layout Plan and the Cable Route Corridor.

### Technical Documents

The full suite of PEI Report documentation can be found on our website. To allow you to read information on impacts and topic areas that are important to you, we have divided the PEI Report into the following topic areas:

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Scheme Location
- Chapter 3 Scheme Description
- Chapter 4 Alternatives and Design Evolution



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- Chapter 5 EIA Methodology
- Chapter 6 Air Quality
- Chapter 7 Climate Change
- Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage
- Chapter 9 Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Chapter 10 Flood Risk, Drainage and Surface Water
- Chapter 11 Human Health
- Chapter 12 Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration
- Chapter 14 Socio-economics and Land-use
- Chapter 15 Transport and Access
- Chapter 16 Other Environmental Topics
- Chapter 17 Cumulative Effects
- Chapter 18 Summary of Significant Environmental Effects

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#### Where can I find these documents?

##### Online

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##### Local information points

Printed copies of the Consultation Leaflet and Feedback Questionnaires can be collected from a series of local information points. Printed copies of the PEI Report and Project Information Booklet can be inspected (but not taken away).





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**C-13.7: Exhibition Boards**



## Introduction

Welcome and thank you for attending our consultation event today. We are developing proposals for Tillbridge Solar - a new solar and energy storage scheme (the "Scheme") within Lincolnshire.

## Our statutory consultation

We have been carrying out detailed assessments on land to the east and south east of Gainsborough and to the north of Lincoln, which helped us determine the most suitable location for the Scheme.

After continuing this work and introducing our emerging proposals in 2022, through a series of collaboration workshops, we are now inviting you to take part in our statutory consultation from **Tuesday 30 May to Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

We encourage you to read the information on display today alongside our project information booklet. You can then provide your thoughts by completing a feedback questionnaire – in hard copy or online.

It's important that you respond by 23.59 on **Tuesday 11 July 2023**. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

Our team is here today to answer any questions you have about the Scheme. Please share your views with us – so we can develop the proposals with you in mind.

## Key statistics



The Scheme would comprise an area of approximately 1,400 hectares (ha) of predominantly agricultural land, with approximately 900 ha being considered for the solar PV panels and associated infrastructure and approximately 500 ha being considered for environmental mitigation and enhancement.



The Scheme would connect to the national grid at Cottam substation via underground electricity cables, approximately 16 km in length.



We are anticipating that the Scheme would be fully operational from 2027, and would be generating clean energy for approximately 40 to 60 years.



The Scheme would have a generation capacity exceeding 50MW, providing enough clean energy to power approximately 300,000 UK homes.



The Scheme would make a critical and meaningful contribution to achieving net zero carbon emissions and UK energy security through the development of a clean supply of electricity. The Scheme would support the UK government's target to increase solar capacity five-fold to around 70 gigawatts (GW) by 2035.

# About us

## Who we are and our vision

Tillbridge Solar Limited is a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy Ltd and Canadian Solar, who are both experienced developers of renewable energy projects. They are being supported by a team of technical specialists.



### Tribus Clean Energy

Tribus Clean Energy Limited specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 gigawatts (GW) and a pipeline of more than three gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery and Energy Storage Systems (BESS).



### Canadian Solar

Canadian Solar is a leading manufacturer of solar PV modules and provider of solar energy solutions, with a UK solar development pipeline of over 2GW and more than 4GWh of BESS.



### Tillbridge Solar Limited

Both developers are using their experience from developing similar size projects in the UK to help bring forward our plans for Tillbridge Solar.

## Our vision

Our vision for Tillbridge Solar is to deliver cleaner, greener, and lower-cost energy, while also enhancing the local environment and ensuring we are a responsible developer.

Our objectives for Tillbridge Solar are to:



Build a solar farm that will contribute to the UK's zero-carbon future and support Lincolnshire's transition to Net Zero.



Provide equivalent energy needs for around 300,000 households with low-cost energy, generated in the UK at a time of great uncertainty within the energy market.



Develop a Scheme in a responsible and considerate way. Increase biodiversity and enhance existing ecology to achieve Biodiversity Net Gain and maximise opportunities to create new habitats for wildlife.



Ensure the local landscape is central to the Scheme's design.



Provide opportunities for local communities and the local economy.

# Principal Site main infrastructure

The Scheme would include the following elements.

Criteria	Consideration
Solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels	Panels convert sunlight into electrical current. Each panel would be a maximum of 3.5m above ground level and would be mounted on structures.
Inverters, transformers and switchgear (solar station)	This infrastructure is required to convert the electricity ready for export to the National Grid.
Battery and Energy Storage Solution (BESS)	BESS would be distributed throughout the Principal Site sitting alongside the solar station.
Electrical substations	Two substations would be located within the Principal Site.
Solar Farm Control Centre	This would be a single building used to operate and maintain the solar energy farm once operational.
Equipment storage	The Scheme would require space for the storage of parts and equipment either as open storage or within a building.
Underground cabling within the Principal Site	Underground cables would need to be built on-site to connect the solar panels, BESS and other infrastructure to the transformers and to the on-site sub-stations.
Temporary infrastructure	We would need temporary parking and construction compounds for the duration of the construction period within the Principal Site.
Fencing and security	A security fence would enclose the operational areas of the site. The fence is likely to be a deer fence. A pole mounted closed circuit television (CCTV) system would be installed around the perimeter of the site, and would face towards the solar farm and away from any land outside of the site.

Illustrative example of the Scheme (not to scale)



## The sun

Harnessing the sunlight as the earth's primary source of energy.

### 1. Solar panels

Convert the sun's energy into DC electrical power.

### 2. BESS

Battery and energy storage will have a direct relationship with the solar PV panels and it will support the operation of this by storing electricity produced during times of peak capacity until it needs to be released.

### 3. Inverters, transformers and switchgear

Infrastructure is needed to convert power generated by the PV panels and step up the voltage within the Principal Site to allow onward transmission to the national grid.

### 4. Substations

Consisting of equipment to facilitate the export/import of electricity from/to the Principal Site to/from the national grid.

### 5. Connection to the national grid

Electricity is exported from the on-site substation to the national grid via underground 400 kV cables. Cabling is also required within the Principal Site.

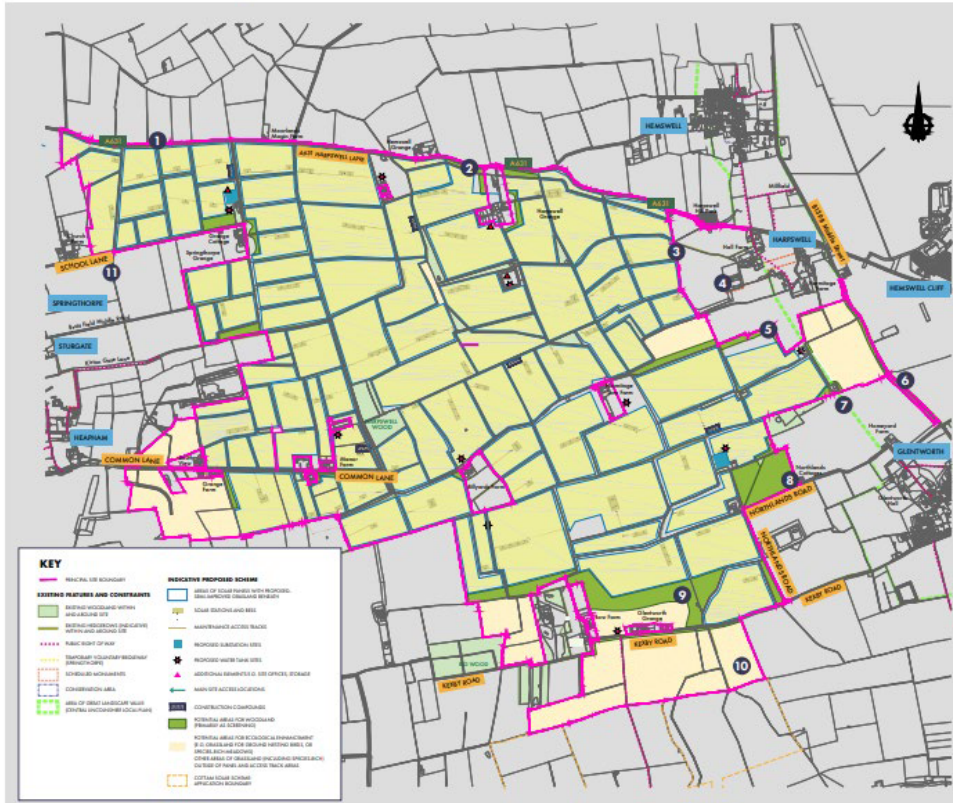
### 6. Output of power to the network

Power is transmitted to the network by the local network operator via the national grid.

### 7. Our homes



## Indicative masterplan



# Collaborative working

Given the proximity of our Scheme to Island Green Power's Cottam and West Burton solar projects and Low Carbon's Gate Burton Energy Park, we have been refining our plans to identify opportunities for collaborative working in regard to connection to National Grid's Cottam substation.

This collaboration has included building an understanding of the extent of the respective Cable Route Corridors associated with each scheme and how these might be able to sit alongside each other, ensuring that all routes can be brought forward to minimise land take and environmental impacts, including disruption during the construction phase.

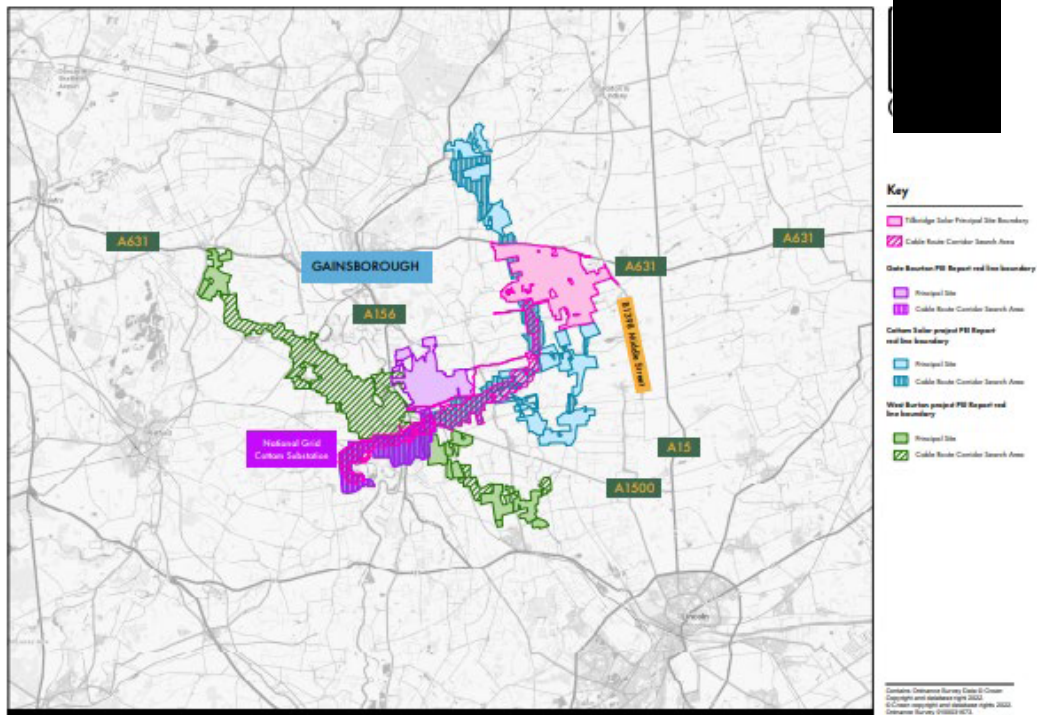
We are continuing to work with Low Carbon and Island Green Power and this work, along with your comments during this statutory consultation and our ongoing studies and surveys, will help shape the final plans for our corridor submitted as part of our DCO application.

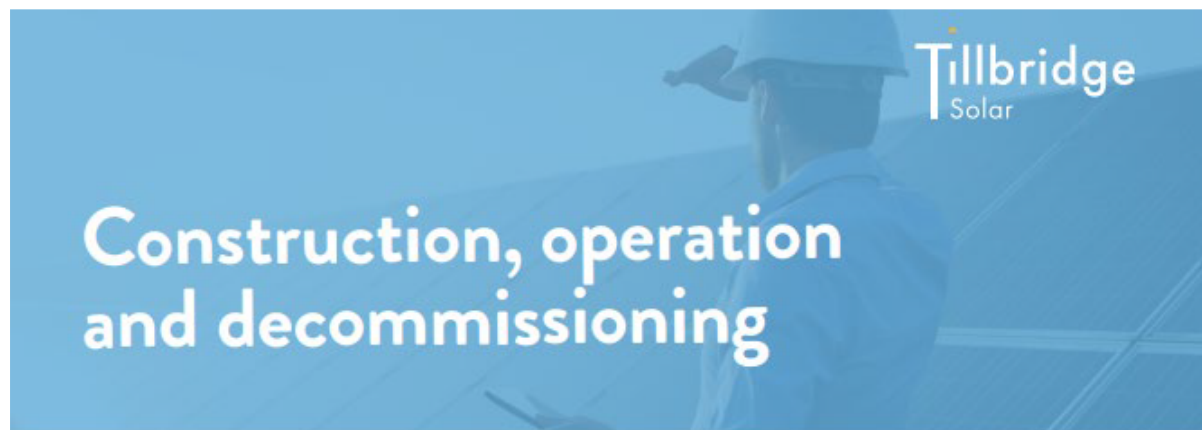
## Cumulative effects

Volume 1 Chapter 17 of the PEI Report reports on the assessments carried out to date relating to cumulative effects.

If there is overlap during the construction phases of other solar schemes planned in the area, then transport effects may be able to be managed jointly, with the potential for the different solar developers to prepare a joint Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) that could facilitate co-ordination of deliveries to each site and avoid peak traffic hours.

Further detail about the design of the Scheme and further assessment is required to understand the potential for there to be significant cumulative effects on nearby landscape, heritage assets and ecology. This will be reviewed further in the Environmental Statement that is submitted with the DCO application.





Should the Scheme be granted development consent, construction could start in autumn 2025. It is currently anticipated that the Scheme would commence commercial operation from winter 2027.

### Construction

We are anticipating construction would take place in one continuous phase, which would last for approximately 24 months.

At the peak of construction, up to 1,250 staff per day would be required to complete work related to the Principal Site. This number would be less at other times of the construction phase.

