Springwell Solar Farm

Consultation Report
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5th January 2024

Dear [redacted]

Springwell Solar Farm – section 46 notification under the Planning Act 2008

The Secretary of State is hereby notified in accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act"), of Springwell Energyfarm Ltd's intention to submit a Development Consent Order ("DCO") application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to authorise the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Springwell Solar Farm (the "Scheme"). Springwell Energyfarm Ltd intends to make this application in Autumn 2024.

We have previously provided notification pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by those regulations and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

The submission of the application will follow a period of statutory pre-application consultation carried out pursuant to section 42, section 47 and section 48 of the Act, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (the "APFP Regulations"), and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The consultation will commence on Thursday 11 January 2024 and end on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Summary of the Proposed Development

The application is for the proposed Springwell Solar Farm at land north of Sleaford, close to the settlements of Blankney, Scopwick, Kirkby Green and Ashby de la Launde ("the Proposed Site") and within the administrative boundaries of North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. The Proposed Development would cover an area of approximately 1,972 hectares (ha), split across three distinct areas, which are described below:

- Springwell West: Springwell West forms the southernmost part of the Proposed Site and is intersected by the A15 – with Brauncewell to the south and Navenby to the northwest.
- Springwell Central: Springwell Central is located in the centre of the Proposed Site, adjacent to RAF Digby and B1191 to the west, Ashby de la Launde to the south and relatively open agricultural fields to the east.
- Springwell East: Springwell East is bounded by the settlements of Scopwick to the south, Kirkby Green to the south east, Blankney in the north, B1188 to the west and a railway line to the east.

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.
- other associated and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Springwell Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect the Springwell Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as offices and welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the Proposed Site used for landscaping which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures, amenity improvements and fencing.
- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

Consultation documents

Please find enclosed the information that is being sent to the section 42 consultees:

- A covering letter sent to those consultees identified pursuant to section 42(1)(a) and section 42(1)(b) and cover letters sent to those consultees pursuant to section 42(1)(d), which includes a copy of the plan showing the site boundary of the Proposed Development.
- Notice of the proposed application which has been publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act and the requirements set out in Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

Information about the Proposed Development comprising a consultation booklet and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”), including a non-technical summary of the preliminary effects, will be available free of charge online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads/ from the start of the consultation period on 11 January 2024.

A USB device containing the consultation documents can also be provided free of charge upon request. If, however, the Secretary of State requires the material in an alternative format, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In addition to these documents, there will be information on the project website, www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk and through a virtual public exhibition accessible by the same link. There will also be a series of public events held in the area around the Proposed Site to enable anyone to find out more about the Proposed Development and share their views. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found in the section 48 notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk or 0800 038 3486.

Yours sincerely,

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Springwell Solar Farm, Principal Development Manager

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Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the section 48 notice published under the Act.

How you can share your views

If you wish to submit a consultation response, you must do so in writing by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

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For certain parties, those who own an interest in land or are affected by Springwell Solar Farm, the Applicant is under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of its DCO application. In respect of other people, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Further information on the privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/.

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Section 48 notice

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You have been written to as, having carried out diligent inquiry, Springwell Energyfarm Limited considers that you may be a person who is either: (1) an owner, lessee, tenant, or occupier of the land included within the proposed site boundary; or (2) a person who has the power to sell or convey the land or release the land within the proposed site boundary.

Enclosed with this letter is a land interest plan(s) which is edged blue showing your affected area of interest, and shaded pink to show the scheme boundary; there is also a copy of the site boundary of Springwell Solar Farm edged in red and shaded pink.

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Plan showing site boundary

Land interest(s) plan

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Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR	Monday: 9 am–5 pm Tuesday:9 am–5 pm Wednesday: 9 am–5 pm

[1] Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

	Thursday: 9 am–6 pm Friday: 9 am–5 pm Saturday: 9 am–1 pm Sunday: Closed
The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ	Opening times may vary, please contact venue (venuenavenby@gmail.com / 07505 145061) to arrange access. Monday: 9am – 6pm Tuesday: 9am – 6pm Wednesday: 9am – 6pm Thursday: 9am – 6pm Friday: opening times may vary. Saturday: opening times may vary. Sunday: opening times may vary.

**please check opening times before travelling*

Copies of these documents are available in hard copy or on USB on request. We will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of change. Hard copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire are also available free of charge.

Requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact information below.

How you can share your views

If you wish to submit a consultation response, you must do so in writing by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/questionnaire.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) to the following address: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire by email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Submitting comments by email to info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk or in writing to the above Freepost address.

Should you have any questions, wish to discuss the proposals further or to request copies of the consultation documents, please do get in touch by:

- Calling 0800 038 3486 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Emailing info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- Writing to the team at Springwell Solar Farm FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local

Next steps

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue refining our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm before submitting a DCO application to the Planning

Inspectorate in Q3 2024. The DCO application will include a Consultation Report, which will set out how we have consulted on Springwell Solar Farm, summarise the responses received and explain how we have had regard to them.

Any comments received will be analysed by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered part of the DCO process.

For certain parties, those who own an interest in land or are affected by Springwell Solar Farm, the Applicant is under a statutory duty to publish names and addresses as part of its DCO application. In respect of other people, we will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation and used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Further information on the privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/.

The Planning Inspectorate has published details of how it manages comments received in a Privacy Notice available on its website: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices/customer-privacy-notice.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire

EDF Renewables UK

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Plan showing site boundary

Section 48 - Planning Act 2008 – Springwell Solar Farm

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice is hereby given that **Springwell Energyfarm Ltd (13484004)** of Alexander House, 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park, Houghton le Spring, DH4 5RA ("the Applicant") proposes to make an application ("the Application") to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order ('DCO'). The Applicant intends to make the Application in Q3 2024.

The Application is for the proposed **Springwell Solar Farm** ("the Proposed Development") at land north of Sleaford, **close to the settlements of Blankney, Scopwick, Kirkby Green and Ashby de la Launde** ("the Proposed Site") within the administrative boundaries of North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. The Springwell Solar Farm would cover an area of approximately 1,972 hectares (ha), split across three distinct areas, which are described below:

- Springwell West: Springwell West forms the southernmost part of the Proposed Site and is intersected by the A15 – with Brauncewell to the south and Navenby to the northwest.
- Springwell Central: Springwell Central is located in the centre of the Proposed Site, adjacent to RAF Digby and B1191 to the west, Ashby de la Launde to the south and relatively open agricultural fields to the east.
- Springwell East: Springwell East is bounded by the settlements of Scopwick to the south, Kirkby Green to the south east, Blankney in the north, B1188 to the west and a railway line to the east.

The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation and decommissioning of ground mounted solar PV arrays, Balance of Solar System, Collector Compounds and Battery Energy Storage System, along with distribution cables.
- other associated and ancillary works including a new substation, known as Springwell Substation, which would be connected to the PV arrays and battery storage via distribution cables. Underground cabling would connect the Springwell Substation to the point of connection into the National Electricity Transmission System via a 400kV grid connection cable route.
- other infrastructure works including on-site cabling, ancillary buildings such as offices and welfare areas, access tracks, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development. There would also be parts of the Proposed Site used for landscaping which would include features such as biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures, amenity improvements and fencing.
- the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights and the taking of temporary possession of land.
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development.
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact

Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') has been produced and is included as part of the consultation materials. The PEIR sets out the preliminary environmental information on the Proposed Development. The Applicant is carrying out an EIA and will submit an Environmental Statement as part of its DCO application.

The Applicant has produced a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 which explains how the Applicant will consult with the local community and stakeholders about the Proposed Development. The SoCC can be viewed free of charge at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads, or at the deposit locations set out below from **Monday 11 December 2023**. The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the SoCC.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **11 January 2024** to **22 February 2024.** The Applicant will publish consultation materials including a consultation booklet showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, a consultation questionnaire and the PEIR. These will be available online free of charge from 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024 at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads in the Document Library tab. Copies of the consultation materials will be available for inspection free of charge during the consultation period at locations listed below, as well as on USB or in hard copy on request to the Applicant from 11 January 2024.

There are a number of ways to find out more about the Proposed Development including:

- Attending a public event which we will hold in locations around the Proposed Site at the following times and locations:
  - Wednesday 24 January - Scopwick Village Hall (4pm - 8pm)
  - Thursday 25 January – Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm - 7pm)
  - Friday 26 January – The Venue, Navenby (Midday - 4pm)
  - Saturday 27 January – Metheringham Village Hall (11am - 3pm)
  - Tuesday 20 February – Blankney Old School (3pm - 7pm)
- Viewing the virtual exhibition on the project website: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk. The virtual exhibition will be accessible from 11 January 2024 to 22 February 2024.
- Reading the consultation booklet which will be available online or in hard copy on request, at deposit points around the area (listed below) and at the public events.
- Reviewing the PEIR by going to www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads or visiting a deposit point.
- Getting in touch using the contact details below.

Location	Opening hours*
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Thursday: 9am – 6pm

Friday: opening times may vary.

Saturday: opening times may vary.

Sunday: opening times may vary.

**please check opening times before travelling*

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant using the e-mail address, Freepost address or Freephone number provided below.

The Applicant will provide USBs containing all the consultation materials – including the PEIR – free of change. Printed copies of the consultation booklet, SoCC and questionnaire will be available free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A fee to cover printing costs (up to a maximum of £750 for one full set of consultation documents) may be charged to the recipient. To request materials in an alternate format, please get in touch using the contact details below.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between **11 January 2024** to **22 February 2024** through any of the following ways:

- Completing the consultation questionnaire online at www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.
- Returning a questionnaire by Freepost (no stamp required) or submitting your comments to the following address: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- Returning a questionnaire or submitting your comments by email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.

When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Proposed Development.

Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the Application for a DCO once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for Examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- By Freephone: 0800 038 3486
- By email: info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- By Freepost: Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL

Appendix G-1.2 Acknowledgement of receipt of s46 notification

Application Document Ref: EN010149/APP/5.2
Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: EN010149

The Planning Inspectorate

[redacted]

Customer Services: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]

By email only

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010149

Date: 08 January 2024

Dear [redacted]

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Springwell Solar Farm

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 05 January 2024 informing us of further targeted consultation, and the following documentation:

- Copy of the Section 42 Cover Letter to be issued to persons identified for the purposes of Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008
- Copy of the Section 42 Cover Letter to be issued to all other statutory consultees
- A copy of the notice published prior to the Consultation under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an Order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

EN010149

I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the Proposed Development.

I will be your point of contact for this application – contact details are at the top of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other Interested Parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents, we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, the Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetable.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted]
Case Manager

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.

This communication does not constitute legal advice.

Please view our Privacy Notice before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Appendix G-2 – Phase Two Consultation materials and advertising

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Phase Two Consultation launch letter

Application Document Ref: EN010149/APP/5.2
Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: EN010149

Springwell Energyfarm Ltd
Cardinal Place
80 Victoria Street
London
SW1E 5JL

Monday 11 December 2023

Dear Neighbour,

Springwell Solar Farm: consultation on our updated proposals

I am writing to let you know that we will be consulting on our updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm in the new year. Consultation will run for six weeks from Thursday 11 January 2024. The feedback we receive at this stage will help us to refine our proposals further ahead of submitting our DCO application.

We are grateful to everyone who shared their views during the initial stage of consultation on our early plans for Springwell between January and March 2023. The feedback we received, along with outputs of early environmental assessments and technical work, has helped to shape the updated proposals. Changes include further design of offsets from homes and villages, including proposals for new planting, as well as an overall reduction in the size of the area proposed for solar panels.

We have continued to work with your local councils, residents closest to the proposed site and statutory bodies such as Natural England, Historic England and National Grid on technical and specific design issues.

We have also consulted with the local authorities on our approach to the next stage of consultation, which is a 'statutory consultation' that must be carried out in line with the formal requirements of the Planning Act 2008. We have published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which sets out how we will consult with the local community and stakeholders. Copies of the SoCC are available at the locations listed below from Monday 11 December 2023, as well as on our website (www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads).

More information, including our updated layout for Springwell and the results of our preliminary environmental assessments, will be available on our website (www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk) from the start of the consultation.

All our consultation documents will be available to view from the start of the consultation period on 11 January at the following locations (please check opening hours before you travel):

- Sleaford Library, 13 - 16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR
- The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ

You will also be able to find out more at a series of public events, which will take place on the following times and locations:

- **Wednesday 24 January (4pm-8pm)**
  Scopwick Village Hall, Brookside, Scopwick, LN4 3PA

- **Thursday 25 January (3pm-7pm)**
  Ashby de la Launde Village Hall, Church Avenue, Ashby de la Launde, LN4 3JQ

- **Friday 26 January (12pm-4pm)**
  The Venue, Navenby, LN5 0JJ

- **Saturday 27 January (11am-3pm)**
  Metheringham Village Hall, Fen Road, Metheringham, LN4 3AA

- **Tuesday 20 February (3pm-7pm)**
  Blankney Old School, Drury Street, Blankney, LN4 3AZ

I encourage everyone to get involved in our consultation and share their feedback with us.

For further information, please contact us on 0800 038 3486 (Monday to Friday 09:30 – 17:00) or email info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk.

You can also visit our website www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk for updates throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire
EDF Renewables UK

Appendix G-2.2
Phase Two Consultation newsletter

Application Document Ref: EN010149/APP/5.2
Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: EN010149

Springwell Solar Farm

We are now consulting on our updated plans for Springwell Solar Farm.

This newsletter sets out how you can get involved in the consultation, where you can find more information and how you can send us your feedback.