Working days would be one 12-hour shift, with working hours onsite from 7am until 7pm Monday to Friday and from 7am to 1pm on Saturday.

We will be preparing a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) which would manage the impacts of construction traffic associated with the Scheme. An outline version of this document will be available as part of our final DCO application.

For the Principal Site, it is anticipated that construction access would include four access points. Three would be located along the A631 and one would be located on the B1398 Middle Street.

### Construction of the Cable Route Corridor

The cable would be laid in open-cut trenches before ground is backfilled and reinstated back to its previous condition. We would need some parts of the cable to be installed using trenchless methods, such as horizontal directional drilling, to lay the cable under the River Trent, roads and railways.

### Operation

During the operational phase, activity within the Scheme would be minimal. It would include vegetation management, equipment maintenance and servicing, replacement of any components that fail, solar PV panel cleaning and monitoring.

### Decommissioning and Land Reinstatement

The Scheme is expected to generate clean energy for approximately 40 to 60 years, with decommissioning expected to commence thereafter.

Decommissioning of all Scheme infrastructure would take place over a 12 to 24 month period, with all solar PV panels, mounting structures, foundations, inverters and transformers removed, recycled or disposed of in accordance with good practice. It is to be determined whether the 400kV cable would remain in situ or removed as part of decommissioning. The future of the substation and control building would be agreed with the relevant Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of decommissioning.

The drainage of the land within the Scheme would be checked and grass seeded after decommissioning. Should any agricultural drains be altered or removed, they would be restored such that agricultural activities could continue after decommissioning of the Scheme.

Areas of habitat and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement delivered as part of the Scheme would remain up until the land is returned to the previous landowners.

Following this, the landowners would choose how the land is to be used and managed.







# Evolution of scheme design

## The Scheme comprises two distinct sections:

- 'the Principal Site' – where ground-mounted solar PV panels, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be installed. Located on land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe; and
- 'the Cable Route Corridor' – the underground electrical infrastructure required to connect the Principal Site to the national transmission system.

## Our early-stage engagement resulted in the following key changes to the Principal Site Boundary:

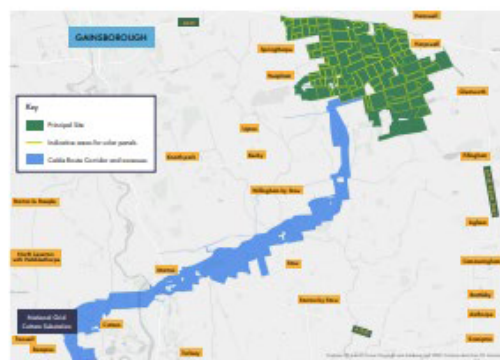
- Land to the west of Springthorpe removed due to concerns raised by local landowners and ecological advice.
- Land to the east of Springthorpe removed as a result of ongoing engagement with local stakeholders and to have regard to the proximity of a byway and temporary permissive bridleway.
- Scheme pulled in from the east away from Middle Street (The Cliff) to have regard to views and the setting of Glentworth.
- Scheme pulled in from the south to have regard to the setting of Fillingham and Middle Street (The Cliff).

## Ongoing design work has also helped evolve the design of the Principal Site in the following ways:

- Reduction in a total site area from approximately 1,700 hectares to 1,400 hectares.
- Provision of buffers and offsets from ponds, hedgerows and woodland.
- New semi-improved grassland under the panels.
- Screening and planting design to reduce landscape and visual impacts.
- Scheme pulled back from Harpswell Hall, a Scheduled Ancient Monument.
- Use of solar panels that are mounted on a single axis tracker and 'track' east to west during the daytime to maximise the amount of sunlight that hits the solar panels and energy generated.

## The Cable Route Corridor, has also undergone further refinement, including:

- An alternative Cable Route Corridor that directed the route to the north of Willingham-by-Stow was removed as an option with the focus on land to the south of Willingham-by-Stow, maximising the opportunity for the sharing of the corridor with other developers.
- Torksey viaduct was considered as a means for the cable to cross the River Trent; but was discounted due to impact upon the heritage asset.
- Further assessments to refine the Cable Route Corridor so that it would have the least environmental impacts.
- Data shared with other developers to maximise collaboration, the progression of a shared corridor with cables running parallel to each other and to minimise environmental impacts.



Location of the Principal Site and Cable Route Corridor





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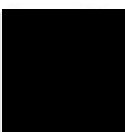
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


We are continuing to gather environmental information that allows us to identify the potential impacts of the proposed Scheme and develop measures to avoid or reduce them.

While this is ongoing, we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEI Report), which outlines our early findings and will be developed into an Environmental Statement. The Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of our application.

### Summary of the findings of the PEI Report

The table below summarises some of the areas of assessment, along with some of the potential effects and proposed mitigation measures. Please see our non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report for more information on the environmental effects of our proposals and measures we'll take to avoid or reduce any impact.

Area of assessment	Potential effects and proposed mitigation	For more information
 <b>Air quality</b>	The construction and decommissioning of the Scheme are likely to generate dust.	We will implement a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP), which identifies procedures to which all staff and contractors working on site would be required to adhere.
 <b>Climate change</b>	Greenhouse gas emissions would occur during the construction phase as a result of the manufacture of materials to build the Scheme.	As a whole, the Scheme would help the UK achieve net zero and the target of 70 GW of solar capacity by 2050
 <b>Cultural heritage</b>	In terms of buried archaeology, any disturbed assets would be recorded and evaluated during the construction phase.  Once operational, solar infrastructure may be visible from the Scheduled Monument of Harpswell Hall and the Grade I listed Church of St Chad.	We will route away from valuable archaeological assets. New planting has been included to mitigate effects.
 <b>Landscape and visual amenity</b>	Some significant visual effects, i.e. those on people's views, will arise for some residential properties near the Principal Site and roads or footpaths where there are open views (such as Middle Street along The Cliff).	Inclusion of mitigation screen planting is intended to limit the majority of these visual effects as vegetation matures over time. In particular, we will look to reduce effects from the green space and Scheduled Monument at Harpswell.
 <b>Ecology and nature conservation</b>	The layout of the Principal Site has been designed so that impacts on habitats such as woodland, running water and ponds are avoided. However, there may be a significant effect on skylarks due to temporary loss of habitat within the Principal Site whilst newly created habitats become established.	As part of the landscape design for the Scheme, new habitats would be provided to increase biodiversity compared to existing. This would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Converting areas of agricultural land adjacent to and beneath the solar panels into grassland</li> <li>• Strengthening hedgerows by planting up any gaps</li> <li>• Planting new areas of trees and enhancing habitats next to watercourses.</li> </ul> It is expected that the Scheme would deliver more than 10% biodiversity net gain.
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 <b>Socio-economics and land use</b>	One public right of way (Gltw/85/1) runs through the Principal Site but would continue to be accessible, with woodland screening measures proposed to mitigate against potential amenity impacts.	The land use can be returned to agriculture after the Scheme is decommissioned and the land would be available for some forms of use (such as sheep farming) during operation.
 <b>Flood risk, drainage and surface water</b>	The Scheme would look to implement sustainable drainage systems (SuDS), whereby new planted areas and ponds would be created to ensure that rainfall that lands within the Scheme Boundary does not reach local watercourses quicker than existing land use.	Construction works would be carried out in accordance with mitigation measures documented within a CEMP, so that impacts on local watercourses are appropriately managed and prevented. We would also cross watercourses using non-intrusive methods.



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## Next steps

Once the consultation has closed at **23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023**, we will review all comments and suggestions that have been received during the consultation period.

We will set out a summary of the responses that you have given us in a Consultation Report, with details on how your feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals. This report will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

We expect to submit our DCO application later this year. Once our application has been accepted, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) will examine the application.

You will be able to register your interest in our proposals directly with the Planning Inspectorate, who will then inform you about the progress of our application during the examination process, and let you know about further opportunities you will have to inform and contribute to the planning process.

The Planning Inspectorate will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will decide on whether or not the Scheme will go ahead.

More information about the DCO process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

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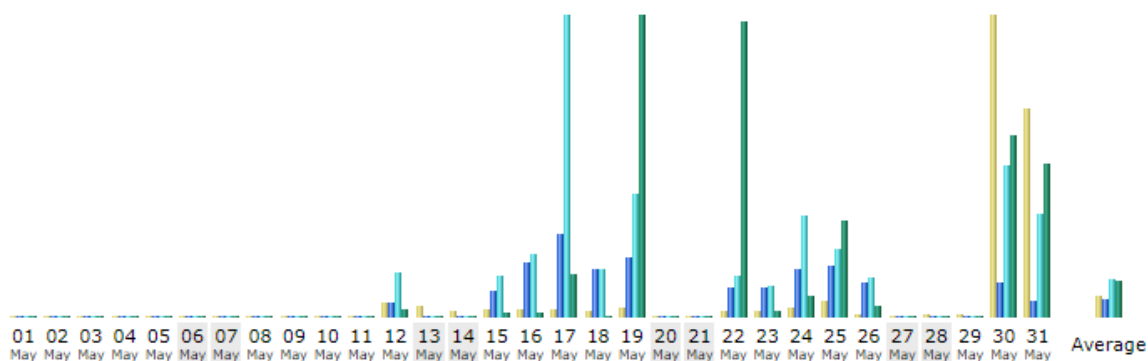




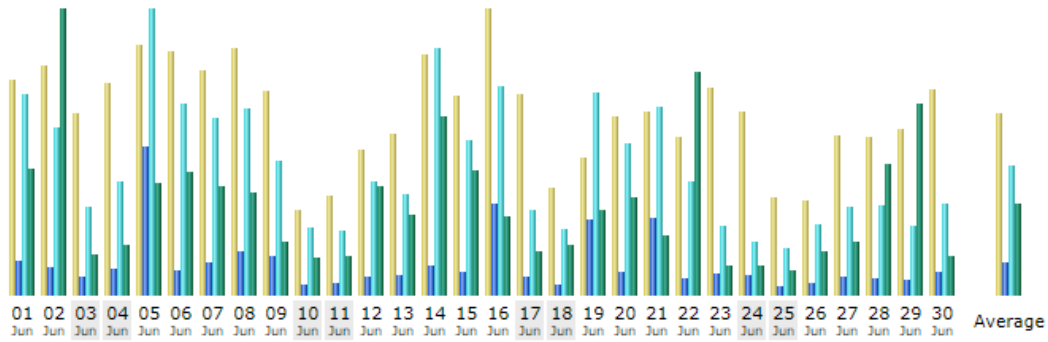
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3-Jun-23	186	266	1,256
4-Jun-23	216	365	1,604
5-Jun-23	256	2,107	4,046
6-Jun-23	249	345	2,701
7-Jun-23	230	451	2,510
8-Jun-23	252	614	2,649
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11-Jun-23	101	176	906
12-Jun-23	149	255	1,606
13-Jun-23	165	292	1,433
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15-Jun-23	203	315	2,182
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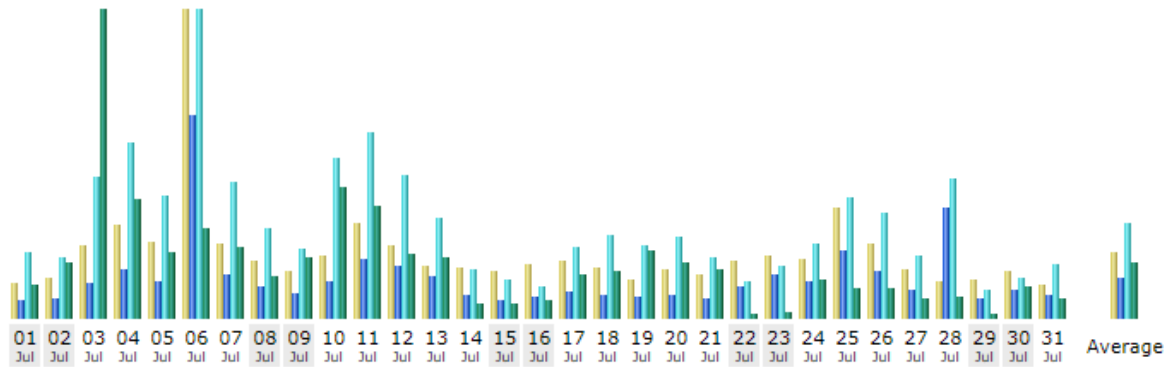
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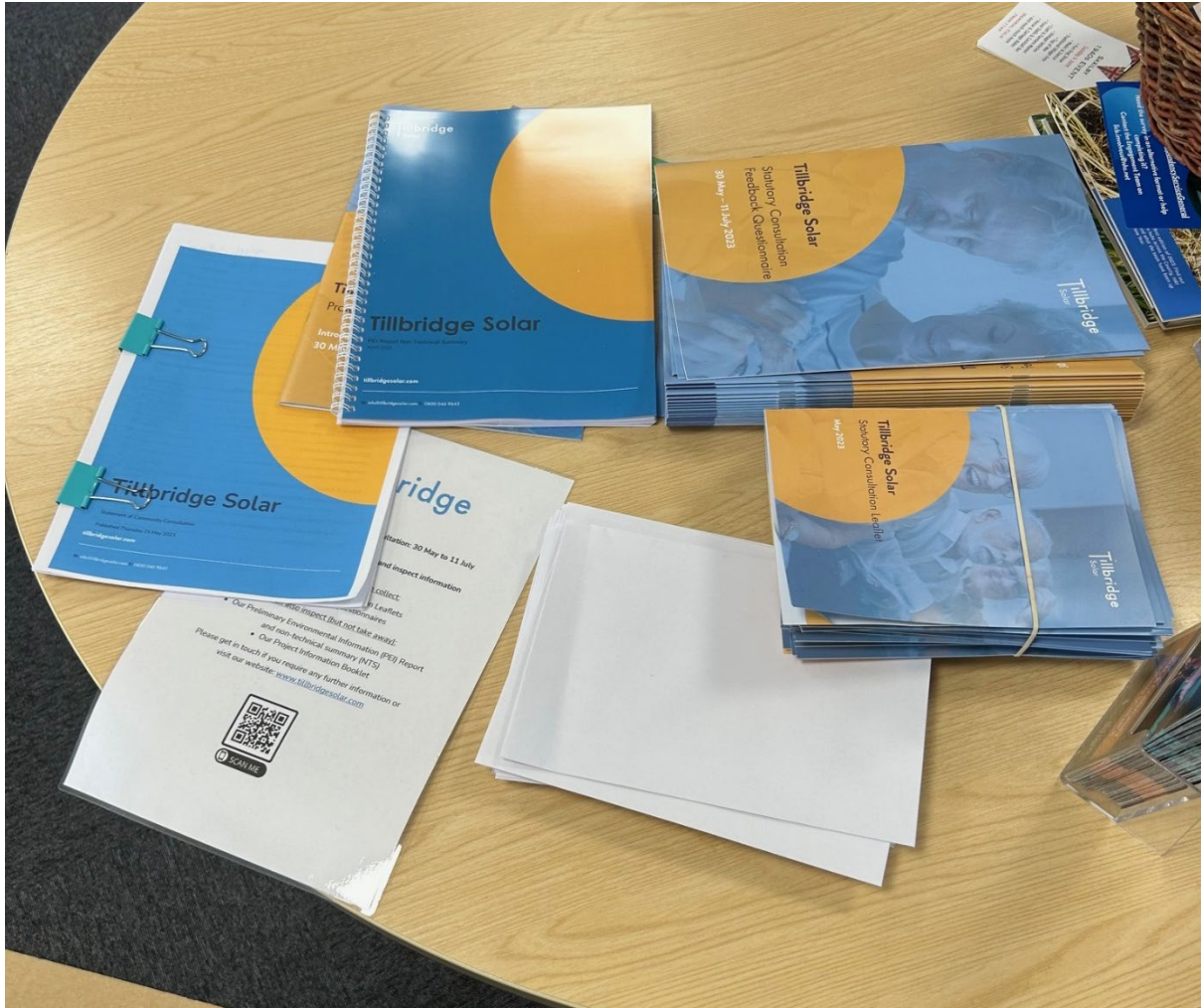
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23 Jul 2023	222	481	581	24.55 MB
24 Jul 2023	212	414	816	165.65 MB
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28 Jul 2023	134	1,229	1,542	91.27 MB
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31 Jul 2023	119	262	604	84.45 MB
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D-21: Copy of public notices (appendix 69)



## Appendix C-15: Photographs of the materials in the local information points









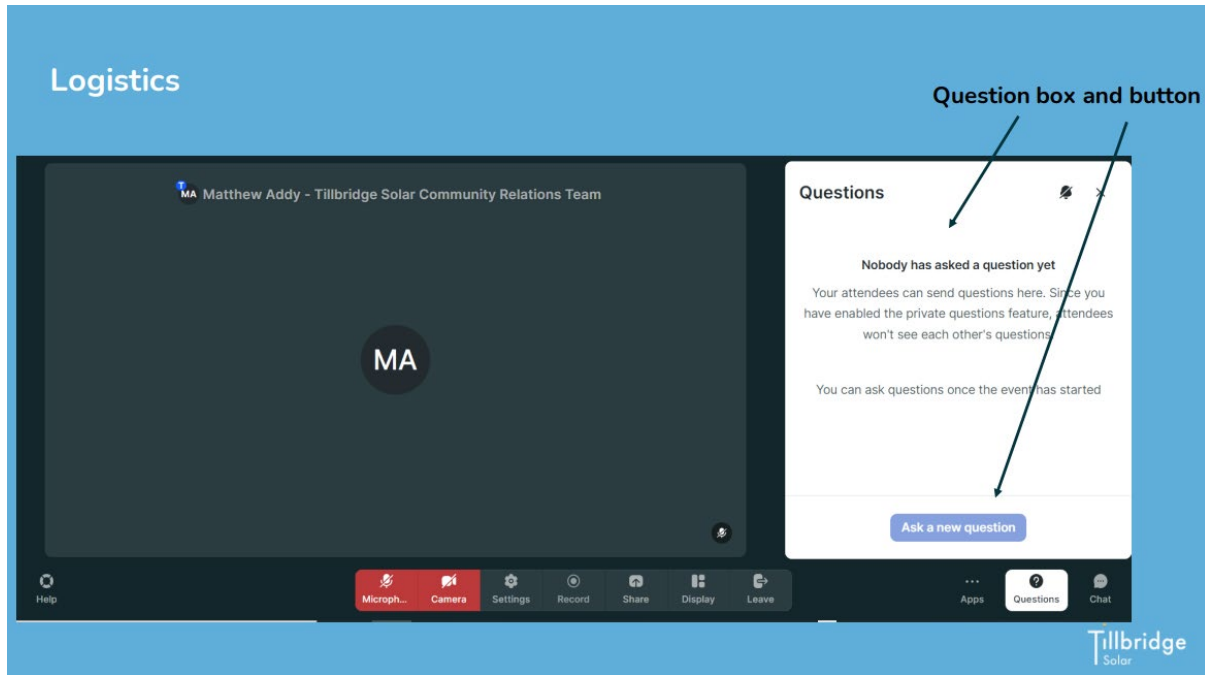
## Appendix C-16: Statutory consultation webinar slides



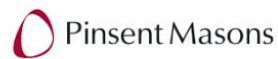
### Agenda

- Welcome, logistics and introductions
- Background
- Our proposals
- Statutory consultation
- Questions





### The Tillbridge Solar team





## About Tillbridge Solar

A new solar and energy storage scheme within Lincolnshire, spanning across the local authority boundaries of West Lindsey and Bassetlaw.

Generation capacity exceeding 50MW, providing enough clean energy to power approx. 300,000 UK homes.

1,400 hectares (ha):

- approx. 900 ha for the solar PV panels and infrastructure
- approx. 500 ha for environmental mitigation and enhancement

Connect to the National Grid at Cottam Substation via approx. 16km of underground electricity cables.

A Bilateral Connection Agreement with National Grid to allow 500MW of renewable energy to be transferred in to and out of its Cottam substation.

## Need for the Scheme



UK climate change targets to achieve net zero by 2050 and ensure the energy supply remains secure, reliable and affordable.

Energy Security Strategy (April 2022) - the UK's solar capacity needs to increase five-fold by 2035 to meet legally binding targets on net zero. Reinforced by draft National Policy Statement for Energy and the sustained growth of solar.


This would increase the total generation capacity from 14 gigawatts (GW) today to around 70GW.

Powering Up Britain (March 2023) – Government commitment to net zero and reiterated the need for both rooftop and ground-mounted solar to achieve national targets.

Decommissioning of Cottam power station provides additional grid connection capacity.



## Consultation and engagement so far





Introduced our emerging proposals in 2022:

- July 2022 - held a series of collaboration workshops, with a report summarising these available on our website.
- Oct 22 – newsletter to local community & stakeholders

Feedback from workshops, along with our ongoing engagement, has shaped our plans.

These have now developed and are being presented as part of our statutory consultation.





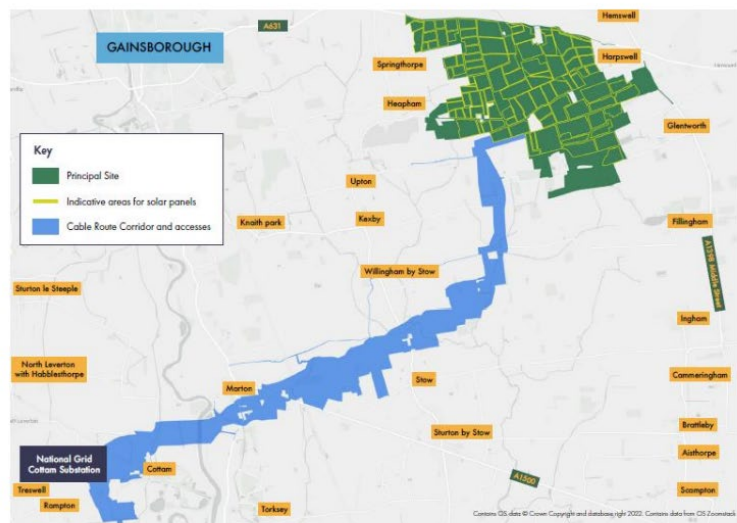


## Location

Approx. five kilometres east of Gainsborough and approx. 13 kilometres north of Lincoln.

The Principal Site, where the ground mounted solar PV, electrical substations and energy storage facilities would be located; 1,400 ha; land to the south of Harpswell Lane (A631), to the west of Middle Street (B1398) and largely to the north of Kexby Road and to the east of Springthorpe.

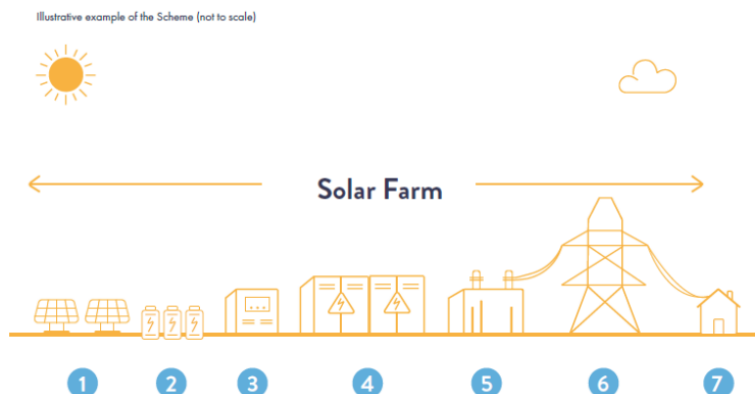
Cable route corridor; approximately 16km linking the Principal Site to the national grid at Cottam substation.





## Principal Site main infrastructure

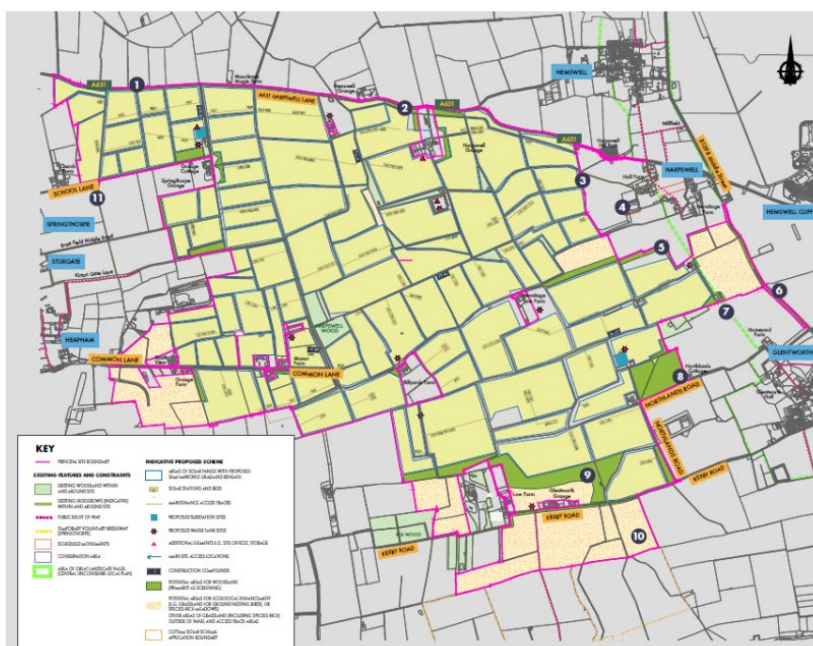
- Solar PV panels (also known as solar modules);
- Solar stations (inverter, transformer and switchgear);
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS);
- Battery Direct Current (DC)/DC converters;
- On-site cabling (within Principal Site); On-site substations;
- Solar farm control centre;
- Equipment storage;
- Fencing, security and lighting;
- Site access and access tracks, including four points of access for the Principal Site off the main highway network and internal access tracks within the Principal Site;
- Surface water drainage;
- Electricity connection to National Grid at Cottam substation via cable route corridor.



## Illustrative site layout

We are now presenting our initial designs for the proposed layout of the principal site as shown by our indicative site layout plan.

This plan can be found on our website, in our materials and at our face-to-face consultation events.



## Construction, operation and decommissioning



Subject to consent:

- Construction could start in Q3 2025
- Operation from Q4 2027

Construction one continuous phase for 24 months  
Working hours 7am -7pm Monday to Friday and 7am – 1pm Saturday

We will prepare a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

Four access points:

- Three along the A631
- One on the B1398 Middle Street

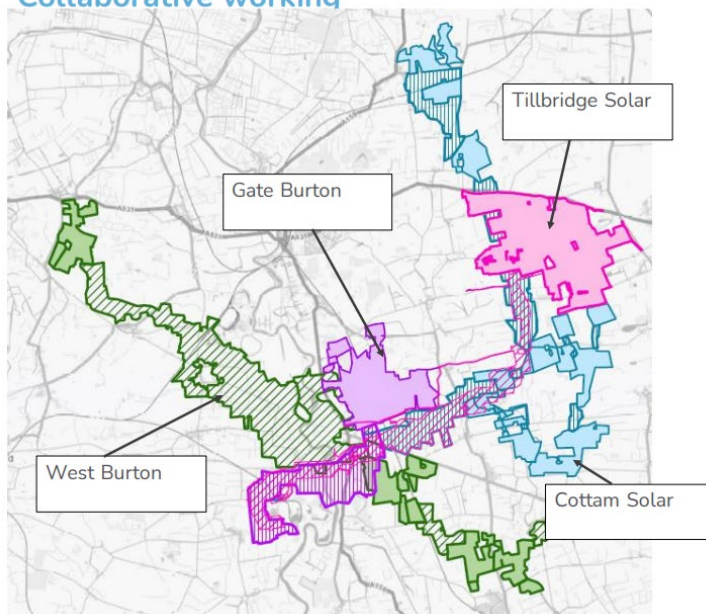
Operation – activity would be minimal

Generate clean energy for approx. 40-60 years

Decommissioning – 12-24 months



## Collaborative working

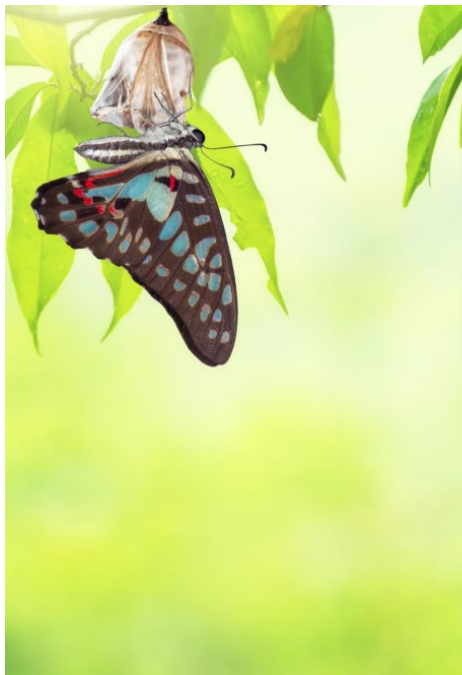


We have been refining our plans to identify opportunities for collaborative working with the other developers of solar projects within the area with respect to the cable route corridor connecting to National Grid's Cottam substation.