This consultation is open between Thursday 11 January and 11.59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

A guide to our materials

We have published the following materials as part of this consultation:

- A consultation booklet which summarises our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm.
- A consultation questionnaire, which you can use to share your feedback.
- The Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') which summarises the results of our preliminary environmental assessments, across four volumes:
  - Volume 1: Preliminary Environmental Information Report
  - Volume 2: Supporting Figures
  - Volume 3: Supporting Reports
  - Volume 4: Landscape Viewpoints

How to get involved

You can find out more about Springwell by:

- Getting in touch with us by phoning **0800 038 3486**, emailing **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk** or writing to our Freepost (no stamp required) address:

  Springwell Solar Farm
  FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL

- Visiting our project website:
  www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
  where you can view and download our consultation materials, and visit our virtual exhibition.

- Coming along to the public exhibitions we are holding:

Scopwick Village Hall, Brookside, Scopwick, LN4 3PA	**Wednesday 24 January** 4pm - 8pm
Ashby de la Launde Village Hall, Church Avenue, Ashby de la Launde, LN4 3JQ	**Thursday 25 January** 3pm - 7pm
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Metheringham Village Hall, Fen Road, Metheringham, LN4 3AA	**Saturday 27 January** 11am - 3pm
Blankney Old School, Drury St, Blankney, LN4 3AZ	**Tuesday 20 February** 3pm - 7pm

- Getting in touch by post, email or phone to request a printed copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire or a USB containing all the consultation materials. We will post these to your address free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- Collecting a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire from the following locations (please check opening hours), where a printed copy of the PEIR will also be available to review:

  The Venue, Navenby LN5 0JJ

  Sleaford Library, 13-16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR

You can share your views on Springwell by:

- Completing an online questionnaire at:
  www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

- Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to:
  info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

- Posting this questionnaire or submitting your comments (no stamp required) to:

  Springwell Solar Farm
  FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Feedback at this stage will help us to refine our proposals before we submit a Development Consent Order application.

Appendix G-2.3
Phase Two Consultation booklet

Application Document Ref: EN010149/APP/5.2
Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: EN010149

PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

Springwell Solar Farm

Updated plans and proposals

January 2024

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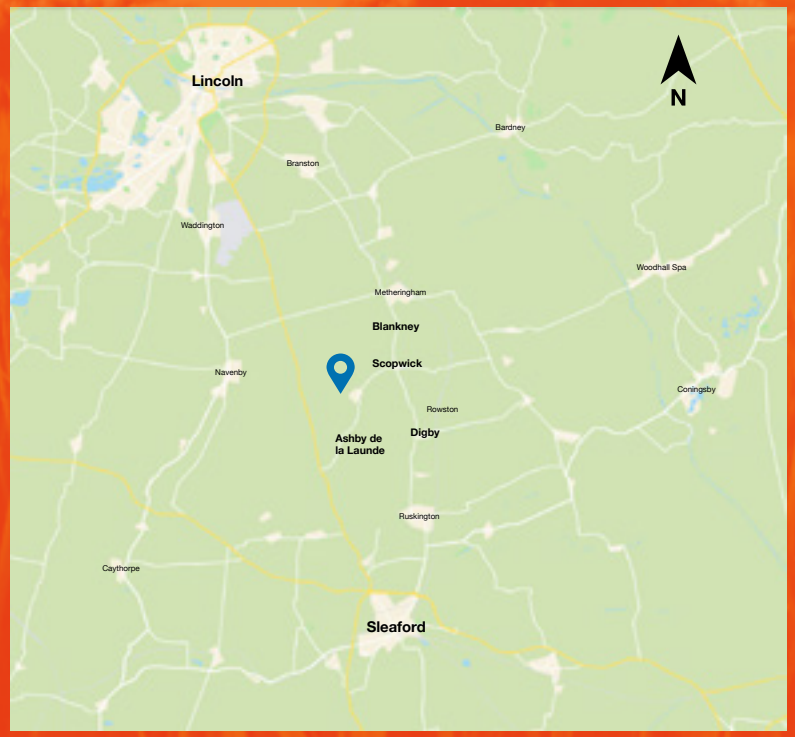

Figure 1: Location of Springwell Solar Farm

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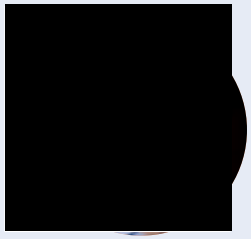


Foreword

Climate change is a challenge we must all play our part in addressing – from the small changes in our everyday lives to the transformational changes we need to make across our whole economy, particularly the way we power our homes, businesses and transport systems.

Over the next decade, we'll need to replace the fossil fuels that once powered our economy with sources of low-carbon electricity.

At EDF Renewables UK we are passionate about creating a net-zero future where clean energy powers our lives. We're already one of the UK and Ireland's leading renewable energy companies, developing, building, operating and maintaining wind, solar and battery storage projects. Together with Luminous Energy, a company with numerous solar farms in development across the UK and abroad, we are delighted to share our updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm.

With the potential to supply enough clean, secure electricity to power over 180,000 homes each year*, Springwell Solar Farm would make an important contribution to the UK's future energy network by producing clean, secure energy and helping reach the government's target of 70GW of installed solar capacity by 2035.

At the first stage of consultation (January-March 2023), we asked for your thoughts on our early proposals for Springwell Solar Farm, as well as for your suggestions on how we could enhance the local environment and contribute to community initiatives. The comments we received, along with outputs of early environmental assessments and technical work, have helped shape our plans, and we are now asking for your feedback on our updated proposals.

Community input will continue to play a very important role in helping us refine our proposals before we submit a planning application. I encourage everyone to attend our public events to speak with the team and share their thoughts on our updated proposals.

We look forward to reading your feedback.

Matthew Boulton
Director of Solar, Storage and Private Wire
EDF Renewables UK

* Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

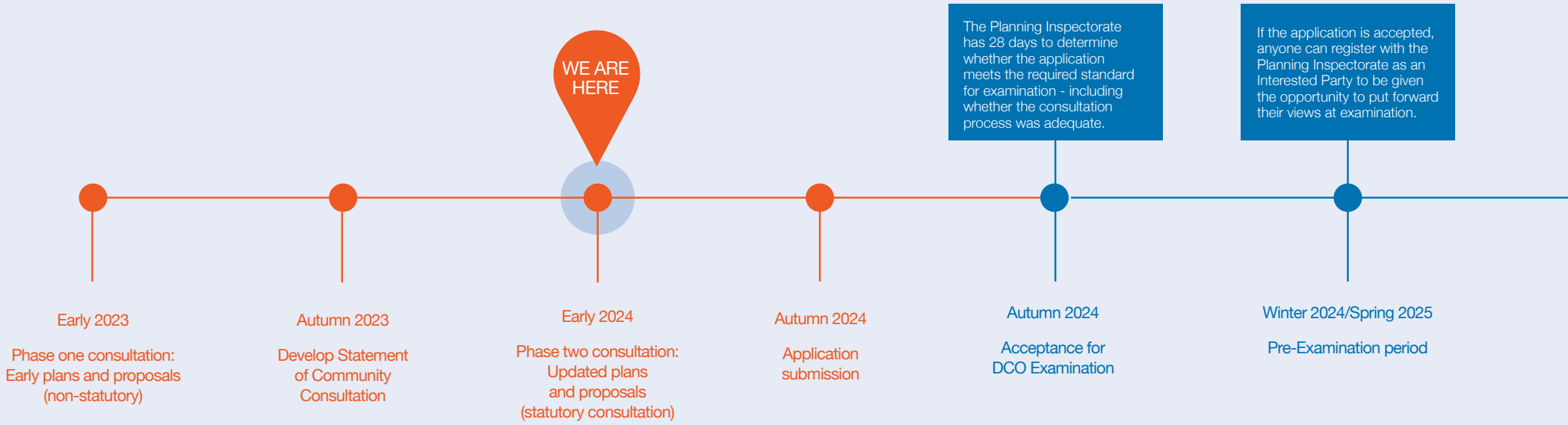
1 The consultation

Role of consultation

Springwell Solar Farm – 'Springwell' – is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage in North Kesteven, Lincolnshire. Springwell is backed by Springwell Energyfarm Limited, a joint venture between EDF Renewables UK and Luminous Energy.

Springwell is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts (50MW). This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process because it enables everyone to comment on the proposals. This stage of consultation is called a 'statutory consultation' because it is being carried out in line with the formal requirements of the Planning Act 2008. We have published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which sets out how we are carrying out this consultation. The SoCC is available on the Springwell website and the locations listed on page 9 of this booklet.



We are now consulting on our updated proposals and preliminary environmental information for Springwell. Feedback from this consultation will be used to help us further refine our plans before we submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

For more information on the DCO planning process, please visit:

infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Interested Parties can submit their views in writing and will be invited to speak at one of the public hearings held by the Planning Inspectorate over a six month period.

Spring/Summer 2025

Examination

Within three months of the end of examination, the Planning Inspectorate makes a recommendation for acceptance or refusal to the Secretary of State.

Autumn 2025

Recommendation

The Secretary of State will usually take three months to review the recommendation and make a final decision.

Early 2026

Secretary of State decision

Post-decision

- Process led by Springwell Solar Farm
- Process led by The Planning Inspectorate/ Secretary of State

These dates are indicative only and are subject to change.

Updates and changes

We have updated our proposals for Springwell based on the feedback from the first phase of consultation and continued engagement with stakeholders, as well as ongoing technical work and the outputs of our early assessments. We have:

Reduced the area we are proposing to use for solar panels since we shared our early proposals and have worked with near neighbours to develop bespoke offsets to homes and villages closest to the site.

Increased the area proposed for mitigation, ecological enhancement or retained for agricultural use. These areas now make up 58% of the total site.

Developed our ideas for new permissive footpaths, which could provide up to 8.6km of new walking routes. We're seeking feedback on our latest proposed routes as part of this consultation.

Refined the number of locations we are considering for the siting of the battery storage and Springwell substation. The potential areas where these elements could be located has reduced from four to two since our phase one consultation.

Developed our initial ideas for new planting to screen views of our proposals from residential areas, roads and footpaths.

Continued to work with National Grid to understand its preference for the location of the National Grid Substation into which Springwell would connect. This substation will now be developed separately by National Grid and is no longer part of the Springwell proposals.

About our consultation

This consultation is open for six weeks, from Thursday 11 January to 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. During this consultation, we are seeking your views on our updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm, which are summarised in this consultation booklet.

Our consultation materials

Along with this booklet, we have published the following materials as part of this consultation:

A consultation questionnaire, which you can use to share your feedback.

A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which summarises the results of our preliminary environmental assessments, across four volumes:

Volume 1: Preliminary Environmental Information Report, including a 'Non-Technical Summary of preliminary assessment of effects'

Volume 2: Supporting Figures

Volume 3: Supporting Reports

Volume 4: Landscape Viewpoints

The PEIR is available to download from our website (www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk) or to view at our consultation events as well as at Sleaford Library and The Venue (see right for details).

You can learn more about our proposals by:

Calling us on **0800 038 3486**

Emailing **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk**

Writing to the following Freepost (no stamp required) address:
Springwell Solar Farm
FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK Local

Visiting our project website: **www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk** where you can view and download all our consultation materials and visit our virtual exhibition.

Coming along to the public exhibitions we are holding (see page 35 for details).

Requesting a printed copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire (also available, along with the PEIR, on a USB stick), which we will send free of charge to your address. Alternative format materials (e.g. different languages) are also available on request.

Viewing printed copies of the PEIR and SoCC or collecting a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire from the following locations (please check opening hours):

Sleaford Library, 13-16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR
The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby LN5 0JJ

2 Springwell Solar Farm

Feedback from consultation, along with the outputs of our early environmental assessments and ongoing technical work, has been used to refine the proposed layout of Springwell (see illustrative operational plan on page 15).

Refining the proposed layout has also helped us develop our approach to building Springwell, including the land and construction traffic routes we would use during the construction period (see pages 24-28 for more information).

Environmental considerations

Assessing environmental effects

Understanding how Springwell could affect the environment is an important part of the development process. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will assess the potential effects, both positive and negative, that Springwell could have on the environment over its lifetime. ?

Early environmental assessments (summarised in the PEIR) have already helped shape our proposals for building and operating Springwell. As the design of Springwell is not yet finalised, we have carried out these assessments based on 'parameters' (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Description of the Proposed Development).

The parameters represent the maximum possible scale of development. This ensures a conservative approach to identifying any potentially significant environmental effects.

Feedback from this consultation, along with ongoing environmental assessments and technical work will help to further refine our proposals. This includes identifying appropriate mitigation measures that could avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset any likely significant negative effects that we have identified in the PEIR. The final results of these assessments will be presented in an Environmental Statement which will accompany our DCO application (for more information see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 4: Approach to EIA). A summary of potential effects and preliminary mitigation measures reported in the PEIR is available in Volume 1, Non-technical summary of preliminary assessment of effects.

Characteristics of the local area

Understanding the character of the local landscape helps to ensure that we are proposing different elements of Springwell in appropriate places. Our assessments also consider natural and man-made features, such as existing woodlands, hedgerows, watercourses and designated cultural heritage sites. Offsets from these features are proposed to avoid significant effects (for more information see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapters 8: Cultural Heritage, 9: Landscape and Visual and 13: Water).

The type and current use of the land proposed for Springwell is also important. We have tested soil samples from across the site to understand its quality, particularly in relation to agricultural use (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Land, Soils and Groundwater). Just over half of the total site area has been assessed as 'best and most versatile agricultural land'. We are no longer proposing to have solar panels in fields that our assessments have shown are of highest agricultural quality (solely Grades 1 and 2).

Local views

Views of Springwell from public and private locations - including nearby homes and villages as well as roads and footpaths - are also an important consideration.

To protect visual amenity, we have looked for opportunities to increase the distance between solar panels and nearby homes and villages. We are also proposing to include breaks between sections of solar panels along roads and footpaths, as well as new planting where appropriate, to further screen views (see Figures 2-8 on pages 15-21 of this booklet).