We are continuing to work to:

- Understand how the corridors might sit alongside each other
- Minimise land take
- Minimise environmental impacts
- Minimise disruption during construction





## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

EIA identifies the potential effects on the environment, people and local communities. These effects can be positive or negative.

We are working to reduce the negative effects of the Scheme and provide mitigation and enhancements where possible.

The preliminary EIA findings are reported within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEI Report).

The PEI Report has been prepared for the purposes of statutory consultation.

A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI Report will also be available.



## Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (cont.)

The PEI Report covers the following topic areas:

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Scheme Location
- Chapter 3 Scheme Description
- Chapter 4 Alternatives and Design Evolution
- Chapter 5 EIA Methodology
- Chapter 6 Air Quality
- Chapter 7 Climate Change
- Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage
- Chapter 9 Ecology and Nature Conservation
- Chapter 10 Flood Risk, Drainage and Surface Water
- Chapter 11 Human Health
- Chapter 12 Landscape and Visual Amenity
- Chapter 13 Noise and Vibration
- Chapter 14 Socio-economics and Land-use
- Chapter 15 Transport and Access
- Chapter 16 Other Environmental Topics
- Chapter 17 Cumulative Effects
- Chapter 18 Summary of Significant Environmental Effects







## Community benefits

Biodiversity enhancement & community benefit fund being explored.

Suggestions to date have included funding towards:

- Improvements to existing community facilities, e.g. village halls and sports facilities
- Provision of electrical vehicle charging points
- Subsidised solar PV panels for community use and lower cost energy
- Grants for broadband and wider improvements
- Educational visits and wider education/apprenticeship opportunities

Could be managed independently; we've spoken with:

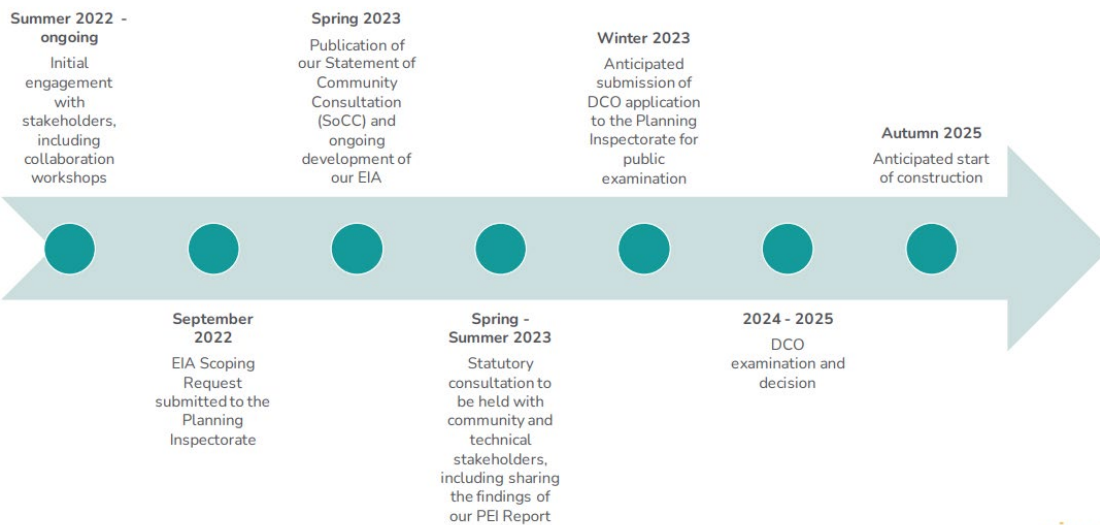
- Lincolnshire Community Foundation
- Nottinghamshire Community Foundation

We are considering the possibility of coordinating with other developers on these localised benefits.

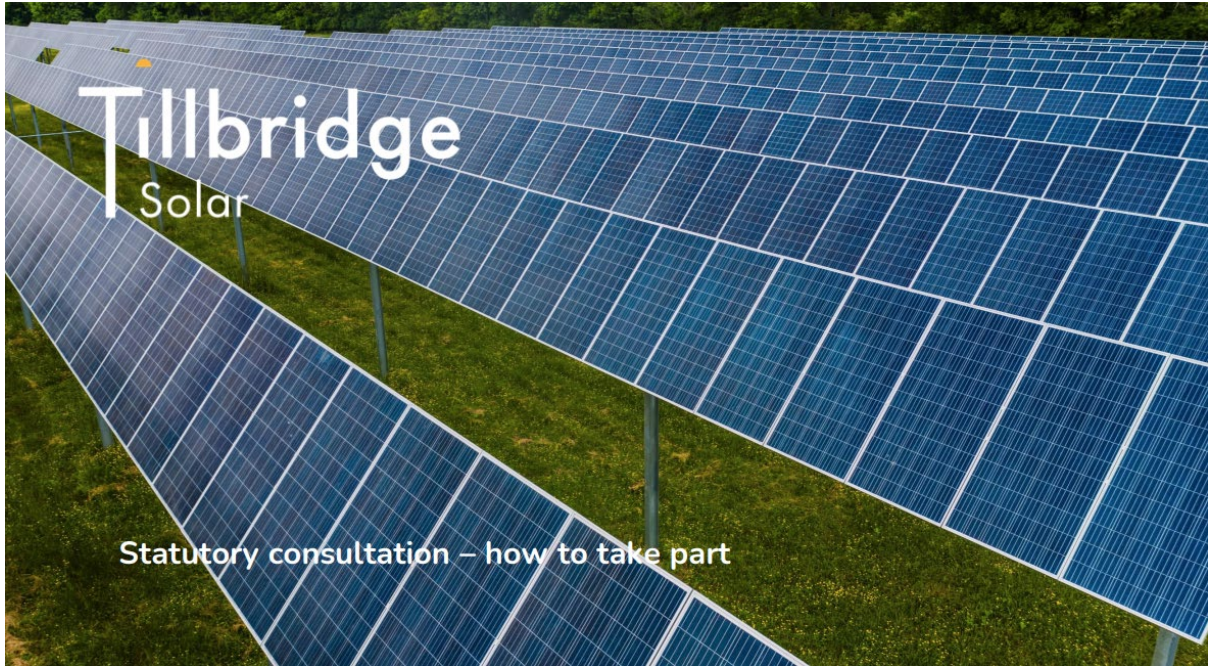
As part of the consultation we welcome views on management of the find and local projects and initiatives we could support.



## Indicative Scheme timeline







## Our statutory consultation

Our statutory consultation:

- Six weeks from **Tuesday 30 May 2023** to **Tuesday 11 July 2023**.
- We want to hear views on our detailed design proposals for the Scheme.
- Including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to minimise the impact of the Scheme.
- Feedback will help us to finalise our detailed proposals for our application, which we expect to submit to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) later this year.

## How to take part in our consultation

### Attend a public consultation event

Venue	Date	Times
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Wednesday 7 June	6:30pm to 8pm
Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF	Wednesday 14 June	2:30pm to 7pm
Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ	Saturday 17 June	10am to 2pm
Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE	Thursday 22 June	1:30pm to 5:30pm
Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR	Friday 30 June	12pm to 4pm
Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU	Saturday 1 July	10am to 2pm
Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL	Thursday 6 July	2:30pm to 6:30pm
Online webinar (please get in touch to register)	Monday 10 July	6:30pm to 8pm

## How to take part in our consultation

### View information

On our website [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)

In person at the five local information points:

- West Lindsey District Council Office
- Lincoln Central Library
- Gainsborough Library
- Saxilby Library
- Retford Library

Materials available to collect at these locations include:

- feedback questionnaires
- consultation leaflets

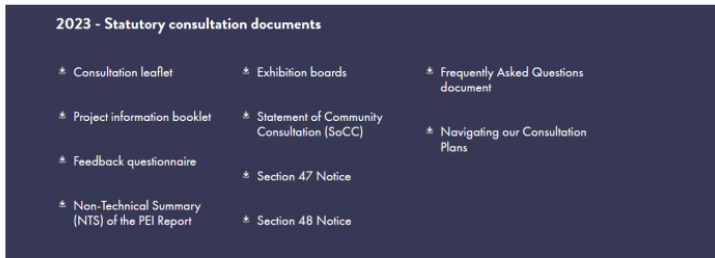
Printed copies of the following will be available at each of these locations to inspect (but not take away):

- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- more detailed statutory consultation booklet
- PEI Report
- NTS



## Our materials – website and interactive map

Visit our documents library for a full suite of materials: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library>

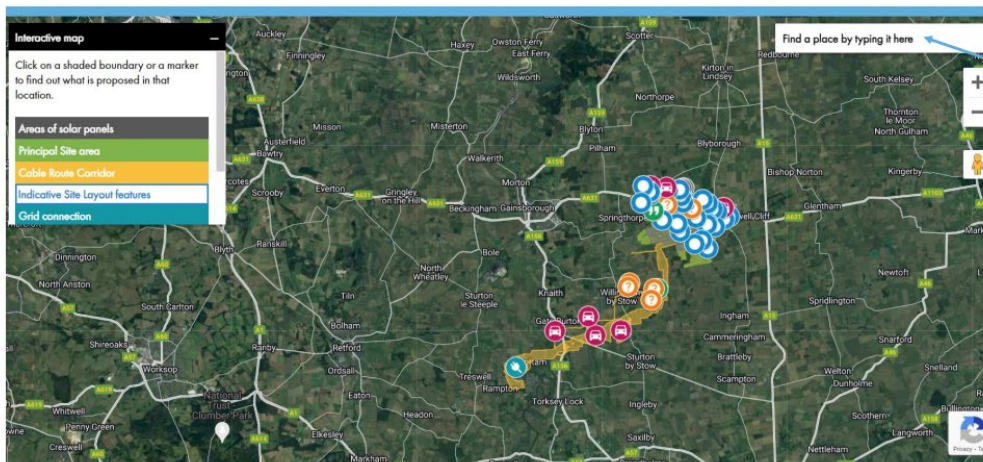


## Preliminary Environmental Information Report



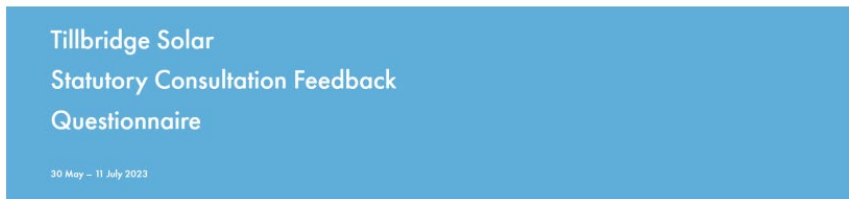
## Our materials – website and interactive map

Can be found on the website at: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme/>



## Providing feedback online

Can be found on the website at: <https://tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme/>



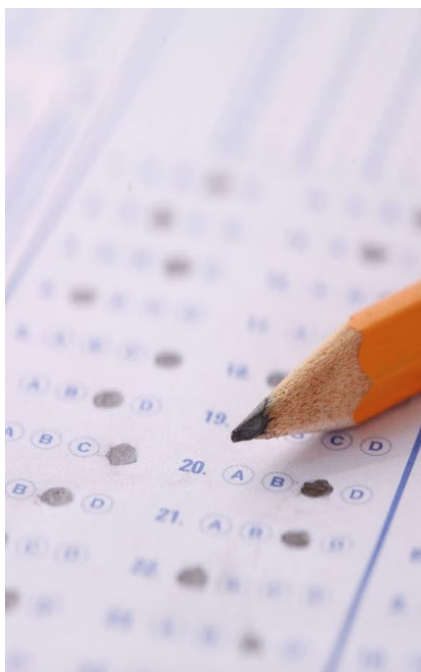
Please complete this feedback questionnaire to let us know your views on our proposals for Tillbridge Solar. The deadline for responses is **23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023**.

We are developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage scheme (the "Scheme"), which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities in Lincolnshire. The Scheme would also include infrastructure for connection to the National Grid at Cottam substation in

This feedback questionnaire sits alongside our wider suite of consultation materials, including a Project Information Booklet and Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, and details how you can respond to the proposals set out in the consultation materials. All of our materials can be found on our website ([tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](https://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)). Our website also contains details of how you can access hard copy information, should you wish to do so, as part of this consultation.



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## Providing feedback

Provide feedback either online or in writing, by:

- Going to our website and completing an online feedback questionnaire.
- Collecting a questionnaire from one of our consultation events, information points or on request (by contacting the community relations team by email, phone or post) .
- Returning a completed questionnaire to us at one of our events, by email or by post.
- Providing free form comments by email or post.

**The deadline for comments is 23.59 on 11 July 2023**

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## How we will use feedback and next steps

Once the consultation has closed at 23:59 on Tuesday 11 July 2023, we will review all comments and suggestions that have been received during the consultation period.

We will take time to consider and have regard to feedback when making further refinements to our proposed design and developing our planned mitigation measures.

We will set out a summary of the responses given in a Consultation Report, with details on how feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals.

This report will form part of our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) – sent to PINS on behalf Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero: More info at:

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



## Keeping in touch

- We are committed to engaging openly with all stakeholders. Come along to our events to speak to the team in person. You can also request separate meetings.
- Through out the consultation period and after, people can get in touch using the details below:
  - Email: [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com)
  - Freephone: 0800 046 9643
  - Freepost: FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR
  - Website: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)





## **Appendix C-17: List of the questions submitted by attendees during the consultation webinar**

### **Wednesday 7 June 2023 – Questions/comments**

Is Cottam Solar Project one of the three schemes that would share the grid connection?

### **Monday 10 July 2023 – Questions/comments**

- Many thanks for the presentation. How have you iterated or improved your design following initial consultations?
- What support do you feel that you have locally from the community?
- Following up from our first question, what potential is there to mitigate impacts of the scheme around specific points (we were talking to a farmer who was upset his house would be surrounded)? For instance, through more extensive habitat borders, or reducing the height of the panels in the scheme to a maximum of 2m?
- We're not intending to hog the questions - please feel free for anyone else to ask!
- How many other public attendees are on the webinar? (it seems very quiet)
- Are we the only ones? (feeling lonely)
- What is the voltage planned for the network to the substation at Cottam?
- I understand the batteries are distributed across the Tillbridge site, you mentioned "DC coupled" - does this still mean the batteries can be charged from the grid as well as from the solar panels on site?
- What voltage is the power stored in the batteries?
- Many thanks for taking the time for the presentation and answering the questions this evening.
- Is the event recorded? (should have asked first!)

# Appendix C-18: Copy of the press release issued at statutory consultation

## C-18.1: Copy of first press release (issued 25 May 2023)



### PRESS RELEASE

For release on Tuesday 30 May 2023

Wednesday 25 May 2023

#### Tillbridge Solar announces statutory consultation

A statutory consultation for Tillbridge Solar, a proposed solar and energy storage scheme located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln, is announced today. It will run for six weeks, from Tuesday 30 May 2023 to Tuesday 11 July 2023 and is held under the Planning Act 2008 as the scheme is deemed a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

Tillbridge Solar Ltd wants to hear views on the proposed scheme, which includes associated development. It is publishing preliminary environmental information as part of the consultation and it would like to hear from consultees on its plans to minimise potential impacts.

A series of public information events will be held as part of the statutory consultation. These will give members of the public the opportunity to view the consultation materials explaining the current proposals for Tillbridge Solar that were developed following a series of collaboration workshops held in July last year.

The in-person consultation events will be held:

#### Wednesday 14 June

2:30pm to 7pm

Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF

#### Saturday 17 June

10am to 2pm

Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ



**Thursday 22 June**

1:30pm to 5:30pm

Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE

**Friday 30 June**

12pm to 4pm

Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR

**Saturday 1 July**

10am to 2pm

Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU

**Thursday 6 July**

2:30pm to 6:30pm

Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL

Two webinar events are also being held on Wednesday 7 June and Monday 10 July 2023 from 6:30pm to 8pm. People can register for these online events via the Tillbridge Solar website [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com) or using the contact details provided below.

Hard copies of the consultation materials are also available to view at several local information points, as listed on the Tillbridge Solar website. The website also contains electronic copies of the consultation materials, along with further information about the statutory consultation and proposals.

Luke Murray, Project Director, Tillbridge Solar, comments "Feedback is important to us and will help to shape our final designs. Local people can learn more about our proposals, speak to the project team and provide feedback by attending an event. We would encourage anyone with an interest in Tillbridge Solar to come along."

Tillbridge Solar would allow for the generation, export and import of electricity with an anticipated capacity greater than 50 megawatts (MW), and could power up to 300,000 UK homes. The scheme includes infrastructure to allow the electricity generated to be exported to the national grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire. It also includes infrastructure for the storage of energy

generated on-site when not demanded, ready for use when it is needed most by homes and businesses. The decommissioning of the previous coal-fired Cottam power station has provided additional spare grid connection capacity and the opportunity for the region to play an important role in renewable energy generation in years to come.

The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and to ensure that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Tillbridge Solar would make a contribution towards achieving these targets and help to provide energy security and a reliable source of affordable home-grown energy.

For questions about Tillbridge Solar or the consultation, the project team can be contacted by email at [info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com), by phone on 0800 046 9643 or by post using the address FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note a stamp is not needed).

- Ends -

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**Tillbridge Solar Limited**

Tillbridge Solar Limited is a joint venture partnership between Tribus Clean Energy Ltd and Canadian Solar, who are both experienced developers of renewable energy projects. They are being supported by a team of experienced technical specialists.

Tribus Clean Energy Ltd specialises in the development of renewable energy projects and has a UK solar PV development pipeline of over 1.5 gigawatts (GW) and a pipeline of more than three gigawatt hours (GWh) of Battery and Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

Canadian Solar is a leading manufacturer of solar PV modules and provider of solar energy solutions, with a UK solar development pipeline of over 2GW and more than 4GWh of BESS.

## C-18.2: Copy of second press release (issued 22 June 2023)



### PRESS RELEASE

Thursday 22 June 2023

#### **Tillbridge Solar encourages feedback during statutory consultation**

Tillbridge Solar Ltd is encouraging people to take part in its statutory consultation on its updated proposals to build a solar and energy storage scheme located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln.

The consultation, which is running for six weeks, started on Tuesday 30 May 2023 and is due to close on Tuesday 11 July 2023.

Tillbridge Solar Ltd wants to hear views on the proposed scheme, as well as preliminary environmental information and plans to minimise potential impacts.

A series of public information events are being held as part of the statutory consultation. These give members of the public the opportunity to view the consultation materials explaining the current proposals for Tillbridge Solar, which were developed following a series of collaboration workshops held in July last year.

**Luke Murray, Project Director, Tillbridge Solar Ltd, comments:** "We've had a good level of engagement and feedback so far, and appreciate people taking the time to visit and speak with us at our face-to-face consultation events.

*We encourage people to come along to one of our remaining events and submit their thoughts on this consultation. This feedback is important in helping us refine our plans ahead of submitting our Development Consent Order application towards the end of this year. The deadline for sending feedback to us is Tuesday 11 July 2023."*

The remaining face-to-face consultation events are being held as follows:

**Friday 30 June**

12pm to 4pm

Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR

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**Thursday 6 July**

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The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and to ensure that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Tillbridge Solar would make a contribution towards achieving these targets and help to provide energy security and a reliable source of affordable home-grown energy.



All feedback received during the statutory consultation, together with findings from ongoing technical and environmental studies, will help finalise the details for the Scheme before submitting an application to the Planning Inspectorate towards the end of 2023.

The Planning Inspectorate acts on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero. The Planning Inspectorate will carry out an examination of the proposals and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether or not to grant development consent. The Secretary of State would then make a final decision on whether to grant consent for the Scheme.

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**By DAVID MCKenna**

### **Plans for a large-scale solar farm in Lincolnshire have gone on public display.**

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As part of the public consultation process, the plans are being shown at a series of in-person events.

The first takes place at Glentworth Village Hall on Wednesday between 14:30 and 19:00 BST.

Tillbridge Solar is one of four large-scale projects proposed for the West Lindsey area of Lincolnshire, with two crossing into parts of Nottinghamshire.

Due to their size and predicted generating capacity, the proposed farms are classified as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

As such, they are managed by the government's Planning Inspectorate rather than local planning officials.

According to the developers, the site would cover an area of 1,400 hectares (3,459 acres), with the electricity generated connected to the National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.

Opponents have voiced concerns about the scale and number of proposed farms and their impact on the countryside and rural communities.

One senior councillor previously said Lincolnshire was being **used as a dumping ground** for green energy projects that benefit other parts of the country.

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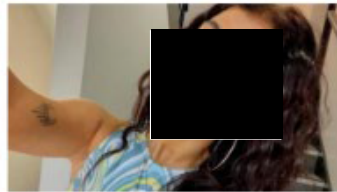
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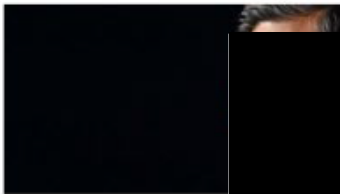
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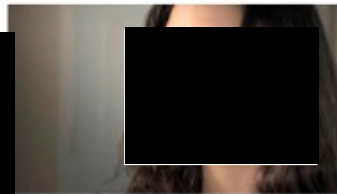
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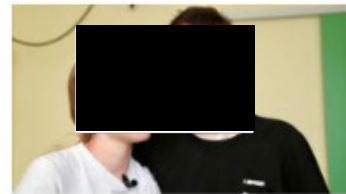
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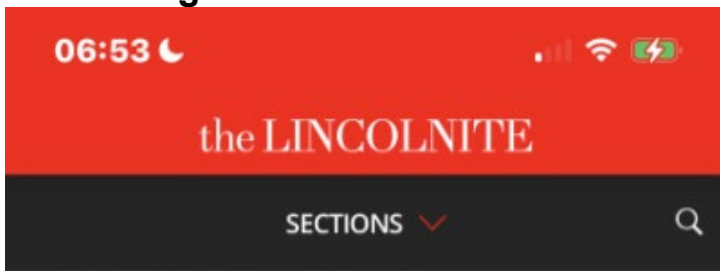
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#### NEWS



Steve Goy, Sarah Lawrence and Andrew English from ooodle

# 'Oodles' of design ideas

**Dianne Tuckett**  
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A Caistor business has launched a new design agency building on the success of its existing service. Previously part of its existing design, print and marketing company Systematic, the design studio has been given a new identity and will operate as a separate brand, while remaining under the Systematic umbrella. While clients can expect to receive the same level of service and care they have become accustomed to from Systematic, they will benefit from a renewed focus on innovation. Director James Walker said: "Creativity is in our DNA at Systematic. We've been offering graphic design services for over 20 years and we're

proud of how the studio has grown both in terms of people and skills. "Our designers have many years of experience between them and are bursting with creative ideas. They are keen to put their collective skills and expertise to the best possible use for the benefit of our clients, which is why we've decided to do something completely different and launch oodles - then a new name for everything creative at Systematic." Graphic designer Steve Goy, who has been working at Systematic for more than 13 years, said he hopes the new brand will help them attract more high calibre, design-led projects. He continued: "The Systematic brand has a great heritage, but it also has connotations of systems and processes rather than free-flowing thought and creativ-

ity. "With that in mind, we have created a new brand for the Systematic design service, oodles, which has positive connotations, linking to 'oodles', which means 'lots of'. "It is also a warm, friendly and playful word, which characterises the team's personality. "The mission of oodles is 'creativity with oomph', and we hope that this communicates to our clients that our work has impact and substance. We also hope that as an agency in its own right, oodles will attract and win bigger graphic design projects which will give us as designers the opportunity to spread our creative wings. "Existing clients won't notice any disruption to services, but all communication from our designers will now carry our exciting new brand."

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### NEWS



Las Fields Crematorium opened its doors to visitors to see the facilities.

# Open day at crematorium

Shelley Marriott  
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Las Fields Crematorium opened its doors to visitors giving people an opportunity to take an informal look around the facilities and to see how they're helping the environment.

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Staff members also showed guests how they are making their own wildflower notepaper from waste shredded paper and wildflower seeds.

The public are able to use the seed paper to write a private message to loved ones which is later soaked in water to begin the germination

process before being mixed with compost and placed around the gardens.

Las Fields Crematorium is also a corporate member of the Institute of Crematoria and Crematorium Management (ICCM) Metal Recycling Scheme.

Since 2020 they have donated £50,000 to various benevolent charities.

Deborah Baldwin, Crematorium manager, said: "The open day was a very well attended, and we received lots of positive feedback."

"We appreciate it's not for everyone. It's a difficult time for families facing the loss of someone, but it's clear that some people do find comfort in our transparency."

"Staff are very humbled by the positive comments received."

Stephen Foley, managing director and second-generation craftsman of Hillton

Studio, attended the open day and impressed visitors by demonstrating his talents with his personalised hand-painted entries in the Books of Remembrance.

Samantha Rutherford, senior funeral director at Cliff Bradley and Sons Funeral Directors Limited, said: "It was lovely to see so many people interested in the procedure at the crematorium."

"Questions are often asked, and by having the open day it demonstrates to people what actually happens behind the scenes."

"The grounds are a beginning to mature, and the wildflowers are almost in bloom which look lovely."

Refreshments were served throughout the day and guests enjoyed the gardens surrounding the crematorium which benefited from excellent views and glorious weather.

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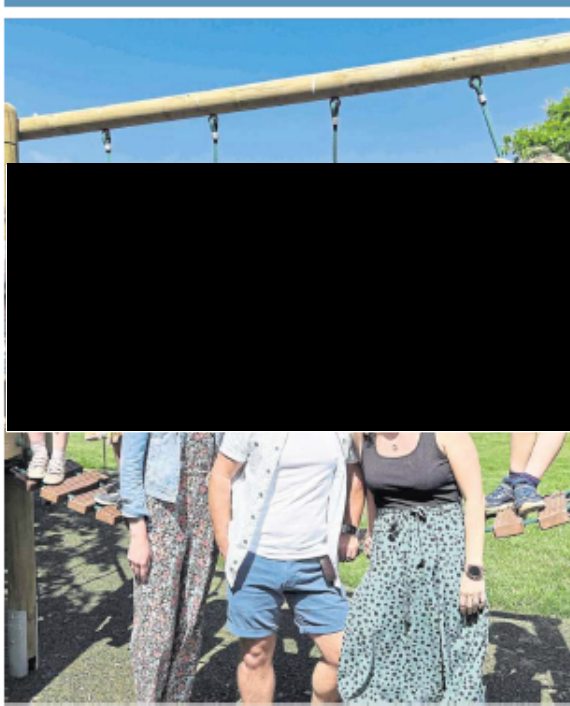
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## NEWS



Gringley on the Hill play park features a range of new play equipment.

# New look for play park

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A park in Gringley on the Hill has received a fresh new look so even more children and families can enjoy its facilities for years to come thanks to a £40,000 improvement scheme.

Gringley on the Hill play park, near Misterton, now features a multi-play climbing frame, zip wire, roundabout and even a lily flowers – which help to develop language and creativity for children outdoors.

Nottinghamshire County Council contributed £19,000 towards the project, the majority coming from its Local Communities Fund.

This was backed by a range of fellow funders which includes The National Lottery (£10,000) and Gringley on the

Hill Parish Council (£26,000).

Funds were further boosted thanks to a residents' GoFundMe campaign and donations from three businesses, Appleton Therapies, Vac-Ex Ltd and Truck Hydraulics Ltd.

A celebration event to mark the improvements was held in the village which was well-attended by the community.

Coun Tracy Taylor, county councillor for Misterton, said the improvements to the play areas had been long-awaited and paid tribute to the community for its involvement with the project.

She said: "This is a valued and popular village facility, which desperately needed investment in new equipment to support a wider age range of children."

"A partnership team of parent volunteers and parish councillors were committed

to improving facilities for the children and families of this village, and they have worked conscientiously throughout the past two years or more.

"Families have waited patiently for this change in Gringley on the Hill and I'm thrilled all their hard work has been rewarded. It shows true community spirit."