Wildlife and climate

Ecology surveys have helped identify the different species, including different types of birds and bats in and around the site. Alongside retaining existing habitats wherever possible, we would manage areas within the site to provide breeding and foraging habitats for different species of birds and to boost biodiversity. Figure 2 on page 15 shows the areas that could be suitable to provide mitigation and enhancement areas for wildlife. We are also considering planting appropriate nut or fruit-bearing species which could also benefit wildlife, along with managing the land between and beneath the solar panels (for more information see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity).

In addition to providing opportunities to boost biodiversity, Springwell would also contribute to the urgent need for sources of low-carbon electricity to address climate change. We have assessed the potential carbon savings Springwell could make against potential emissions associated with it over its lifetime. Overall, we estimate that Springwell could help to save 11 million tonnes of CO2e (carbon dioxide equivalent) compared to other forms of energy generation, (assessed against operational emissions from a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine). For more information, see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate.

Continuing our assessment work

The PEIR contains the environmental assessment work we have carried out to date. Ongoing assessment work will continue to help us refine our proposals. The surveys page on the Springwell website includes up to date information about what you may see happening on-site.

(www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/categorysurveys)

What is a ‘significant effect’?

When an effect is identified, we need to understand how much of an impact it would have on the surrounding environment. This is done by assessing its ‘significance’, which looks at both the scale of change caused by an effect and the sensitivity of the thing it would change. The way this is assessed is slightly different for each topic (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapters 5-14).

Springwell Solar Farm

Feedback from the phase one consultation, ongoing technical work and the outputs of early environmental assessments have helped us to refine the proposed locations for the different parts of Springwell.

This section describes the core elements of our proposals for Springwell (for a detailed description, along with the parameters used to assess their potential environmental effects, see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Description of the Proposed Development).

Figure 2 on page 15 shows where different parts of Springwell could be located during operation. To show the proposals in more detail, we have divided the site into three areas - Springwell West, Springwell Central and Springwell East (see pages 16-20).

Solar panels: we have reduced the size of the area proposed for solar panels compared to our early proposals shown at phase one consultation. In some limited areas, solar panels could be up to 4m high, though most would be 3.5m high at their highest point.

Battery storage: we have refined the potential locations of the battery storage to two 'siting zones' (reduced from the four we were considering at phase one consultation). Based on today's technology, we expect the battery storage units to be 3m high and painted grey, dark green or similar. Some associated electrical plant may be up to 6m high.

Collector compounds: to reduce the amount of underground cabling required across the site, we are considering the use of collector compounds, which could be up to 6m high. There would be one satellite compound each in Springwell West, Central and East, with the main collector compound adjacent to the Springwell substation.

Springwell substation: this would be located in the northern part of Springwell West, in the siting zone identified in Figure 2. The substation would include a control building with office, welfare and storage facilities. Parts of the substation would be up to 12m high, with the buildings up to 6m.

Areas for mitigation, enhancement or retained for agricultural use: we have increased the areas that could be used for mitigation, ecological enhancement or retained for agricultural use compared to our earlier proposals.

Permissive footpaths: to connect up different villages and provide new routes to enjoy, we are proposing to create 8.6km of new permissive footpaths within the Springwell site.

New planting: new trees and hedgerows are proposed to help screen Springwell and increase biodiversity across the site. Figure 2 shows our initial ideas, which will continue to be developed in advance of submitting our DCO application.

Cables: underground cables would connect parts of Springwell together and transport electricity to and from the National Grid (see page 32 for more information).

Safety and security: mesh fencing with wooden posts is proposed for the areas where there would be solar panels. This would be up to 3m high and would include mammal gates to allow very small animals to move between fields. More robust perimeter fencing would be required around the battery storage and Springwell substation for security. There would also be CCTV mounted on wooden poles, with fixed views looking into the Springwell site.

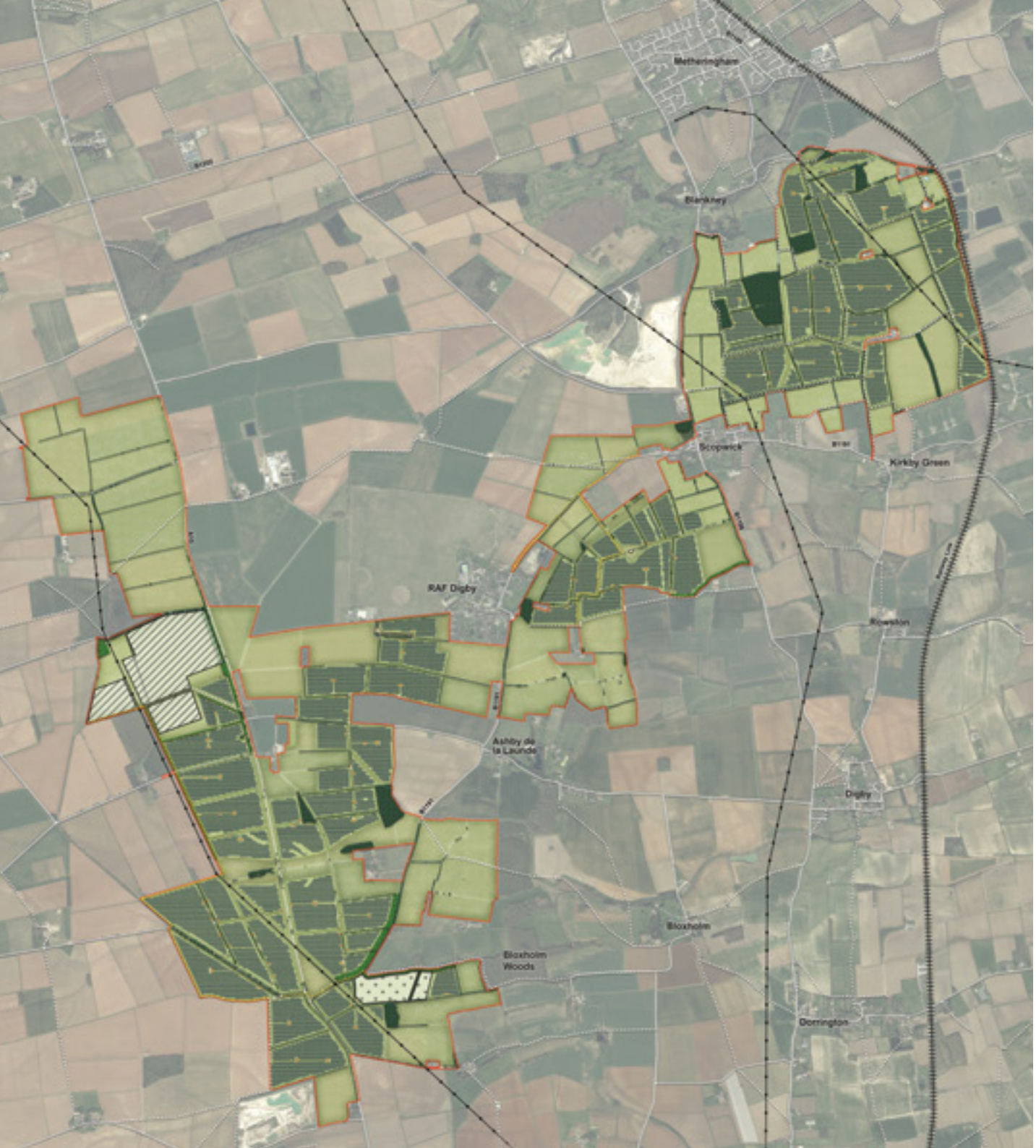


Figure 2: Illustrative layout of Springwell Solar Farm

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- Indicative Site Boundary (preferred Order Limits)
- Existing woodland
- Existing hedgerow / trees
- Existing Public Right of Way (retained)
- Existing power lines and pylons
- Proposed area for mitigation, enhancement and/or retained agricultural land
- Proposed screening / planting
- Proposed permissive footpath route
- Proposed internal track route
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- Proposed area for solar panels and potential area for battery storage.

Springwell West

Figure 3: Illustrative layout of Springwell West

We are proposing to use around half of Springwell West for solar panels. The battery storage, Springwell substation and main collector compound are also proposed in this area. Some parts of Springwell West would be used for underground cabling to connect the different areas of Springwell together and into the National Grid (see Figure 3 for our proposed cable route corridor). The areas above the cabling and other parts of Springwell West would be managed for mitigation, ecological enhancements or retained for agricultural use.

The landscape around Springwell West is mostly flat and open. To preserve this character, minimal planting is proposed except where existing hedgerows can be reinforced or to screen views of the proposed battery storage and Springwell substation (see Figure 3).

While we have identified some potentially significant effects on a small number of homes, particularly in relation to noise, further work to avoid, reduce, or mitigate these effects is ongoing. This includes looking at the size and distribution of the battery storage and solar panels, the exact location of the battery storage within the siting zone, and potential mitigation measures such as acoustic fencing (for further information see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapters 9: Landscape and Visual and 10: Noise and Vibration).

This illustrative layout shows potential ways to break up sections of solar panels along the A15. To protect the amenity of nearby homes, we are no longer proposing to have solar panels in the areas closest to these properties. Figure 3 shows some early ideas for potential planting, including to the north of Heath Road and along the Public Right of Way to Bloxholm Wood to screen views towards the B1191 junction. Feedback from this consultation, along with our ongoing assessments will help us to refine our approach to mitigation in this area, where potentially significant visual effects have been identified (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapters 9: Landscape and Visual and 14: Glint and Glare).

To connect New England Lane to Brauncewell, a new permissive footpath is proposed along the western edge of Springwell West, as well as a new footpath across the A15 to connect this and the wider network to Bloxholm Wood. Opportunities to improve parking facilities at Bloxholm Wood are also being considered as part of our proposals.