Ian Le-Fevre, chair of Gringley on the Hill Parish Council said: "We're extremely happy as our objective was to replace the old and under-utilised equipment with new pieces that offered a broader appeal to a wider range of children and teenagers in the village giving them a reason to put down tech devices and get out in the fresh air to play with others."

Anna Gibson, a parent, said: "The updated play equipment is really appreciated by my children and many others in the village."

## Walk for dementia

Four women from Misterton are tackling a 26-mile hike across the North York Moors in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Nikki Jaggard-Smith, Gill Smith, Emma Goodall and Nicky Taylor are busy preparing for their sponsored walk on Saturday, July 22.

Nikki said: "My Mum was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in Autumn 2021 and it has had a major effect on her life and Dad's."

"We lose more and more of her as the weeks pass by, and caring for her becomes increasingly difficult."

"Raising funds for Alzheimer's Society means less families of the future will have to go through the same."

So far they have raised more than £1,800 in sponsorship.

If you would like to support them and make a donation, visit [www.just-giving.com/fundraising/nicole-jaggard-smith](http://www.just-giving.com/fundraising/nicole-jaggard-smith).

## Dumped trolleys net council £200k

A scheme launched by West Lindsey District Council, charging supermarkets for unclaimed shopping trolleys, has amassed over £200,000 in the past five years.

Despite its financial success, the scheme has drawn criticism from the newly-elected council leader, Councillor Trevor Young, who questioned its effectiveness.

The scheme, initiated in 2018 in response to a surge in abandoned trolleys in Gainsborough, involves supermarkets for unclaimed trolleys after a six-week period. Council documents reveal the scheme has collected 2,759 trolleys and raised £205,530.

There are still numerous trolleys around on a daily basis and it proves that actually the current policy has just not worked, said Councillor Young.

He suggested a more rigorous approach with supermarkets is necessary, expressing concern that the council may perceive the scheme more as an income source rather than a preventative measure.

"People continue to remove trolleys from the sites daily, abandoning them everywhere," he added.

Despite his criticisms, Councillor Young commended the council's street cleaning team for their "excellent job" in collecting the trolleys.

However, he expressed disappointment with the scheme's results and hinted at the need for a different approach.

"I would be happy if the scheme collected no money because it would show that the scheme's working. The fact we are receiving money reinforces that this isn't a deterrent at all," he said.

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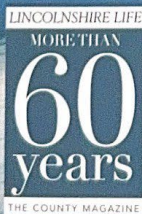
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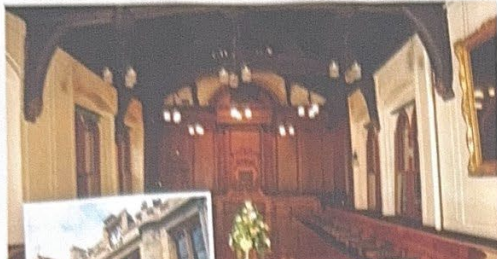
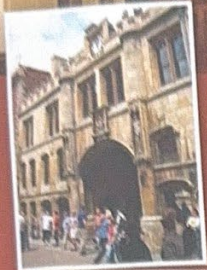
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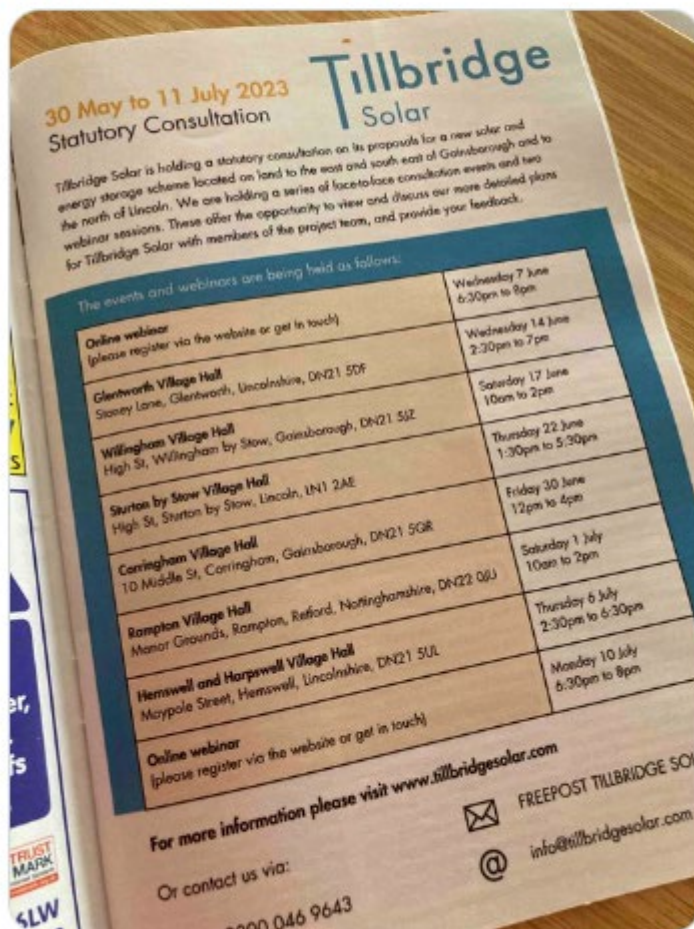


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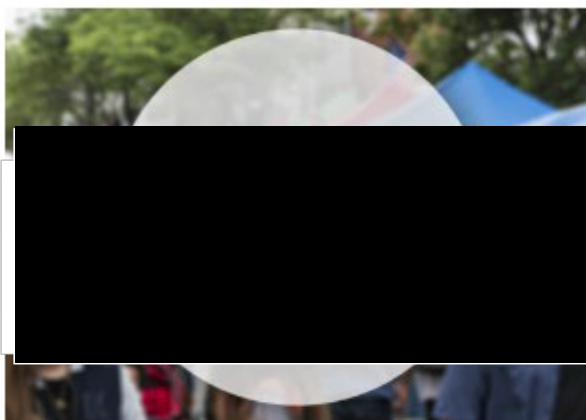
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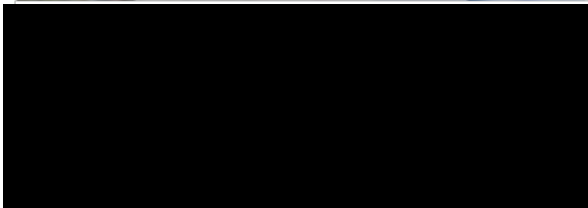
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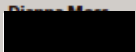
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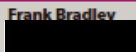
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#### Dunham on Trent



**DUNHAM ON TRENT VILLAGE HALL:** Post Office Monday and Thursday 1.30-4.30pm. Tuesday, Craft Club Third Tuesday in the month 10-3pm. £6.50. Tea and coffee provided. Everyone welcome. Wednesday, Pilates 9.30-10.30am. Call Natalie on 07828 805328. Thursday, 2pm-4pm New Indoor Bowls or board games. Come along for a cuppa or a chat. All welcome

#### Sutton cum Lound



**CHURCH SERVICE:** On Sunday 21st May (7th Sunday of Easter) a Family Service took place at the local church at the usual time of 9.30am. The officiant on this occasion was Lay Minister / Reader Joan Herrington, Worship Leader: Janet Webb. Please note there is no service next week at St. Bartholomew's, but there are services at 10.30am at West Drayton and Holy Communion at Eaton and Gamston, at 9.15am and at 11am Matins at All Saints, Babworth. The next service at St. Bartholomew's is on Sunday 4th June 2023 when a Family Service will take place at the usual time of 9.30am

**MEET THE NEIGHBOURS:** Meet the Neighbours will be taking place on Monday, June 15 and then on Monday, June 19 for the usual informal drop-in event from 1pm to 3pm. This event has become a regular feature in our calendar on the first and third Monday of each month and is attracting a following of villagers and friends who come to our welcoming space and enjoy a change of scenery and each other's company whilst chatting with friends old and new, enjoying a drink and a piece of cake, using the Wi-Fi if working from home and catching up on all the news from in and around the area.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:** The District Councillor for Sutton Ward Darrell Pulk can be contacted by email [darrell.pulk@cllcbassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:darrell.pulk@cllcbassetlaw.gov.uk) or by Mobile 07778 792320 at any reasonable time! Apart from attending council meetings in the ward, your councillor has been busy surveying various situations arising in the area, reported by members of the community, and bringing them to the attention of the appropriate departments responsible.

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#### Ordsall

Helen Richards

**CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY 28TH MAY:** There will be a service of Holy Communion at St Michael's West Retford at 9.30am. This will be followed at 11.00am by a service of Holy Communion at All Hallows, Ordsall.

**THE SOUND OF MUSINGS:** At 3pm in Ordsall Church on Sat 10th June the Rev Bryony Wood will be reading from her new book 'The Sound of Musings' and sharing stories from her own life. The afternoon promises to be both entertaining and encouraging as Bryony inspires us with the adventures of a flibbertigibbet, nurtured-governess as she discovers the life she was born to live. Make a moment to muse upon questions of love and faith. Its honest, quirky, and quite a lot of fun. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are FREE and are available from Ordsall Church or by emailing: [hello@owchurches.co.uk](mailto:hello@owchurches.co.uk)

**WARM PLACES OF WELCOME CAFE:** Each Wednesday, from 10am onwards, All Hallows Church, Ordsall is open as a Warm Place of Welcome - offering a warm welcome and free refreshments to anyone who would like to call in between 10am and 12 noon. You will find a warm welcome and friendly faces to sit and chat with. This isn't a religious service or a prayer meeting - it is simply an open invitation to anyone who wants some company. Everyone is very welcome to come along, irrespective of faith or belief. All Hallows holds a supply of warm clothing for anyone in need.

**CRAFT CIRCLE:** A craft group open to everyone who enjoys crafting, making and handicrafts. A new session now takes place 2pm and 4pm on Tuesday afternoons in St Michael's Church, West Retford. Craft Circle is free to attend, with complimentary refreshments and a warm welcome guaranteed. Just turn up with your own crafting materials and join in the friendly sharing of crafty ideas, be they wool, paint or paper based. Everyone welcome. Ordsall Church's Craft Circle session takes place on Wednesday between 2pm - 4pm.

**WESTHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE:** On Monday's at 2pm the Centre holds a Whist afternoon. Everyone is welcome whether an Ordsall

resident or not! Each Thursday at 2pm there is a bingo session at which everyone is welcome.

#### Misterton

Hazel Brand

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTS NEW CHAIR:** In the first meeting after parish elections, members of Misterton Parish Council elected Peter Marsden as Chair and Alex Bland as Vice-chair. Peter had previously been Chair of the Parish Council for a number of years; he was succeeded by Tony Wing, who has resigned from the Council due to the pressure of work.

**MEMBERS WERE JOINED BY TWO YOUTH COUNCILLORS:** Harry Jackson and Suriya Kaur. This is a new initiative by the Parish Council to hear the voice of young people at its meetings. Harry and Suriya had stood for election by their peers and were duly selected. Although they do not have a vote in council meetings, their views on a range of subjects relating to the village will be important.

**LIBRARY HOLDS FAMILY FUN DAY:** Misterton Library is holding a free family fun activity session on Thursday June 1, from 2.30pm-4.30pm. There will be pot decorating, seed sowing, and making cross heads and miniature gardens. Grown-ups can enjoy a cuppa and a chat. And, of course, there are books galore to interest readers of all ages.

**NEW BOTTLE BANKS IN MISTER-TON:** Additional bottle banks are being placed in the car park at the Haxey Gate Inn. This is in addition to bottle banks at the Red Hart, Misterton, at the Waterfront and car park opposite the White Hart in West Stockwith, and at the Fox & Hounds in Wakeringham.

#### West Stockwith

Hazel Brand

**CHANGES TO COUNCIL LINE-UP:** At the Annual General Meeting of West Stockwith Parish Council (Thursday 11 May), Cllr Sue Harford stood down as Chair of the Parish Council after five years at the helm. She was succeeded by her Deputy, Cllr Jonathan Downes. Two new parish councillors were elected: Helen Hartnell and Corinne Cooper.

**INTERNATIONAL OPERA SINGER:** Kamilla Durstan, an internationally-renowned mezzo soprano originally from Scrooby, will be in concert at St Mary's Parish Church on Monday 26 June at 7.15pm. Tickets for the concert are £10 (at the door) and include cheese and wine.



#### Focus on West Stockwith

WEST Stockwith Parish Council gave residents souvenirs of King Charles III's Coronation.

Forty-four households that had requested them were given a Coronation Tea Caddy and Biscuits while 19 children received a boxed

Coronation Medal. The gifts were presented at an afternoon tea during the afternoon of the Coronation. Picture is the newly-elected District Councillor, Hazel Brand (third from left), with residents.

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## C-20.11: Retford Times (15 June 2023)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 11

# COST BUSTERS

Helping you manage the cost of living crunch

**EMMA JOHNSON GETS EXPERT ADVICE WHEN IT COMES TO BUYING WEDDING GIFTS**



**PRESENT TENSION**  
 Was that gift more than you could afford?

## DEARLY BELOVED

ATTENDING a wedding is one of the most exciting events in the social calendar, but this special day can be costly, and not just for the bride and groom.

The average Brit is estimated to pay around £65 for a wedding gift, according to research by One4All gift cards, but with no exact rules for how much you should contribute, the etiquette around gift buying and the amount you should spend can be difficult to navigate.

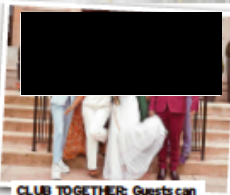
Dan Whittaker, personal finance expert at credit brokers CashLady.com, says: "The decision of how much is appropriate to spend on a wedding gift can often be a balancing act between the quality of the gift and what you can afford."

"There is no right or wrong answer for how much a wedding present should cost you, but there are a few things that you can take into consideration to help you choose the amount of cash to splash for this special occasion."

Here, Dan offers this advice:

### Consider your relationship with the bride and groom

A good marker for how much you should spend on a wedding gift is how close you are to the married couple and what your role in the wedding will be. Guests attending the main event may choose to spend upwards of £50 on their wedding gift, with close friends and family members in particular likely to spend the most out of everybody. However, this is all



**CLUB TOGETHER:** Guests can contribute towards a larger gift

down to personal preference, and you should only commit to spending this amount if you feel comfortable doing so.