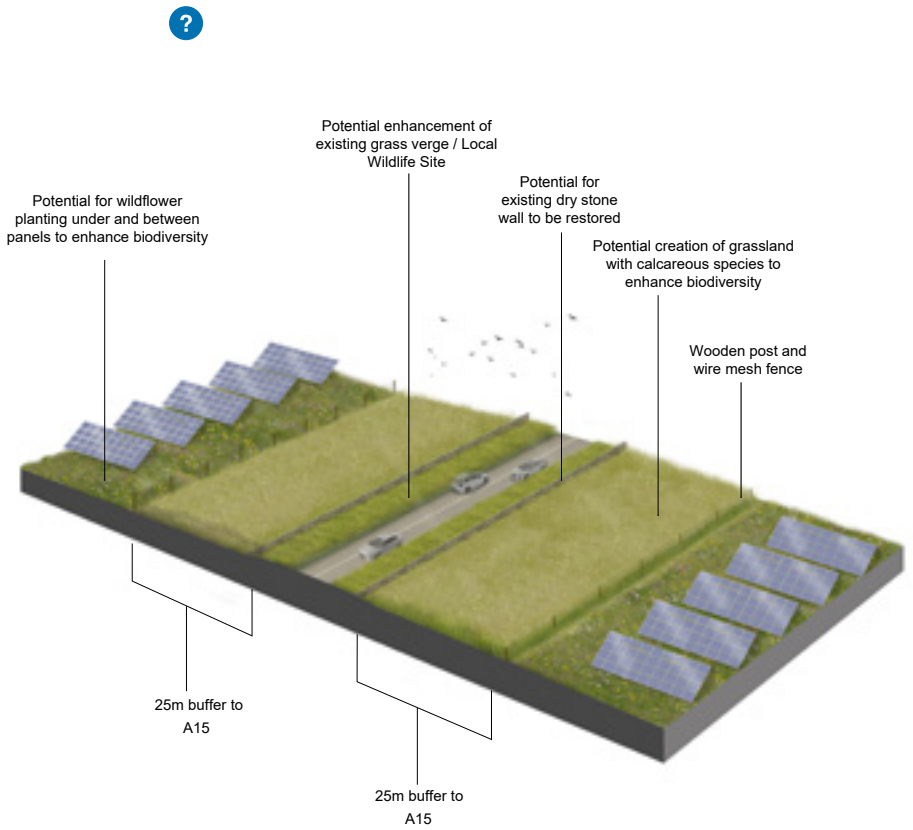

Figure 4: Indicative visualisation of Springwell along part of the A15

Springwell Central

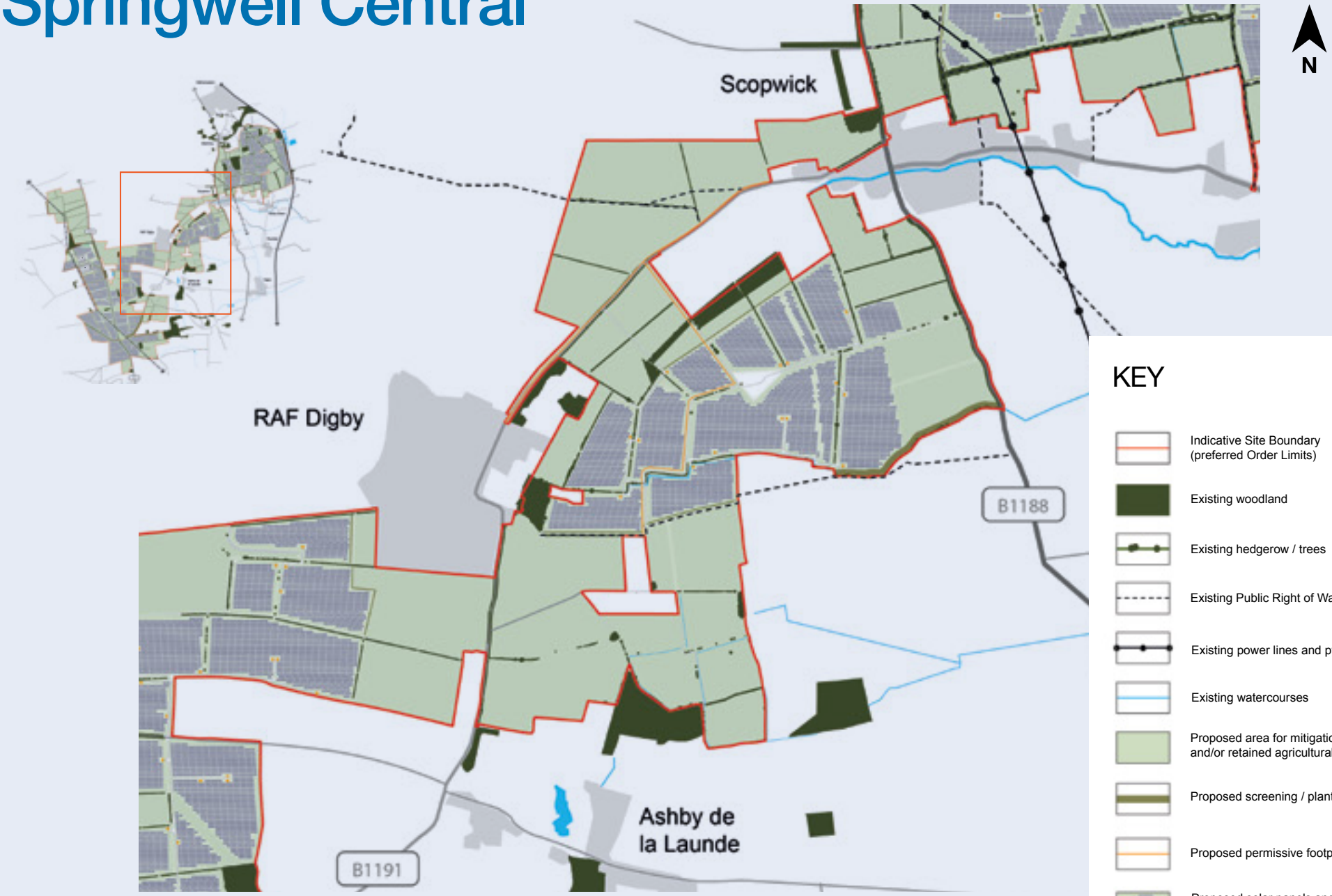

Figure 5: Illustrative layout of Springwell Central

We are proposing to use around a third of Springwell Central for solar panels. There would also be some areas used for supporting infrastructure as well as cabling to connect different parts of the site together. The remainder of Springwell Central would be used for mitigation, ecological enhancements or retained for agricultural use.

We are proposing fewer solar panels in this part of Springwell Central compared to our early proposals. In response to feedback and the outputs of our early assessments, we are proposing to set solar panels back from individual properties, RAF Digby, Ashby de la Launde and along Heath Road.

While some potentially significant visual effects remain in this area, we are working on mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset these effects. Figure 5 shows the locations of some early ideas for potential planting, including how existing hedgerows could be extended and where new planting could be appropriate. For further information, please see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapters 9: Landscape and Visual and 14: Glint and Glare.

We are also proposing a new permissive footpath on land between RAF Digby and Scopwick, which includes a loop connecting to the existing footpath to create a circular walking route. This route has been developed in response to feedback on our early proposals which included requests for links between different villages. ?

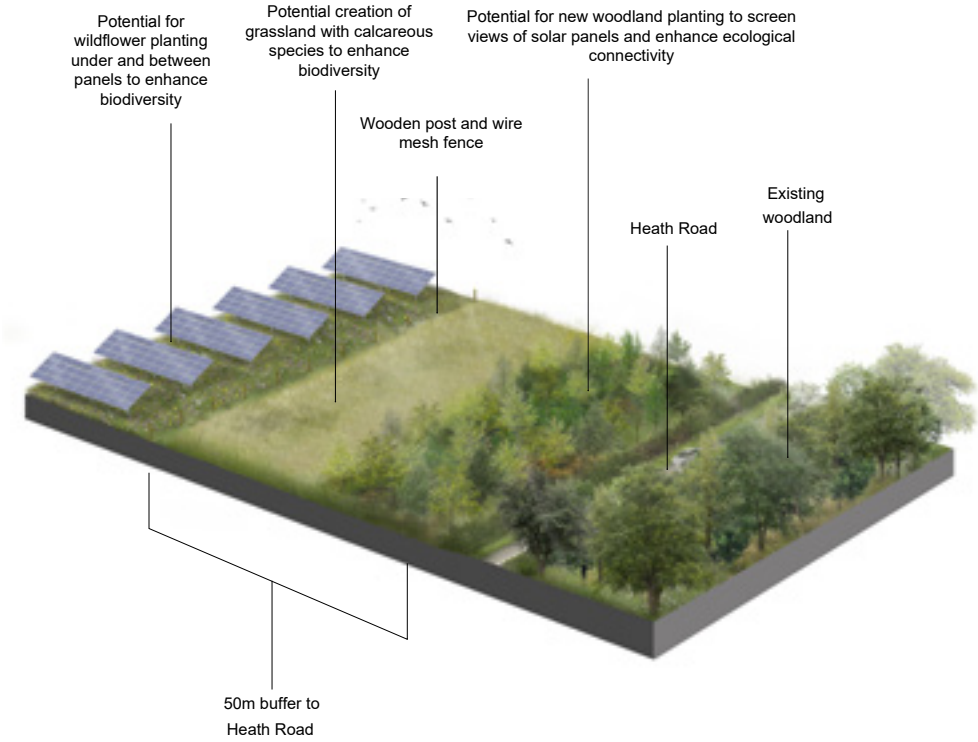

Figure 6: Indicative visualisation of Springwell along part of Heath Road

Springwell East

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- Indicative Site Boundary (preferred Order Limits)
- Existing woodland
- Existing hedgerow / trees
- Existing Public Right of Way (retained)
- Existing power lines and pylons
- Existing watercourses
- Proposed area for mitigation, enhancement and/or retained agricultural land
- Proposed screening / planting
- Proposed permissive footpath route
- Proposed solar panels and inverter transformer stations

Figure 7: Illustrative layout of Springwell East

We are proposing to locate solar panels in Springwell East, along with supporting infrastructure and cabling to connect different parts of the site together. In some areas along the railway line and to the northern part of Springwell East, solar panels could be up to 4m in height due to increased flood risk in this area (see PEIR, Volume 2 Figure 2.4).

The landscape in Springwell East is enclosed, with an extensive network of existing trees and hedgerows providing screening of Springwell from Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green. To further screen views of solar panels in Springwell East, we are proposing to reinforce these existing hedgerows and introduce new planting.

Consideration of the footpath network between Blankney and Scopwick has been an important part of our approach. We are now proposing fewer solar panels, including areas with no panels along existing footpaths to break up views (for example, between the B1188 and Spires and Steeples Trail), compared with our earlier proposals. New planting along these routes is proposed to further screen proposed solar panels.

In response to feedback and environmental assessments, we are proposing to set solar panels back from nearby homes. To avoid the Lancaster plane crash memorial, we are no longer proposing solar panels in the field where it is located.

To support the ambition of the Scopwick Neighbourhood Plan to improve connections to Metheringham, we are considering opportunities for upgrading the cycleway and footpath along the existing public right of way between Scopwick and Blankney. ?

Where we have identified potentially significant visual effects on some properties, roads and footpaths in this area, further work to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset these effects is ongoing.

This includes identifying appropriate locations to plant new trees and hedgerows, as well as opportunities to reinforce existing vegetation (for further information see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual).

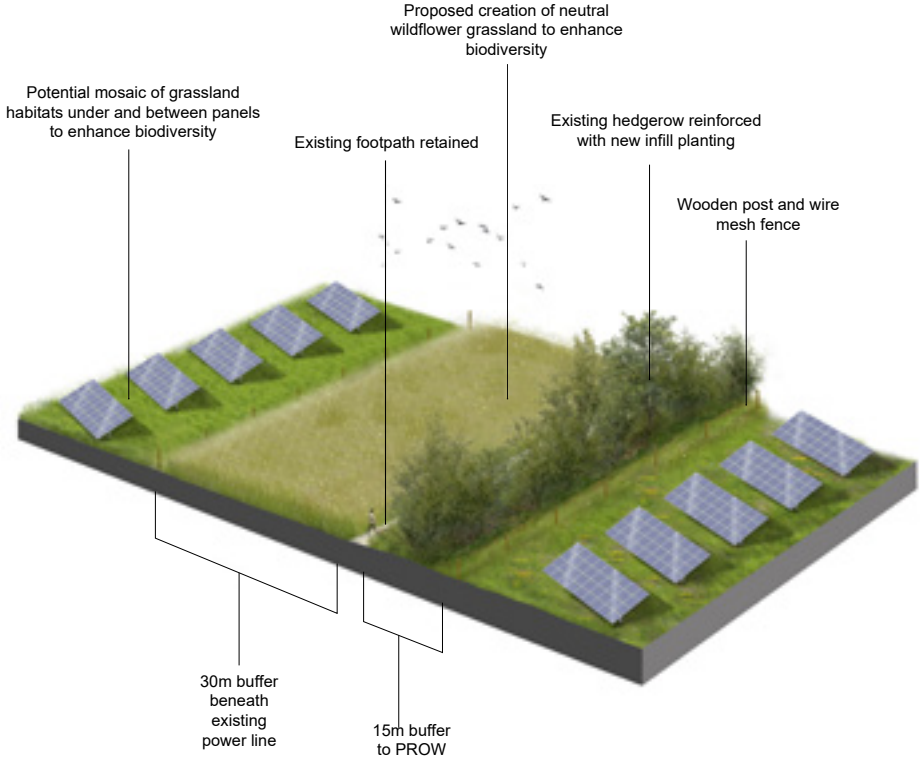


Figure 8: Indicative visualisation of Springwell along a public footpath

Battery storage

As more of our electricity is generated by renewable sources, battery storage will play an important role in balancing the National Grid – storing electricity and releasing it when it is most needed. Locating battery storage within Springwell allows us to make the maximum possible contribution to the electricity network allowed by our grid connection.

Battery storage makes use of tried and tested technology, much of which we use in our day-to-day lives, including in electric cars.

While battery storage at Springwell would be larger in scale, we would build safety measures into our battery design including for example, self-contained units for each battery. This is something we already do at the battery storage sites we manage around the country.

Engagement with local councils and the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service to date has fed into our updated proposals, and we will continue to liaise with them as our plans evolve.

As part of our DCO application, we will submit a Battery Safety Commitments document, setting out how battery storage at Springwell will be designed, maintained and managed in line with regulatory guidance to reduce fire risk as far as practicable.

Community benefit

We recognise that the construction and operation of solar farms can affect the communities around them. As long-term investors in our projects and the communities where we operate, EDF Renewables UK is committed to extending the benefits of Springwell to the local community. All our onshore wind and solar sites in the UK have a dedicated community fund to spend on improvements in the local area.

A Springwell community fund would be put in place at the start of operation and last throughout the lifetime of the project. It would be managed by an independent third party with the total amount of funding based on the final installed capacity of Springwell. We are proposing to provide £400 per megawatt per year of operation.

More detail about our community fund will be available closer to the time of operation, should Springwell receive consent.

3 Construction

Building Springwell

Should Springwell be granted consent, construction on our main site is planned to start in 2026, with electricity expected to be exported to the National Grid from 2028. Some parts of the Springwell site would support its construction (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Description of the Proposed Development for more information).

The measures we will take to limit the potential effects of construction will be included in an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) which will be submitted as part of our DCO application. The oCEMP will set out mitigation measures, controls and monitoring to reduce environmental effects during construction such as dust, noise and disturbance (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapters 5-14 which detail the potential effects of construction).

Construction would require temporary works including:

Temporary access tracks: would be established to link access points to the construction compounds and for travel within the site.

Construction compounds: would include areas for unloading materials and staff parking, storage areas, welfare facilities and offices. Entrances to compounds would be located within fields and managed by staff controlling deliveries to reduce traffic backing up onto roads.

Materials and people would arrive at main construction compounds, which would be up to 250m x 100m. We expect to have two compounds located within Springwell West and one in Springwell East. Satellite construction compounds would be smaller in size (50m x 25m). There could be up to six satellite compounds located around the proposed site.

We are also proposing some permanent road improvements to ensure safe access into the site. Early assessments have shown that improvements to the Gorse Hill Lane/A15 junction would be required for safe access to and from the Springwell substation. Further work will identify other areas requiring highway improvements and will be detailed within our DCO application.

Working hours would likely be between 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and typically 7am to 12 noon on Saturday. No working would take place on Sundays or bank holidays.

The construction programme will be informed by the design of Springwell, which will be informed by feedback from this consultation, alongside further environmental assessments and on-going technical work. More information about the likely phasing, activity and timings for this period will be set out in our DCO application.

Moving construction workers

? Construction is likely to take place over approximately 48 months, though the level of activity on site would vary throughout this period. At the very peak of construction, we would expect up to 600 staff on site each day. Parking facilities would be located in the main construction compounds, with staff arriving and leaving from these and moving between different areas of the site using internal routes (for more information, see Figure 9 on page 28 of this booklet and PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 12: Traffic and Transport).

The use of sustainable transport, such as car sharing, would be encouraged to reduce the number of vehicles travelling to site each day. An outline Travel Plan, which will include details of initiatives to increase car sharing and explore other measures such as providing shuttles to and from construction compounds, will be submitted as part of our DCO application.

Preliminary environmental assessments have indicated there could be temporary significant visual effects during the construction period. Appropriate mitigation measures will be explored where practicable as our plans for construction are refined (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual for more information).

Moving materials

? Building Springwell would require the safe, efficient transport of materials to the site.

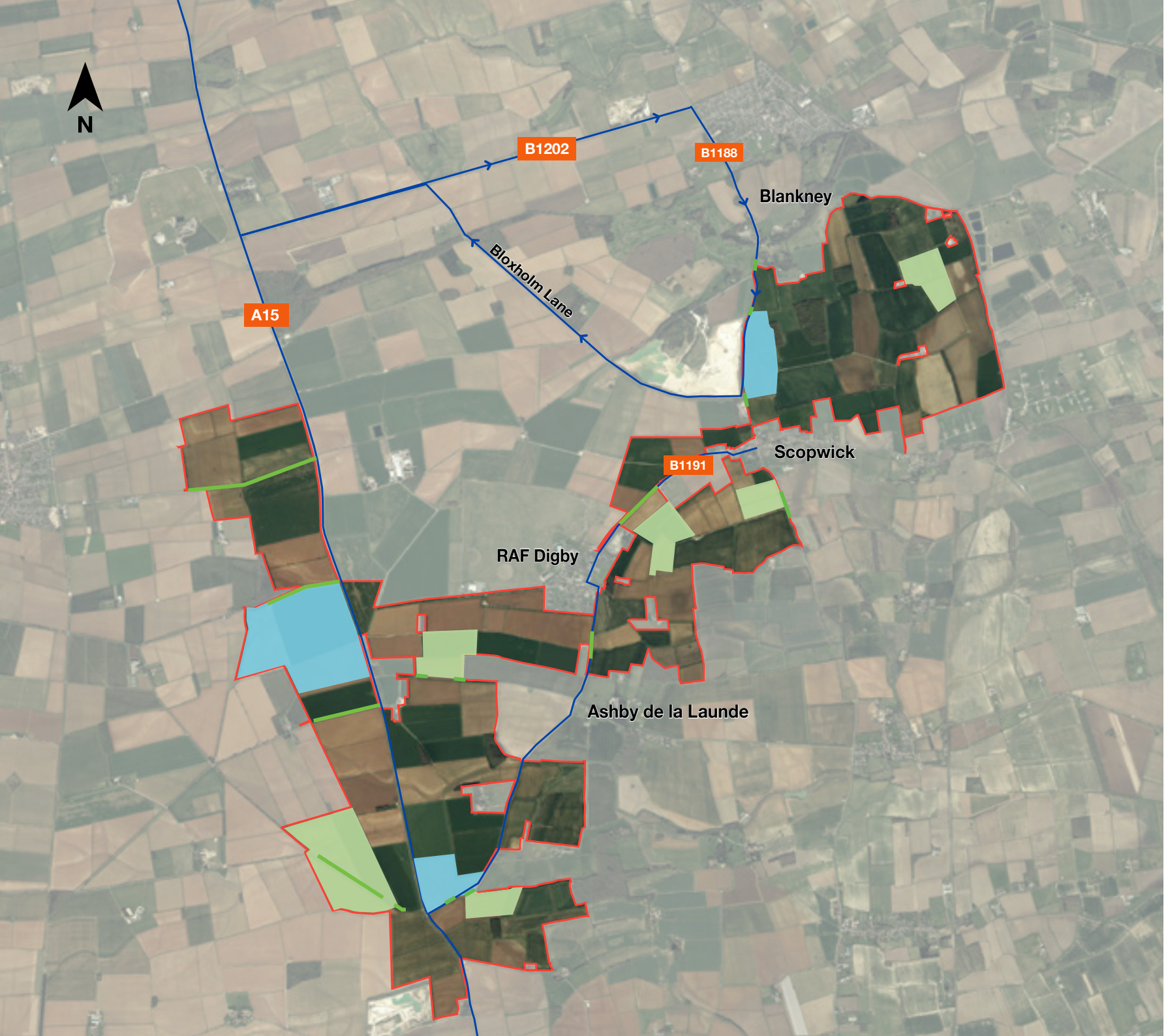
We are proposing that construction vehicles would primarily travel to the site via the A15, utilising the B1191 to access Springwell Central and Springwell East. This route would avoid the use of local roads when moving the larger materials required for the Springwell substation and battery storage, allowing them to be transported directly to Springwell West.

We are proposing a secondary route for when the B1191 is unavailable (e.g. due to road works) or to avoid disrupting farm vehicles during harvest periods. To access the site, vehicles would use a one-way system via the A15, onto the B1202 and then south along the B1188. Outbound traffic would travel via Bloxholm Lane, to the B1202 and back to the A15.

All vehicles would enter the site using access points established before the start of construction. Areas where potential access points into Springwell West, Central and East could be located are shown in Figure 9 on page 28. Further environmental assessments and technical work will help us identify our preferred access points, making use of existing field openings and tracks where practicable. Once unloaded, materials would be transported within the site utilising existing agricultural tracks or temporary tracks to keep off the road network.

Routes to the site and access points will be shown in an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) that would be submitted as part of our DCO application. The oCTMP would also control hours of delivery and include provisions for repairing any damage to roads and verges identified by condition surveys that would be undertaken before construction begins. Further measures would include wheel washing facilities to prevent mud being tracked onto roads, and turning points within construction compounds for larger vehicles.

At this stage, our assessments show that the hedgerow removal required to create certain access points could have a negative effect on bats during construction. Further work is required to understand the amount of hedgerow removal that could be needed. We will seek to limit the amount of hedgerow removal, where practicable, to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset any potentially significant effects (see PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity for more information).



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- Potential areas for main construction compounds
- Potential areas for satellite construction compounds
- Areas for potential construction access points
- Potential construction route

Figure 9: Illustrative plan showing potential construction routes, areas for access points and construction compounds

Decommissioning

At the end of Springwell's operational lifetime, all above ground elements of the solar farm would be dismantled, with materials recycled where practicable. Below ground, (up to a depth of 1m) we will remove all concrete, hardstanding area and foundations for the infrastructure. Temporary tracks would also be removed. It is assumed that below ground cables will be left in situ.

Like any electrical waste, solar panels need to be disposed of responsibly and safely. Solar panels are up to 99% recyclable, and the major panel components including the glass, aluminium and copper can all be recovered.

It is expected that decommissioning would take approximately 24 months, with activities mirroring those during the construction period. An outline decommissioning plan will form part of our DCO application, although details would be finalised closer to the time of decommissioning to reflect best practices.

Education, skills and supply chain

Along with jobs created during the construction phase of Springwell, we estimate that there could be approximately 24 permanent jobs during its operation.

As part of our DCO application, we will identify how Springwell can contribute to local and regional jobs, community projects and the local economy over its lifetime.

We will also look for opportunities to source materials from the UK and encourage the use of domestic suppliers wherever practicable, recognising that much of the manufacturing process for different components of solar farms is currently located abroad.

4 Additional information

Connecting to the grid

Large amounts of electricity are transported around the country every day by a transmission network called the National Grid. The electricity you use in your homes is supplied from your local network which takes electricity from the National Grid and feeds it through to homes and businesses.

Springwell has a grid connection agreement with National Grid that allow us to export up to 800MW of electricity to this network, through a new substation that would be developed, owned and operated by National Grid. There would also be capacity to import power from the network.

At the previous stage of consultation, we showed this substation within the Springwell site. Since then, we have continued to work with National Grid to understand its preference for the location of this new substation (into which Springwell would connect). This substation will now be developed separately by National Grid and is no longer part of the Springwell proposals.

We would connect into National Grid's new substation via an underground cable from the Springwell substation and have identified a corridor in the north of Springwell West where this cable route could be located (see Figure 3 on page 16). Once the cable is laid, the land where the cable would be buried will be returned to agricultural use (for results of our early environmental assessments of the cable corridor, see PEIR, Volume 3, Appendix 6.3).

We are continuing to work with National Grid as its plans for the development of this substation progress.

It's helpful to think of our electricity system like our road network. The National Grid is the high-speed route (the motorway) which transfers electricity over a large area while the local networks connect into it to distribute electricity to local areas, acting like 'B roads'.

The existing pylons that you can see running parallel to and crossing the A15 in this area are part of the National Grid.

How does a solar farm work?

Solar farms use **energy from the sun (1)** to generate electricity, supported by battery storage and a substation to feed the electricity into the National Grid. Solar farms are protected by **fencing (2)** to keep the site secure.

The solar panels (3) are set up in rows (known as 'strings'), connected to each other by cables to transfer the electricity generated by the panels to inverters.

Inverters (4) are needed to convert the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels into alternating current (AC) electricity, which is suitable for use in homes and businesses.

Inverters can be located underneath the solar panels or in areas sometimes referred to as the 'Balance of Solar System'. The 'Balance of Solar System' also includes switchgears (which control the electrical equipment), and transformers (which 'step up' the voltage to the required level for sending to the solar farm substation).

Collector compounds (6) can be used to reduce the amount of underground cabling needed by collecting electricity from a number of inverters.

A project substation (7) receives all of the electricity, steps up the voltage and sends it to the **National Grid substation (9)** to enter the electricity network.

Battery storage (8) stores electricity at times when demand is lower and releases it to the National Grid when it is most needed.

Cables (10) connect all the different parts of a solar farm together.

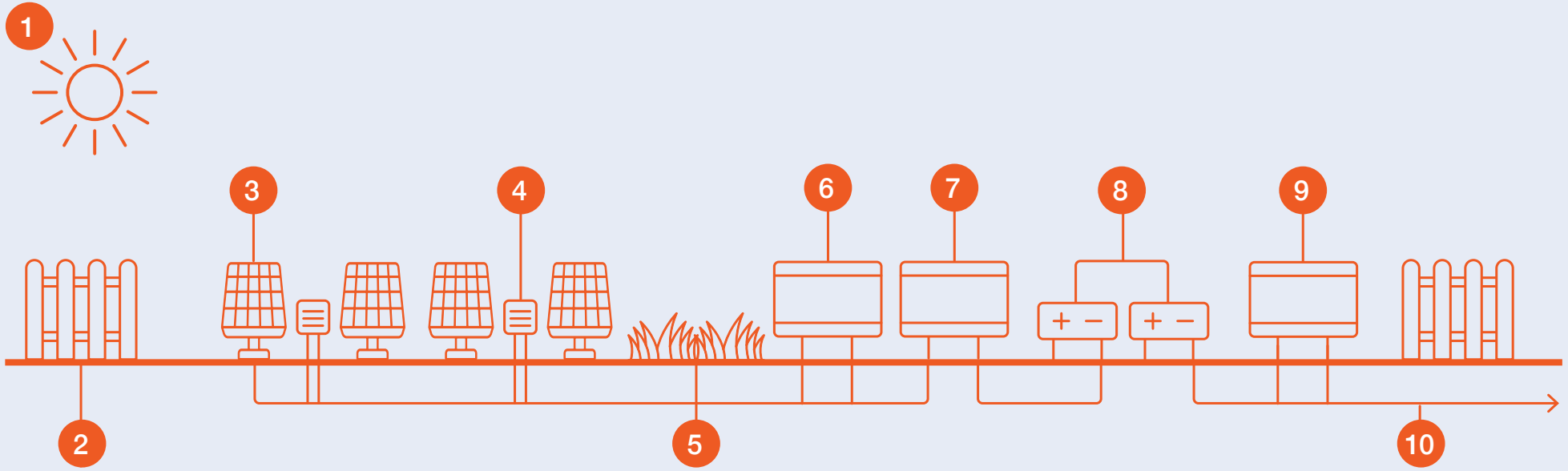

Figure 10: The main elements of a solar farm

1. Solar energy
2. Fencing
3. Solar panels
4. Inverters
5. Landscape and biodiversity areas
6. Collector compounds
7. Solar farm substation
8. Battery storage
9. National Grid substation
10. Cables

Not to scale and for indicative purposes only.

Responding to our consultation

Feedback from this stage of consultation will be used to refine our proposals before an application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

This consultation is open between Thursday 11 January and 11.59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Finding out more

You can find out more about our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm by:

- Coming along to the public exhibitions we are holding
- Visiting **springwellsolarfarm.co.uk**, where you can visit our virtual exhibition
- Contacting us on **0800 038 3486** or **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk**

Public exhibitions

Wednesday 24 January (4pm – 8pm)

Scopwick Village Hall, Brookside, Scopwick, LN4 3PA

Thursday 25 January (3pm – 7pm)

Ashby de la Launde Village Hall, Church Avenue, Ashby de la Launde, LN4 3JQ

Friday 26 January (Midday – 4pm)

The Venue, Grantham Road, Navenby, LN5 0JJ

Saturday 27 January (11am – 3pm)

Metheringham Village Hall, Fen Road, Metheringham, LN4 3AA

Tuesday 20 February (3pm – 7pm)

Blankney Old School, Drury St, Blankney, LN4 3AZ

Sharing your views

You can share your views on our proposals for Springwell Solar Farm by:

- Completing a consultation questionnaire online at: **springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/questionnaire**
- Emailing a questionnaire to **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk**
- Posting a questionnaire (no stamp required) to:
  Springwell Solar Farm
  FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL
- Submitting your comments by email to: **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk** or by writing to the above Freepost address

Next steps

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of **11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.**

We will consider all the feedback that we receive which, along with our ongoing assessments, will help us to refine our design ahead of submitting our DCO application. We anticipate this happening in autumn 2024. You can get in touch with us at any time throughout this process using the contact details on this page.

Our DCO application will include a Consultation Report setting out how we have had regard to the responses received during all stages of consultation.