Those only invited to the evening reception aren't necessarily expected to bring a gift at all, but if you're feeling generous and have the money to spare, then a gift costing around £25 is typical.

### Budget alone or group together

If you're buying for the wedding couple on your own, take into account how much you can afford individually. Solo gifters may find anything above £50 a bit of a stretch on their bank balance, so always spend within your means.

Alternatively, grouping together is a great way to spread the cost of a wedding present. This takes the pressure off gift-buying by allowing each person to contribute small amounts



**DIY:** Make a special photo album for the happy couple

towards a larger gift that an individual may not be able to afford on their own. A group of five people, for example, could spend £50 or more on a wedding gift while only having to contribute around £10 each.

### Only spend what you can afford

If you're struggling to determine just how much you should spend on your wedding gift, then the most important step is to stay within your means. Although it can help to know how much a guest may spend on average, this is only a rough guide, and you should never feel pressured to spend more than you can afford.

A wedding should be a fun occasion for everyone involved and often just making the effort to attend can go a long way and be just as meaningful to the bride and groom. If you do want to bring a physical gift, then setting a personal budget, no matter how big or small, is equally as acceptable. It's the thought that counts.

### Make your own gift

A present doesn't have to be expensive to be meaningful. Making your own wedding present is a great way to save money without compromising on value.

DIY gifts are the perfect chance to tailor your present to the bride and groom. From personalised photo albums to paintings depicting the happy couple, the time and effort put into making your gift can often be more meaningful than the present itself and costs far less than the shop-bought alternative.

**SWITCH & SAVE**

Wood and Free Range Golden York Mixed Weight Eggs, Sainsbury's £2.65

**FOR**

Deluxe 6 British Golden York Free Range Eggs, Lidl £1.69 SAVE: 94p

**SHELF HELP**

If you are going away, we spotted this **Tripp Flamingo medium 4-wheel suitcase** reduced from £69.50 to £54.50, [tripp.co.uk](http://tripp.co.uk)

All prices correct at time of going to press

**GET DUPER**

Get your glow on with **W7's Hollywood Bronze and Glow Palette, £2.99** at £6.6 which looks a lot like **Charlotte Tilbury's Filmstar Bronze & Glow, £49**, [charlottetilbury.com](http://charlottetilbury.com)

**CHEERS!**

Get into the summer spirit with Aldi's **Haysmith's Rosa Pink Grapefruit Gin, just £15.99** compared to premium brand **Malfy Rosa Sicilian Pink Grapefruit Gin, £29**.

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## C-20.12: Lincolnshire Echo (25 May 2023)

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tives: A History of the Manor House of Old Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

The household enjoyed a party far removed from the one we can afford in 2023: dozens of guests were fed on a whole ox, a boar's head, swans and cranes, and were entertained by performances from no fewer than nine troupes of travelling players.

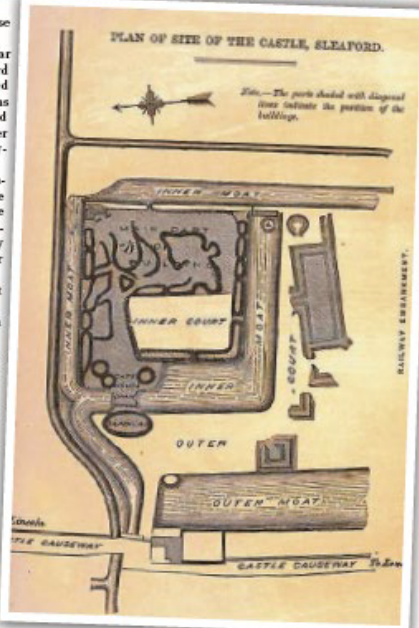
Old Sleaford was a scene of confrontation during the Lincolnshire Rising of 1536, and later, during the Civil War, it was fortified as a Parliamentary garrison and visited by the Lord Protector himself, Oliver Cromwell.

In more recent centuries, it served as a farmhouse, a horticulture business and the Edwardian home of three gentlewomen.

In the twentieth century, Old Place was requisitioned and converted into a Red Cross convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers in WW1 and a military headquarters in WW2.

Attendance at the Sleaford Heritage Day costs £25.00 to include tea, coffee and a buffet lunch. The event will be held on Saturday June 10, 2023 from 10.00 - 4.00pm at The Source, Riverside Church, Southgate, Sleaford NG34 7RY.

The booking form can be downloaded from: [bit.ly/SleafordDayForm](http://bit.ly/SleafordDayForm) or you can book directly from Eventbrite: [bit.ly/SleafordDayBook](http://bit.ly/SleafordDayBook)



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## C-20.13: Lincolnshire Echo (15 June 2023)

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# Dipping into history as outdoor pool reopens for the summer

ORIGINS DATE BACK TO 1138 MONKS' FISHPOND

Bourne Outdoor Swimming Pool today

FROM its origins in 1138 as a monk's fishpond to a town march to save it in 1989, Bourne Outdoor Swimming Pool has been through a journey to become what it is today.

As the pool prepares to open its doors to the public for the summer season on Saturday, May 27, we take a look back at its past.

After the First World War, the outdoor pool was converted into a swimming pool by keen local swimmers. In 2020, the pool was closed for the first time since the Second World War due to the pandemic.

The pool was so important to the people of Bourne that in 1989, a protest march took place throughout the town as well as a petition with 4,000 signatures to save it from closure. It's located at the southern end of Abbey Lawn.

### History of Bourne Outdoor Swimming Pool:

■ 1932 - Bourne United Charities obtained the Monks Garden and Abbey Lawn and began to modernise the pool.

■ 1966 - New indoor changing rooms were built and the slatted area poolside was extended to its current form.

■ 1971 - Bourne Round Table

By **ELEANOR MASLIN**

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raised the funds for the pool's first heating system.

■ 1974 - South Kesteven District Council took over the running of the pool from Bourne Urban District Council.

■ 1989 - Following the decision by South Kesteven District Council to close the pool, a committee was formed to save the pool. Following a protest march through Bourne and a 4,000-name petition being presented to South Kesteven District Council the preservation trust formed.

■ 1990 - Bourne Outdoor Pool Preservation Trust leased the pool from Bourne United Charities and took over the running of the pool.

■ 2000 - Mrs Lesley Patrick the initial Chairperson of the trust, who was so instrumental in saving the pool from closure stood down and was succeeded by the current Chairperson Mrs Mandy Delaine-Smith.

■ 2001 - The replacement of the life-expired boilers at a cost of £10K, signalled the start of a major programme of improvements alongside routine maintenance necessary to keep the

pool in a serviceable condition.

■ 2006 - A donation from The Len Pick Trust enabled the construction of the Disabled Changing Room which also included toilet and shower facilities.

■ 2007 - A major refurbishment of the changing rooms was completed which included new toilet and shower facilities.

■ 2012 - BRM Day in Bourne celebrated the 50th anniversary of the towns former Formula 1 Grand Prix Team BRM and Graham Hill winning the Constructors and Drivers World Championships in 1962. The pool was one of two charities selected to benefit from the community event which attracted an estimated 26,000 visitors. The pool gratefully received a donation of £28,000 from the event organisers.

■ 2013 - A donation from The Len Pick Trust together with funds received from the BRM Day enabled major repairs to be undertaken to replace large sections of the floor screed which had become detached from the base of the pool.

■ 2019 - Celebrated the Pool's Centenary.

■ 2020 - Closed due to the pandemic, the first time it had not opened to the public since the Second World War.

■ 2023 - Opening for the season on Saturday, May 27 at 10.30am.

The pool is a 50-yard, nearly Olympic size heated pool and has been operated and maintained by volunteers since 1990. It also has a toddlers pool, fountain pool, as well as a takeaway cafe, lawns for seating, toddlers play area, and indoor changing rooms with toilets and showers.

The pool offers events such as early morning summer solstice swim, aquafit, ladies evening, parent & toddler sessions and under-15s inflatable Friday fun night.

An archive image of the pool



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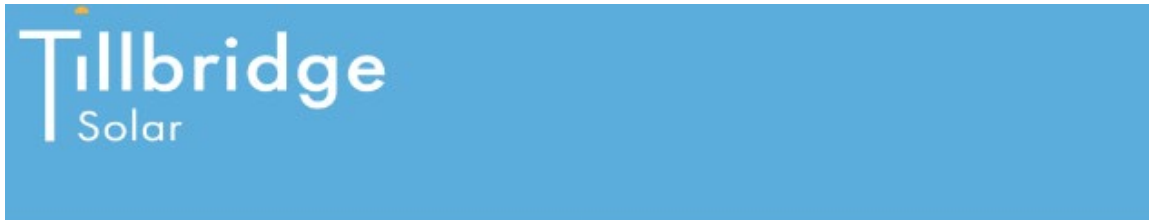
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# Appendix C-21: Copy of the stakeholder information pack



## Tillbridge Solar | Stakeholder Pack | May 2023

### Introduction

This stakeholder pack is designed to be a resource for you to help share information about the Tillbridge Solar consultation process.

Below you will find blocks of text that can be cut and pasted into newsletters, and wider publicity materials. Copy for sharing on social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, are also included. This will help raise awareness of what is happening, why, and how you and others can get involved.

Sharing information about the Scheme will help to ensure that those people affected and/or interested in the project have the opportunity to learn more, and the timescales to share their views on the proposals.

A map of the proposed solar farm area (screenshotted below) is available to download from the Scheme website from Tuesday 30 May 2023: [tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)


Please get in touch if you require any additional documents to share.





## Text block

Please mention Tillbridge Solar's statutory consultation in your newsletter, e-bulletin, parish magazine, blog and/or website. Here is some suggested text:

<p><b>Tillbridge Solar Statutory Consultation: 30 May to 11 July 2023</b></p>	<p>Tillbridge Solar Limited is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage project which would involve the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels and on-site energy storage facilities.</p> <p>The proposed Scheme is located approximately five kilometres to the east of Gainsborough and approximately thirteen kilometres to the north of Lincoln. The electricity generated from the Scheme would then connect to National Grid's Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>Between 30 May and 11 July, you can have your say on our proposals. Your feedback will be important in helping to share our final application, which we are aiming to submit towards the end of 2023.</p> <p>Let us know your thoughts by completing our feedback questionnaire, which you can find by scanning the QR code below, or at <a href="https://tillbridgesolar.com/consultation">https://tillbridgesolar.com/consultation</a></p>  <p>The deadline for feedback is 23:59 on 11<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:info@tillbridgesolar.com">info@tillbridgesolar.com</a></p> <p>Freephone: 0800 046 9643</p>
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# Tillbridge Solar

## Events schedule Consultation Poster

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## Social media posts

We would encourage sharing regular updates on your social media platforms to maximise engagement and keep stakeholders informed throughout the consultation process.

To make this easier, we have drafted a few posts to get you started. This is suitable for Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

Tillbridge Solar would provide equivalent energy needs for around 300,000 households with low-cost energy, generated in the UK at a time of great uncertainty within the energy market. To find out more and have your say, click [here](#).

Tillbridge Solar is committed to listening to the voices of the local community. To find out more about the Scheme and have your say on our proposals click [here](#).



<p>From 30 May to 11 July 2023, Tillbridge Solar is consulting on updated proposals for the Scheme, when you will have an opportunity to provide official feedback. To find out more about the project and have your say click <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<p>Through listening to your views, Tillbridge Solar want to create a Scheme that contributes to achieving net zero carbon emissions in the UK. Click <a href="#">here</a> to have your say on our proposals.</p>
<p>Tillbridge Solar made a number of changes to the proposed Scheme after holding collaboration workshops in July 2022. Now it's your turn to have a say on the proposals - click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more.</p>
<p>Tillbridge Solar are proposing a new solar farm connecting to the National Grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire. The consultation process is now LIVE and we want to hear your views. Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more.</p>
<p>Tillbridge Solar is holding its statutory consultation between 30 May and 11 July 2023. You can view their updated plans on their website, including an 'Interactive Map', <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Useful links:

To note, all links included below will be active from Tuesday 30 May 2023.

Main webpage: Tillbridge Solar website: [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com)

### Sub-pages:

- Tillbridge Solar documents library: [www.tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com/documents-library)
- Tillbridge Solar consultation information and link to feedback questionnaire: [www.tillbridgesolar.com/consultation](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com/consultation)
- Tillbridge Solar 'interactive map' and updated local/site layout plans: [www.tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com/the-scheme)

### Contact channels:

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## Appendix C-22: Copy of the Facebook social media posts

### C-22.1: Social media post 1 – start of consultation



## C-22.2: Social media post 2 – in-person consultation events promotion





### C-22.3: Social media post 3 – consultation webinars promotion



The image is a screenshot of a Facebook post. At the top left is the 'Tillbridge Solar' logo with the word 'Sponsored' below it. To the right of the logo are icons for closing the post (an 'X') and a menu (three vertical dots). The main text of the post reads: 'Learn more about the Tillbridge Solar scheme. Our final webinar is on Monday 10 July 6.30pm-8pm.' Below the text is a photograph of a man in a brown shirt sitting at a desk, writing in a notebook. A large black rectangular redaction box covers the man's face. Below the photo, the URL 'tillbridgesolar.com' is shown, followed by the title 'Tillbridge Solar webinar' and a truncated subtitle 'In 2022, as part of the early-st...'. To the right of the text is a grey 'Sign up' button. At the bottom of the post are three interaction icons: a thumbs-up for 'Like', a speech bubble for 'Comment', and a share icon for 'Share'.

## C-22.4: Social media post 4 – half way through consultation/have your say

**Tillbridge Solar**  
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Tillbridge Solar is half-way through the consultation 🌞 You can have your say on our plans both in-person and online.

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➔ **Share your feedback**  
Statutory consultation run... **Learn more**

👍 Like    💬 Comment    ➦ Share

## C-22.5: Social media post 5 – end of consultation

**Tillbridge Solar**  
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The statutory consultation period for Tillbridge Solar ends on 11 July 2023. We're seeking your feedback ...See more

tillbridgesolar.com  
 **Complete our feedback form** [Learn more](#)

Like Comment Share

## Appendix C-23: Example social media posts shared by wider consultees

### Latest news

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#### Parish Council vacncy

There is a vacancy for a Councillor on Glentworth Parish Council

Friday, 26th January 2024

#### Tillbridge Solar proposal

Information about the solar proposal can be found here

Thursday, 25th May 2023





**West Lindsey DC**  
@WestLindseyDC



Tillbridge Solar Limited intends to provide a new solar energy and storage scheme within the administrative boundary of West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council.