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Appendix G-2.4
Phase Two Consultation maps

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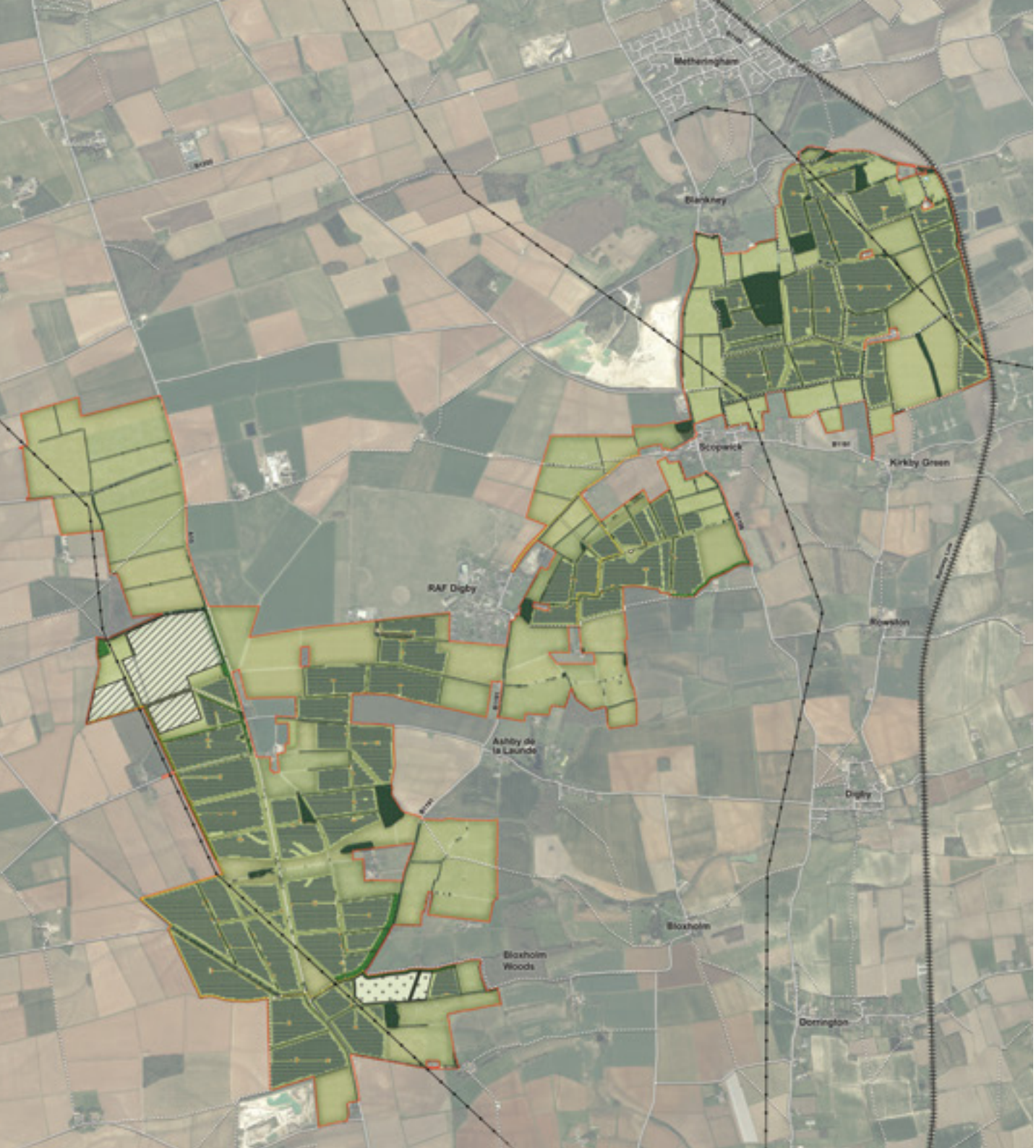

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Springwell West

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Springwell Central

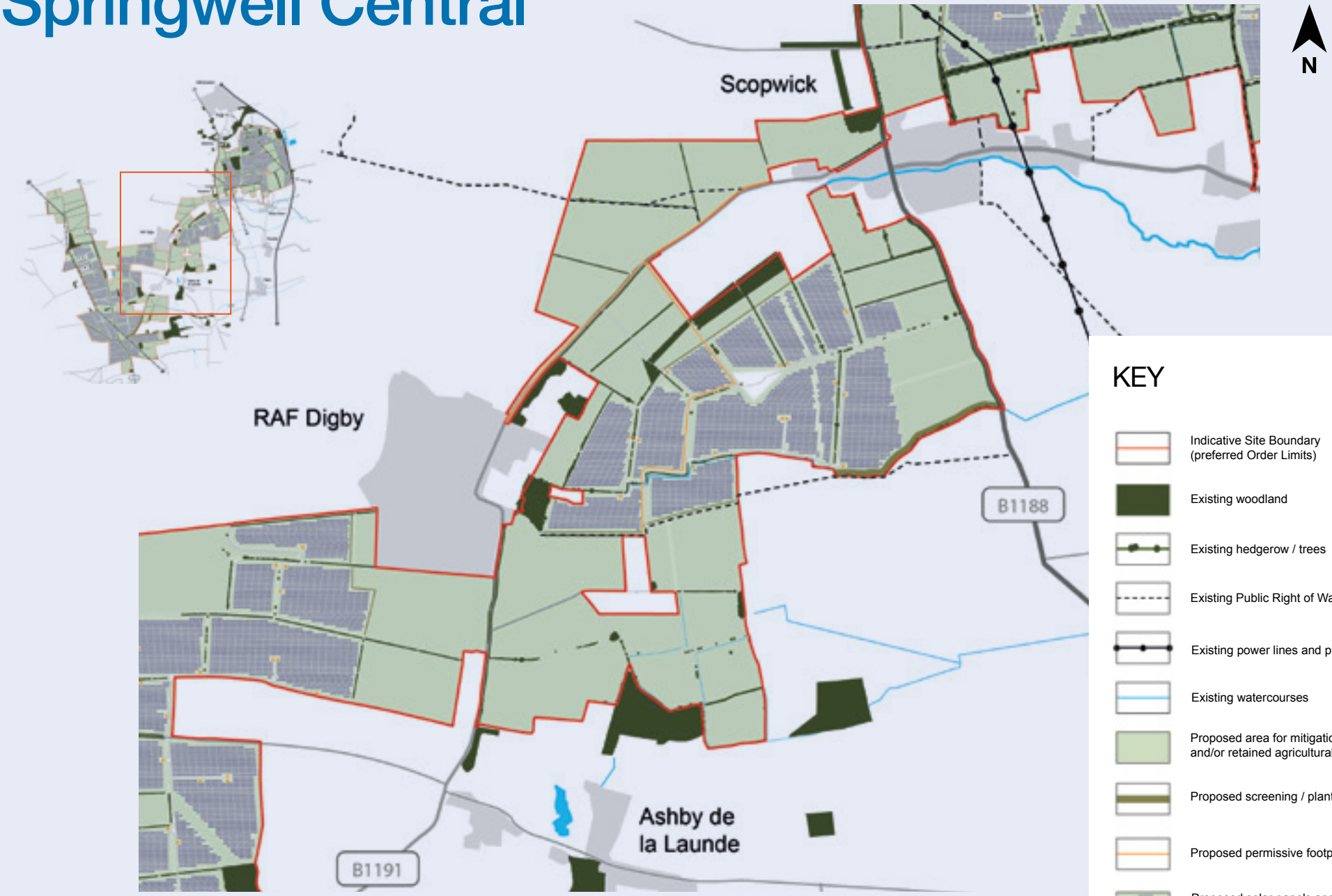

Figure 5: Illustrative layout of Springwell Central

Springwell East

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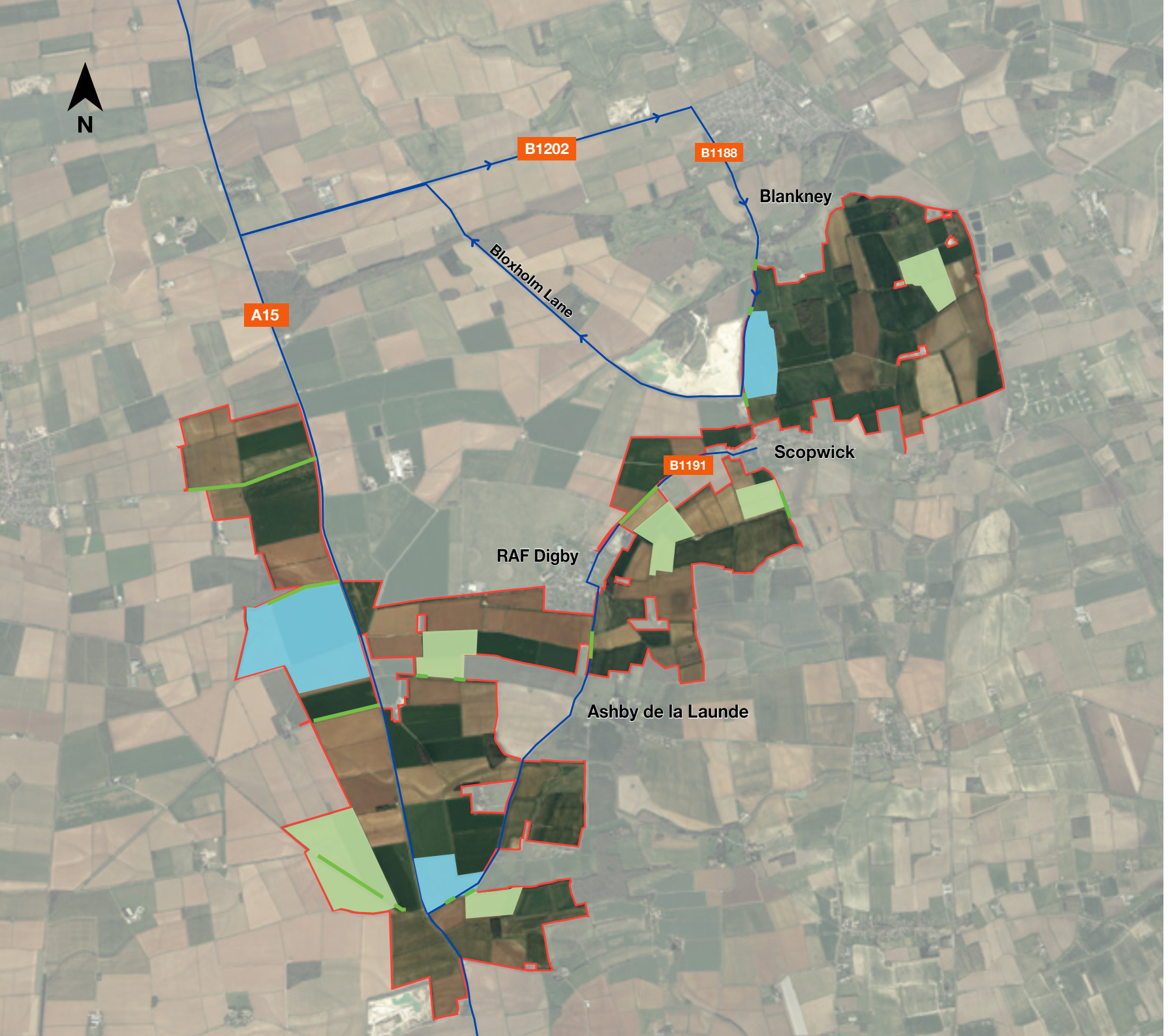

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Appendix G-2.5
Phase Two Consultation questionnaire

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PHASE TWO CONSULTATION

Springwell Solar Farm

Share your feedback

11 January - 22 February 2024

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on the proposed Springwell Solar Farm.

How to respond to our consultation

This questionnaire is designed to be used having read about our proposals in the consultation booklet.

You can answer as many or as few questions as you like and are welcome to use the additional space at the end of the questionnaire to provide further information.

You can also respond to the consultation by:

- Completing this questionnaire online:
  www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk
- Posting this questionnaire or submitting your comments (no stamp required) to:

  Springwell Solar Farm
  FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL
- Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk**

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of **11:59pm** on **Thursday 22 February 2024**.

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback we receive and continue to refine our proposals ahead of submitting a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Our updated proposals

This consultation is seeking your feedback on our updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm, including the proposed locations of its different elements (see pages 14-21 of the consultation booklet).

Q1. Do you have any comments on our updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm?

Please specify if your comments are about a specific location (Springwell East, Springwell Central or Springwell West) or a specific element of Springwell (e.g. solar panels, battery storage or our proposed mitigation measures)

Q2. Do you have any feedback on our updated proposals for new public footpaths or suggestions for other improvements or additional routes?

Assessing environmental effects

Assessing environmental effects is an important part of the DCO process. As part of this consultation, we have published a Preliminary Environmental Information Report which summarises the results of our preliminary environmental assesssments.

Q3. Do you have any comments on our on-going assessment of potential environmental effects?

Building Springwell

Pages 23-27 of the consultation booklet summarise our approach to building Springwell and how materials and people would arrive to our site.

Q4. Do you have any comments on our approach to moving materials, including any information about the local area which you think we should take into account?

Q5. Do you have any comments on our approach to moving construction workers, including any information about the local area which you think we should take into account?

Q6. Please leave any further comments or suggestions you have on our updated proposals (for example, our approach to community benefit or the consultation process).

Please use this space to expand on any answers you have given or provide additional relevant information.

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If you would like to be kept updated on this project, please provide your contact details below:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide the name of the organisation and your role within it.

Organisation:

Role:

How we process your feedback

Any comments received will be analysed by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the DCO process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by Springwell Energyfarm Ltd and its agents in accordance with the data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Further information on the privacy policy can be found on the EDF Renewables UK website, www.edf-re.uk/privacy-policy/

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Phase Two Consultation exhibition banners

Application Document Ref: EN010149/APP/5.2
Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: EN010149

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Welcome

Thank you for visiting our public exhibition about Springwell Solar Farm.

Springwell Solar Farm is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage that has the potential to supply enough clean, secure electricity to power over 180,000 homes each year*.

The feedback we received at our consultation in 2023, along with the outputs of early environmental assessments and technical work, has helped to shape the updated proposals we are now presenting for consultation.

Consultation is running between **Thursday 11 January and 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024**.

This exhibition includes information about our updated plans and proposals for Springwell – including an illustrative layout of Springwell during operation, the planning process and the different ways you can get involved and share your views.

*Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)

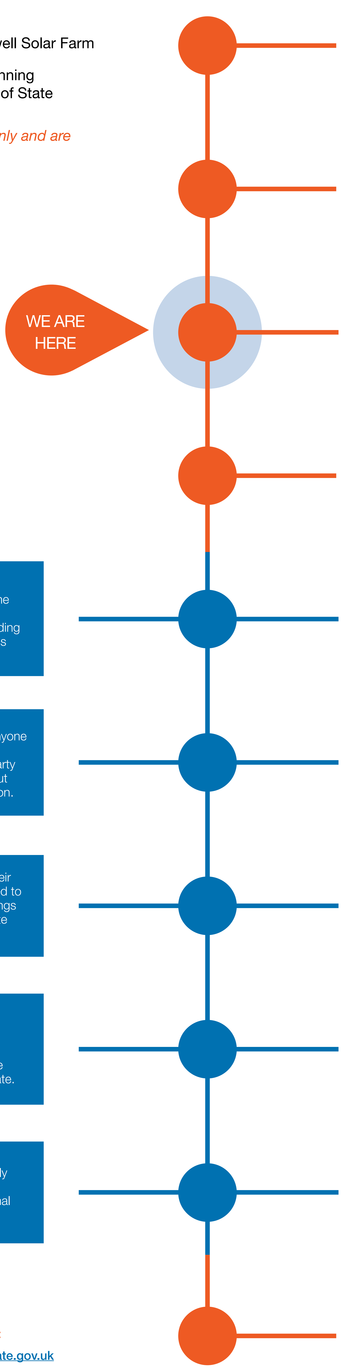
Springwell Solar Farm

The consenting process

Springwell Solar Farm is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts (MW).

- Process led by Springwell Solar Farm
- Process led by The Planning Inspectorate/Secretary of State

These dates are indicative only and are subject to change.



Early 2023

Phase one consultation: Early plans and proposals (non-statutory)

Autumn 2023

Develop Statement of Community Consultation

Early 2024

Phase two consultation: Updated plans and proposals (statutory consultation)

Autumn 2024

Application submission

Autumn 2024

Acceptance for DCO Examination

The Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to determine whether the application meets the required standard for examination - including whether the consultation process was adequate.

Winter 2024/Spring 2025

Pre-Examination period

If the application is accepted, anyone can register with the Planning Inspectorate as an Interested Party to be given the opportunity to put forward their views at examination.

Spring/Summer 2025

Examination

Interested Parties can submit their views in writing and will be invited to speak at one of the public hearings held by the Planning Inspectorate over a six month period.

Autumn 2025

Recommendation

Within three months of the end of examination, the Planning Inspectorate makes a recommendation for acceptance or refusal to the Secretary of State.

Early 2026

Secretary of State decision

The Secretary of State will usually take three months to review the recommendation and make a final decision.

Post-decision

For more information on the DCO planning process, please visit:

infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Springwell Solar Farm

We have refined our plans since the phase one consultation.

The proposed locations for the different parts of Springwell have been informed by feedback from the phase one consultation, ongoing technical work and the outputs of early environmental assessments. Springwell would be made up of the following proposed core elements:

Solar panels

- These would be predominantly 3.5m high, and up to 4m in limited areas.
- The size of the area proposed for solar panels has reduced since we last consulted.

Battery storage

- These would be up to 3m high with some associated electrical plant being up to 6m.
- The units would be painted dark green, grey or similar.
- The potential location of the battery storage has been refined to two ‘siting zones’ (reduced from the four considered in our early proposals).

Collector compounds

- These would be up to 6m high, with one satellite compound east in Springwell West, Central and East and a main collector compound adjacent to the Springwell substation.

Springwell substation

- Parts of the Springwell substation would be up to 12m high, with control buildings (including office, welfare and storage facilities) up to 6m high.
- This would be located in the northern part of Springwell West.

Areas for mitigation, enhancement or retained for agricultural use

- Areas not proposed for development would be managed for mitigation, ecological enhancement or retained for agricultural use.
- These areas now make up 58% of the total site.

Permissive footpaths

- Up to 8.6km of footpaths are proposed to connect up different villages and existing Public Rights of Way in and around the Springwell site.

New planting

- New trees and hedgerows are proposed to help screen views of Springwell and increase biodiversity.
- Opportunities to reinforce and extend existing hedgerows around the site.

Safety and security

- Most of Springwell would have mesh fencing with wooden posts around fields with solar panels.
- This would be up to 3m high and include mammal gates for animals to travel between fields.
- There would be secure perimeter fencing around the battery storage and the Springwell substation.
- Fixed view (into the site) CCTV mounted on wooden posts is also proposed.

Cables

- These would be laid underground to connect different parts of Springwell.
- Underground cabling would also connect Springwell to the National Grid.

Springwell Solar Farm

Environmental considerations

Understanding how Springwell could affect the environment is an important part of the development process.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will assess the potential effects, both positive and negative, that Springwell could have on the environment over its lifetime. This process helps us to identify how to best reduce the potential environmental effects of Springwell Solar Farm. Where potentially significant adverse effects have been identified by our early assessments, we will develop measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset these effects.

Early environmental assessments have already helped shape our proposals for building and operating Springwell. These are summarised in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) as part of this consultation.

Feedback from this consultation, along with ongoing environmental assessments and technical work will help to further refine our proposals. This includes identifying appropriate mitigation measures that could avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset any potentially significant negative effects that we have identified in the PEIR.

The final results of these assessments will be presented in an Environmental Statement which will accompany our DCO application.

What is a significant effect?

When an effect is identified, we need to understand how much of an impact it would have on the surrounding environment. This is done by assessing its 'significance', which looks at both the scale of change caused by an effect and the sensitivity of the thing it would change.

Springwell West

We are proposing solar panels for around half of Springwell West. The battery storage, Springwell substation and main collector compound are also proposed in this area.

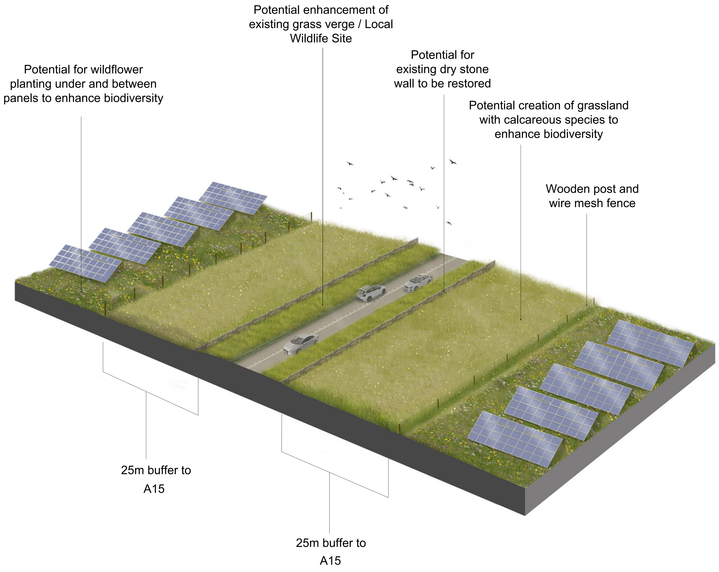
Some parts of Springwell West would be used for underground cabling to connect the different areas of Springwell together and into the National Grid. The areas above the cabling and other parts of Springwell West would be managed for mitigation, ecological enhancements or retained for agricultural use.

Updates to our proposals for Springwell West:

- Fewer solar panels are proposed in this area than at the last stage of consultation.
- Solar panels have been set back from residential properties.
- Breaks in solar panels have been introduced along the A15.
- We have developed initial ideas for planting along the north of Heath Road and along the Public Right of Way to Bloxholm Wood.
- We have included a proposed new permissive footpath connecting New England Lane to Brauncewell, connecting to Bloxholm Wood via a new footpath across the A15.
- We have continued to work with National Grid to understand its preference for the location of this new substation (into which Springwell would connect). This substation will be developed separately by National Grid and is no longer part of the Springwell proposals.

Ongoing work required:

- Refine the location of the battery storage, as well as the exact location of the Springwell substation within Springwell West.
- Develop mitigation to reduce potential noise from battery storage and solar panels.
- Refine the route of our underground cable to connect to the National Grid within the cable corridor we have identified.
- Develop proposals for planting to screen views where potentially significant visual effects have been identified.



Indicative visualisation of Springwell along part of the A15

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Springwell Central

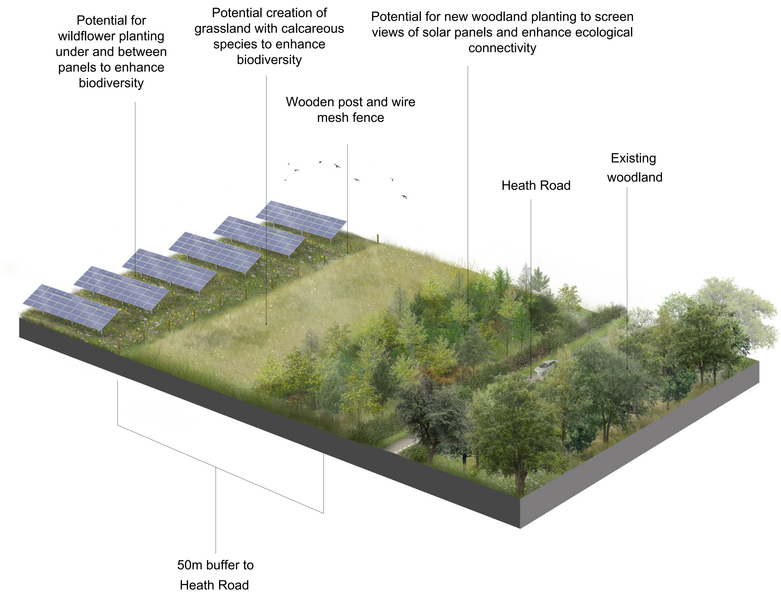
Around a third of Springwell Central is proposed for solar panels. There would also be some areas used for supporting infrastructure as well as cabling to connect different parts of the site together. The remainder of Springwell Central would be used for mitigation, ecological enhancements or retained for agricultural use.

Updates to our proposals for Springwell Central:

- Fewer solar panels are proposed in this area than at the last stage of consultation.
- Solar panels have been set back from residential properties, RAF Digby, Ashby de la Launde and along Heath Road.
- We have developed initial ideas for planting to screen likely views of Springwell.
- We have included a new permissive footpath proposed from land near RAF Digby to Scopwick, connecting with the existing footpath to create a circular walking route.

Ongoing work required:

- Continue to develop mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset potentially significant visual effects in this area.



Indicative visualisation of Springwell along part of Heath Road

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Springwell East

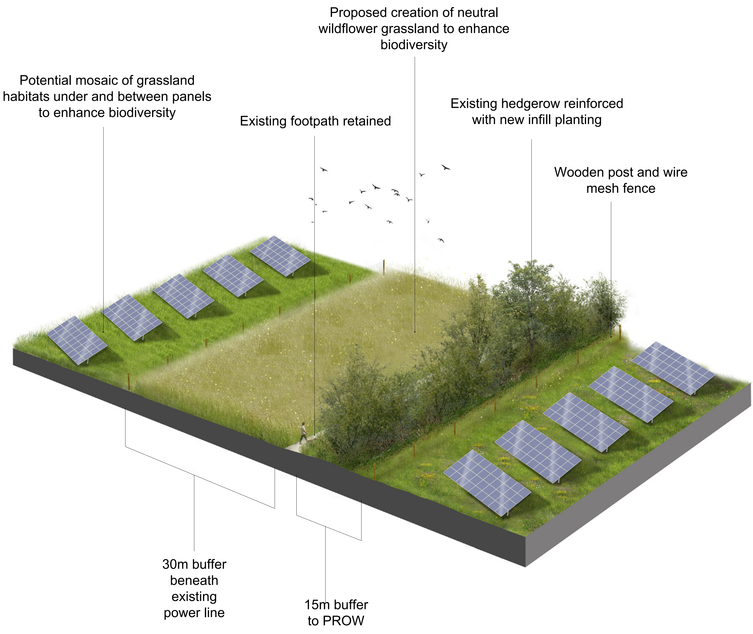
We are proposing to locate solar panels in Springwell East, along with supporting infrastructure and cabling to connect different parts of the site together. Most solar panels would be 3.5m high, with some areas along the railway line and to the northern part of Springwell East up to 4m high.

Updates to our proposals for Springwell East:

- Fewer solar panels are proposed in this area than at the last stage of consultation, including areas with no panels along the footpath network to break up views.
- Solar panels have been set back from residential properties.
- Removal of solar panels in the field where the Lancaster plane crash memorial is located.
- We have developed initial ideas to screen views of solar panels, by extending existing hedgerows and introducing new planting.

Ongoing work required:

- Continue to develop mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, mitigate or offset potentially significant visual effects in this area.



Indicative visualisation of Springwell along a public footpath

Springwell Solar Farm

Community benefit

Wherever we operate, we give something back to the local community.

All our onshore wind and solar sites in the UK have a dedicated community fund to spend on improvements in the local area.

A Springwell community fund would be put in place at the start of operation and last throughout Springwell's lifetime. It would be managed by an independent third party with the total amount of funding based on the final installed capacity of Springwell. We are proposing to provide £400 per megawatt per year of operation.

More detail about our community fund will be available closer to the time of operation, should Springwell receive consent.

As part of our DCO application, we will identify how Springwell can contribute to local and regional jobs, community projects and the local economy over its lifetime.