To find out more about Tillbridge Solar, visit here: [tillbridgesolar.com](https://tillbridgesolar.com)



10:00 AM · Jun 2, 2023

1 Retweet 1 Quote 2 Likes

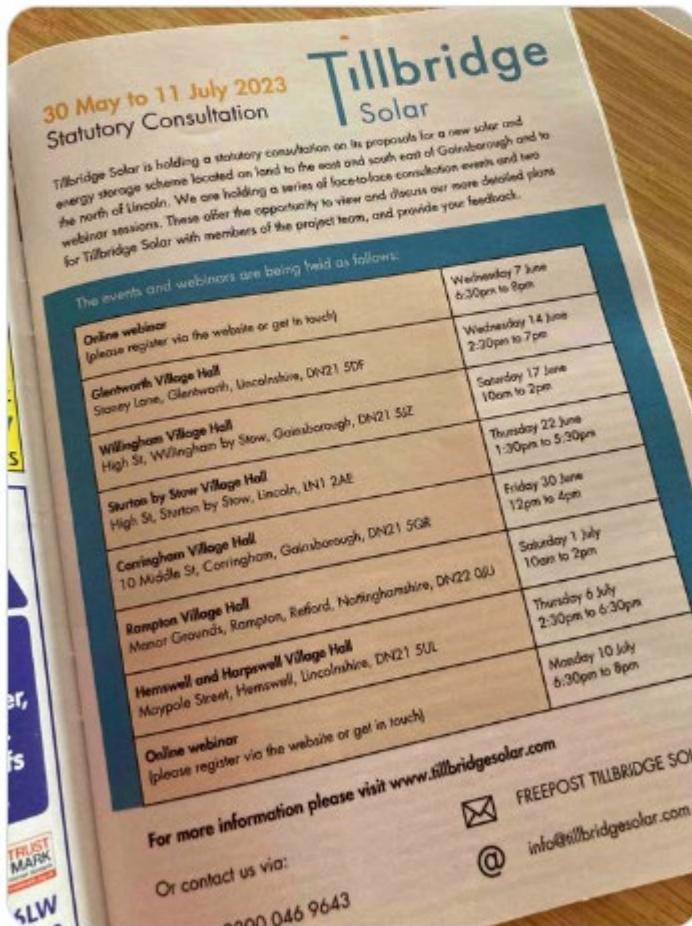


**Retford Life**  
 @retfordlife



Tillbridge Solar invites residents to attend their public consultation events to find out more about their renewable energy project [life-publications.com/events/tillbri...](https://life-publications.com/events/tillbri...)

#Gainsborough #Retford



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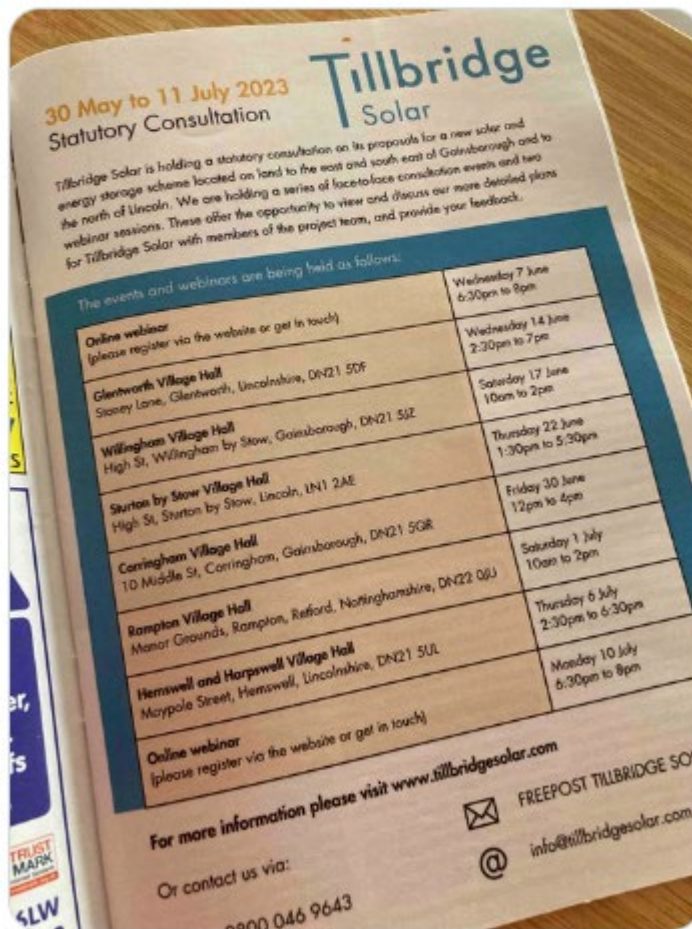
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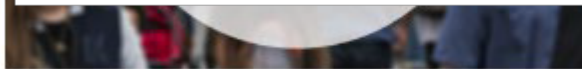
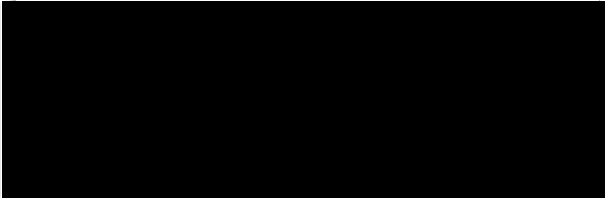
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## Tillbridge Solar – Public Consultation Event



Tillbridge Solar invites residents to attend an our public consultation events to find out more about our renewable energy project.

Our event in Gientworth is part of a series of consultation events hosted by the project team, who will be providing an opportunity for the public to review our proposals before a planning application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

We will be hosting six public events and two online webinars at the following times:

Wednesday 14 June

2:30pm to 7pm

Gientworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Gientworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF

Saturday 17 June

10am to 2pm

Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ

Thursday 22 June

1:30pm to 5:30pm

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Friday 30 June

12pm to 4pm

Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR

Saturday 1 July

10am to 2pm

Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU

Thursday 6 July

2:30pm to 6:30pm

Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5UL

Two webinar events are also being held on Wednesday 7 June and Monday 10 July 2023 from 6:30pm to 8pm. People can register for these online events via the Tillbridge Solar website [www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com) or using the contact details provided below.

For questions about Tillbridge Solar or the consultation, the project team can be contacted by email at [Info@tillbridgesolar.com](mailto:Info@tillbridgesolar.com), by phone on 0800 046 9643 or by post using the address FREEPOST TILLBRIDGE SOLAR (please note a stamp is not needed).



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### Event Details



**Start Date**

June 14, 2023



**Start Time**

02:30 pm



**End Date**

June 14, 2023



**End Time**

07:00 pm



**Price**



**Categories**

### Event Organiser



**Organiser**



**Email Address**



**Venue Address**



**Phone Number**

Gientworth Village  
Hall, Stoney Lane,  
DN21 5JZ,  
Lincolnshire



**Event Website**

<https://www.tillbridgesolar.com>



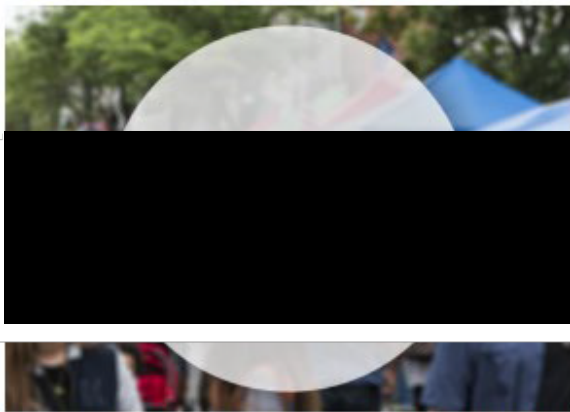
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## Tillbridge Solar – Public Consultation Event



Tillbridge Solar invites residents to attend an our public consultation events to find out more about our renewable energy project.

Our event in Glentworth is part of a series of consultation events hosted by the project team, who will be providing an opportunity for the public to review our proposals before a planning application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

We will be hosting six public events and two online webinars at the following times:

Wednesday 14 June

2:30pm to 7pm

Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF

Saturday 17 June

10am to 2pm

Willingham Village Hall, High St, Willingham by Stow, Gainsborough, DN21 5JZ

Thursday 22 June

1:30pm to 5:30pm

Sturton by Stow Village Hall, High St, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2AE

Friday 30 June

12pm to 4pm

Corringham Village Hall, 10 Middle St, Corringham, Gainsborough, DN21 5QR

Saturday 1 July

10am to 2pm

Rampton Village Hall, Manor Grounds, Rampton, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 0JU

Thursday 6 July

2:30pm to 6:30pm

Hemswell and Harpswell Village Hall, Maypole Street, Hemswell, Lincolnshire, DN21 5JL

Two webinar events are also being held on Wednesday 7 June and Monday 10 July 2023 from

6:30pm to 8pm. People can register for these online events via the Tillbridge Solar website

[www.tillbridgesolar.com](http://www.tillbridgesolar.com) or using the contact details provided below.

For questions about Tillbridge Solar or the consultation, the project team can be contacted by

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### Event Details

<b>Start Date</b> June 14, 2023	<b>Start Time</b> 02:00 pm
<b>End Date</b> June 14, 2023	<b>End Time</b> 07:00 pm
<b>Price</b> -	<b>Categories</b> -

### Event Organiser

<b>Organiser</b> -	<b>Email Address</b> -
<b>Venue Address</b> Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, DN21 5JZ, Lincolnshire	<b>Phone Number</b> -
<b>Event Website</b> <a href="https://www.tillbridgesolar.com">https://www.tillbridgesolar.com</a>	



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Tillbridge Solar will be holding a public consultation ahead of a new solar energy and storage scheme.

It will be held at Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF, Wednesday 14 June 2:30pm to 7pm.

For more information: [tillbridgesolar.com](https://tillbridgesolar.com)



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It will be held at Glentworth Village Hall, Stoney Lane, Glentworth, Lincolnshire, DN21 5DF, tomorrow 2:30pm - 7pm.

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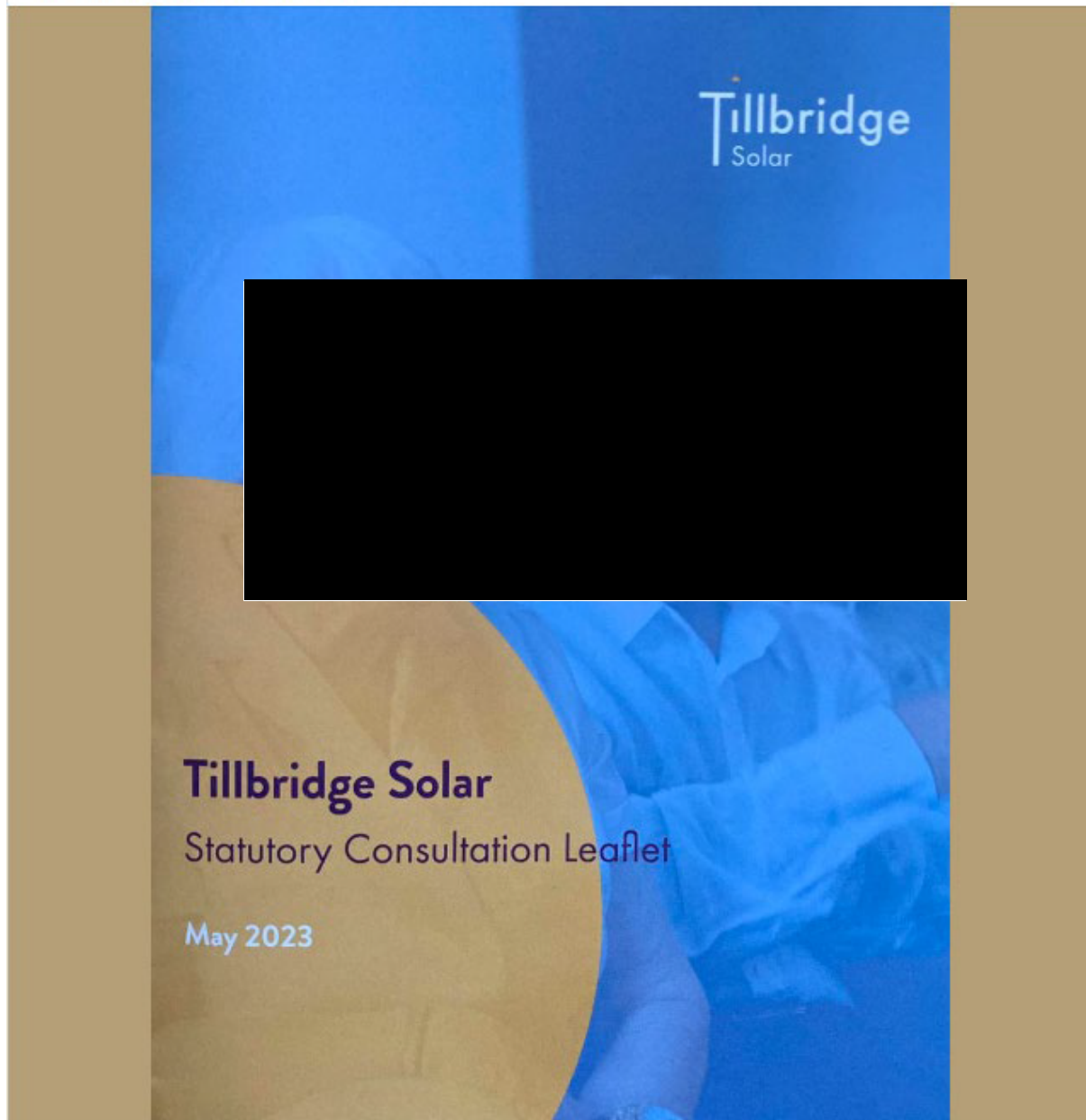
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TODAY! Tillbridge Solar who are planning to fill the Green Fields North and West of Glentworth with huge Solar Panels have a consultation today in Glentworth Village Hall between 2:30 and 7 pm.

Don't be part of the silent majority, who don't want this! Make your voice heard, attend the consultation, write to your MP, [📧](#) sign up [📧](#) to make your voice heard ( follow 7000 Acres Facebook group to see what to do )





West Lindsey District Council

16 June at 10:00 · 🌐



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