Springwell Solar Farm

Building Springwell

Should Springwell be granted consent, construction on our main site is planned to start in 2026, with electricity expected to be exported to the National Grid from 2028. Some parts of the Springwell site would support its construction, with the following temporary works required:

- Temporary access tracks would link access points to the construction compounds and for travel within the site.
- Construction compounds would include areas for unloading materials and staff parking, storage areas, welfare facilities and offices. There would be up to three main construction compounds where materials and people would arrive, with up to six smaller satellite compounds located around the site.

We are also proposing some permanent road improvements to ensure safe access into the site. Early assessments have shown improvements to the Gorse Hill Lane/ A15 junction would be required for safe access to and from the Springwell substation.

The measures we will take to limit the potential effects of construction will be included in an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) which will be submitted as part of our DCO application.

Moving materials

Construction vehicles would primarily travel to the site via the A15, utilising the B1191 to access Springwell Central and Springwell East. This route would avoid the use of local roads when moving the larger materials required for Springwell West.

A secondary one-way route (via the A15, onto the B1202 and then south along the B1188) is proposed for when the B1191 is unavailable (e.g. due to road works) and to avoid disrupting farm vehicles during harvest periods. Outbound traffic would travel via Bloxholm Lane, to the B1202 and back to the A15.

An Outline Construction Management Plan (oCTMP) will be submitted as part of the DCO application. It will include access routes, hours of delivery, measures to reduce disruption (e.g. wheel washing) and provisions for repairing any damage to roads and verges.

Moving construction workers

At the very peak of construction, up to 600 staff would be on site each day. Staff would arrive and park at the main construction compounds, moving between different areas of the site using internal routes. Working hours would likely be between 7am-7pm Monday-Friday, and 7am-midday on Saturdays (no working on Sundays or bank holidays).

Sustainable transport will be encouraged, such as car sharing, to reduce vehicles travelling to site, or use of shuttle services. Proposed initiatives will be included in an outline Travel Plan that will be submitted as part of our DCO application.

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Connecting to the grid

The National Grid transports large amounts of electricity around the country every day.

Springwell has a grid connection agreement with National Grid which would allow us to export up to 800MW of electricity to this network, through a new substation that would be developed, owned and operated by National Grid. There would also be capacity to import power from the network.

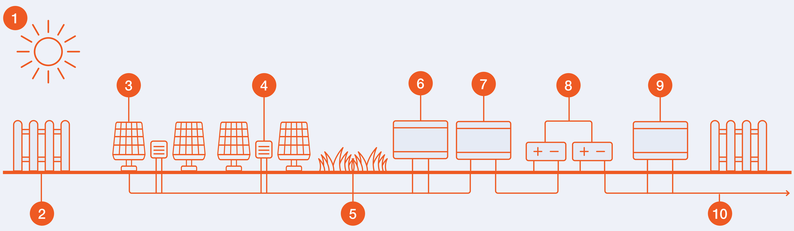
At the previous stage of consultation, we showed this substation within the Springwell site. Since then, we have continued to work with National Grid to understand its preference for the location of this new substation (into which Springwell would connect). This substation will be developed separately by National Grid and is no longer part of the Springwell proposals.

We would connect into the new substation via an underground cable from the Springwell substation and have identified a corridor in the north of Springwell West where this cable route could be located. Once the cable is laid, the land where the cable would be buried will be returned to agricultural use.

We are continuing to work with National Grid as it plans for the development of this substation progress.

Springwell Solar Farm

How does a solar farm work?



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Solar farms use energy from **the sun** 1 to generate electricity, supported by battery storage and a substation to feed the electricity into the National Grid. Solar farms are protected by **fencing** 2 to keep the site secure.

The **solar panels** 3 are set up in rows (known as 'strings'), connected to each other by cables to transfer the electricity generated by the panels to inverters.

Inverters 4 are needed to convert the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the solar panels into alternating current (AC) electricity, which is suitable for use in homes and businesses.

Inverters can be located underneath the solar panels or in areas sometimes referred to as the 'Balance of Solar System'. The 'Balance of Solar System' also includes switchgears (which control the electrical equipment), and transformers (which 'step up' the voltage to the required level for sending to the solar farm substation).

Collector compounds 6 can be used to reduce the amount of underground cabling needed by collecting electricity from a number of inverters.

A project substation 7 receives all of the electricity, steps up the voltage and sends it to the **National Grid substation** 9 to enter the electricity network.

Battery storage 8 stores electricity at times when demand is lower and releases it to the National Grid when it is most needed.

Cables 10 connect all the different parts of a solar farm together.

Springwell Solar Farm

Share your views

Next steps

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

We will consider all the feedback that we receive which will help us to refine our proposals ahead of submitting our DCO application. We anticipate this happening in Autumn 2024.

Our DCO application will include a Consultation Report setting out how we have had regard to the responses received during all stages of consultation.

How to respond

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Phase Two Consultation advertising

Application Document Ref: EN010149/APP/5.2
Planning Inspectorate Scheme Ref: EN010149

Consultation begins on proposed solar farm in North Kesteven which could power over 180,000 homes

North Kesteven, Lincolnshire (11 January 2024) – Consultation has commenced on updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm.

This is the second stage of public consultation on the proposed solar farm with battery storage, which is located between Lincoln and Sleaford.

The proposals have been updated following feedback from the community and engagement with stakeholders, alongside ongoing technical work and the outputs of early environmental assessments.

Changes include further design of offsets from homes and villages, with an overall reduction in the areas proposed for solar panels. Areas not proposed for development would be managed for mitigation, ecological enhancement or retained for agricultural use – and are now proposed to make up over half of the site.

The updated proposals also include 8.6km of permissive footpaths, and plans for a community benefit fund which would provide £400 per megawatt of installed capacity for communities to spend on local projects.

Consultation will run for six weeks, closing on Thursday 22 February 2024. Feedback at this stage will be used to refine proposals before a Development Consent Order (DCO) application is submitted.

Springwell Solar Farm would make a significant contribution to the UK's future energy mix by providing enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000 homes* every year – the equivalent of around half the homes in Lincolnshire**.

EDF Renewables UK's Director of Storage, Solar and Private Wire Matthew Boulton said,

"Community input has already helped to inform our plans for Springwell and will continue to play a very important part in helping us refine our proposals before we submit our DCO application.

I encourage everyone to get in touch, meet with us and share their views during the consultation."

As part of the consultation, members of the public are invited to a series of public exhibitions to meet with the team behind Springwell and share their feedback. The exhibitions will take place at the following dates and locations:

- Wednesday 24 January - Scopwick Village Hall (4pm - 8pm)
- Thursday 25 January – Ashby de la Launde Village Hall (3pm - 7pm)
- Friday 26 January – The Venue, Navenby (Midday - 4pm)
- Saturday 27 January – Metheringham Village Hall (11am - 3pm)
- Tuesday 20 February – Blankney Old School (3pm - 7pm)

Members of the public can also visit a dedicated website: www.springwellsolarfarm.co.uk to view and download the consultation materials and visit a virtual exhibition on the plans.

Copies of the consultation materials can also be viewed and picked up at the following locations (please check opening hours before travelling):

- Sleaford Library, 13-16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR

- Navenby Community Library, The Venue, Navenby LN5 0JJ

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

For further information, please contact:

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* *Based upon the average domestic electricity consumption per home (temperature corrected) per the Energy Consumption in the UK (published September 2021, Table C9 of ECUK: Consumption data tables)*

** *Based on 2021 census data (homes within the Lincolnshire County Council area*

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Find out more at www.edf-re.uk

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

Springwell is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because of its generating capacity (over 50MW). NSIPs require planning permission to be granted by the relevant Secretary of State through a Development Consent Order (DCO). Further information about the DCO process is available at the Planning Inspectorate's website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/

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Hampers bring cheer

Staff at a GP practice worked to help make things a little more special over the festive period for some of its more vulnerable patients.
The staff at Sleaford Medical Group were busy making hampers for some of their vulnerable housebound patients.
They asked staff and patients to donate Christmas type foods.
These included items such as mince pies, shortbread, selection boxes and Christmas puddings.
And they were overwhelmed with contributions.
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The hampers were put together in a "production line" style by Sleaford Medical Group volunteers

New solar farm scheme

Daniel Jaines
Local democracy reporter
lincolnshireworld.com

Plans for a new 50MW solar farm between Scredington and Silk Willoughby have been submitted to North Kesteven District Council.

Mareham Lane Solar Limited's application proposes building the solar farm on land flanking both sides of Mareham Lane.

In their submisison the developers claim that the solar farm will generate approximately 49.99 MW of electricity, enough to power around 15,000 average UK households annually.

This is the latest power supply application for the area. There are already solar farms constructed at Burton Gorse and Burton Pedwardine. Anglian Water has proposals for a major new reservoir between Scredington and Swaton.

According to their statements, the solar developers estimate the project will offset 21,500 tonnes of CO_2 annually, while providing reliable tax revenue and utilising existing grid infrastructure.

"The proposed scheme would provide a significant amount of decentralised electricity to the area and support the transition to electric vehicles and heating," state the documents submitted.

"It would also help to reduce the UK's reliance on imported fossil fuels and help the UK gain more control over its energy provision and energy security, helping to stabilise domestic fuel bills."

It adds: "The proposals will also help to minimise the economic and environmental cost of climate change, including potential catastrophic impacts on agriculture."

The project is limited to lower grade agricultural land but could allow sheep grazing around panels.

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Foodbank given boost

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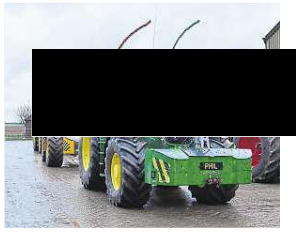

£3k charity tractor run

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Public consultation

11 January 2024 – 22 February 2024

We will soon be consulting on our updated plans for Springwell Solar Farm, a proposed new solar farm with battery storage in North Kesteven.

We are keen for as many people as possible to get in touch and share their feedback during our consultation.

Get in touch

For further information, or to request a printed copy of our consultation materials, please get in touch:

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Springwell Solar Farm

Find out more by...

- Coming along to a public exhibition:

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Metheringham Village Hall, Fen Road, LN4 3AA	**Saturday 27 January** 11am - 3pm
Blankney Old School House, Drury St, LN4 3AZ	**Tuesday 20 February** 3pm - 7pm

- Visiting springwellsolarfarm.co.uk to view and download our consultation materials
- Picking up a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire, as well as reading a copy of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report: (please check opening hours)

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LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1) (FARLSTHORPE/BILSBY – PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY NO. 74/1 & 74/5) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION TO TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023

Lincolnshire County Council has made an Order closing Public Right of Way No. 74/1 & 74/5 in the Parish of Farlsthorpe/bilsby, to all traffic.

The closure is required to reduce the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are in progress in proximity to the Footpath.

The Order will commence on 8 January 2024 and may last for a maximum period of 6 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier.

Access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of footpath to be closed, if any, will be maintained where possible.

The restriction shall only apply during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

An alternative route will be signed.

SCHEDULE – PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY CLOSURE ORDER

Farlsthorpe PROW 74/1

Bilsby PROW 74/5 (Between Alford Road & a point 1200m North)

ANDY GUTHERSON, Executive Director of Place
Lincolnshire County Council

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Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of The Poplars, Chapman Street, Market Rasen, LN8 3DS, who died on 28/12/2022, must send written particulars to the address below by 04/03/2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests notified.

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983, that a revised version of the Register of Electors for East Lindsey Council area will be re-published on 1st February, 2024.
Electors registered in the area need take no action as a result of this notice.
Prospective candidates and their agents and political parties should take note that the electoral numbers of registered electors will change as a consequence of the re-publication.
Robert Barlow
Electoral Registration Officer
East Lindsey District Council
The Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, LN9 6PH
Dated: 18 December 2023

Public consultation

11 January 2024 – 22 February 2024

We will soon be consulting on our updated plans for Springwell Solar Farm, a proposed new solar farm with battery storage in North Kesteven.

We are keen for as many people as possible to get in touch and share their feedback during our consultation.

Get in touch

For further information, or to request a printed copy of our consultation materials, please get in touch:

0800 038 3486
(9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

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Find out more by...

- Coming along to a public exhibition:

Scopwick Village Hall, Brookside, LN4 3PA	**Wednesday 24 January** 4pm - 8pm
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- Visiting springwellsolarfarm.co.uk to view and download our consultation materials
- Picking up a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire, as well as reading a copy of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report: (please check opening hours)

The Venue, Navenby, Grantham Road LN5 0JJ

Sleaford Library, 13-16 Market Place, Sleaford NG34 7SR

Phase two consultation 11 January to 22 February 2024

Springwell Solar Farm

We are consulting on updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm, a proposed new solar farm with battery storage located between Lincoln and Sleaford. Springwell Solar Farm would make an important contribution to the UK's future energy network by supplying enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000 homes* each year.

In response to feedback from the previous consultation, we are now proposing:

- Fewer areas proposed for solar panels (avoiding the use of concrete and foundations)
- 8.6km of proposed new walking routes
- Initial ideas for new planting to screen views and offsets from nearby homes and villages
- Increased areas proposed for mitigation, ecological enhancement or agricultural use (58% of site)
- Refined potential locations of the battery storage and Springwell substation
- Worked with National Grid to understand its preference for the location of the National Grid Substation

Find out more

All of our consultation materials can be found on our website: springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

You can also request printed copies of the consultation materials using our contact details. Our materials are also available at the following locations (please check opening hours):

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Share your views

Anyone can share their views by:

- Completing an online questionnaire at **springwellsolarfarm.co.uk/questionnaire**
- Emailing your comments to **info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk**
- Posting your written comments (no stamp required) to **Springwell Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL**

All comments must be received by 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Contact Us

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Appendix G-3 – Screenshots of Phase Two Consultation website and virtual exhibition

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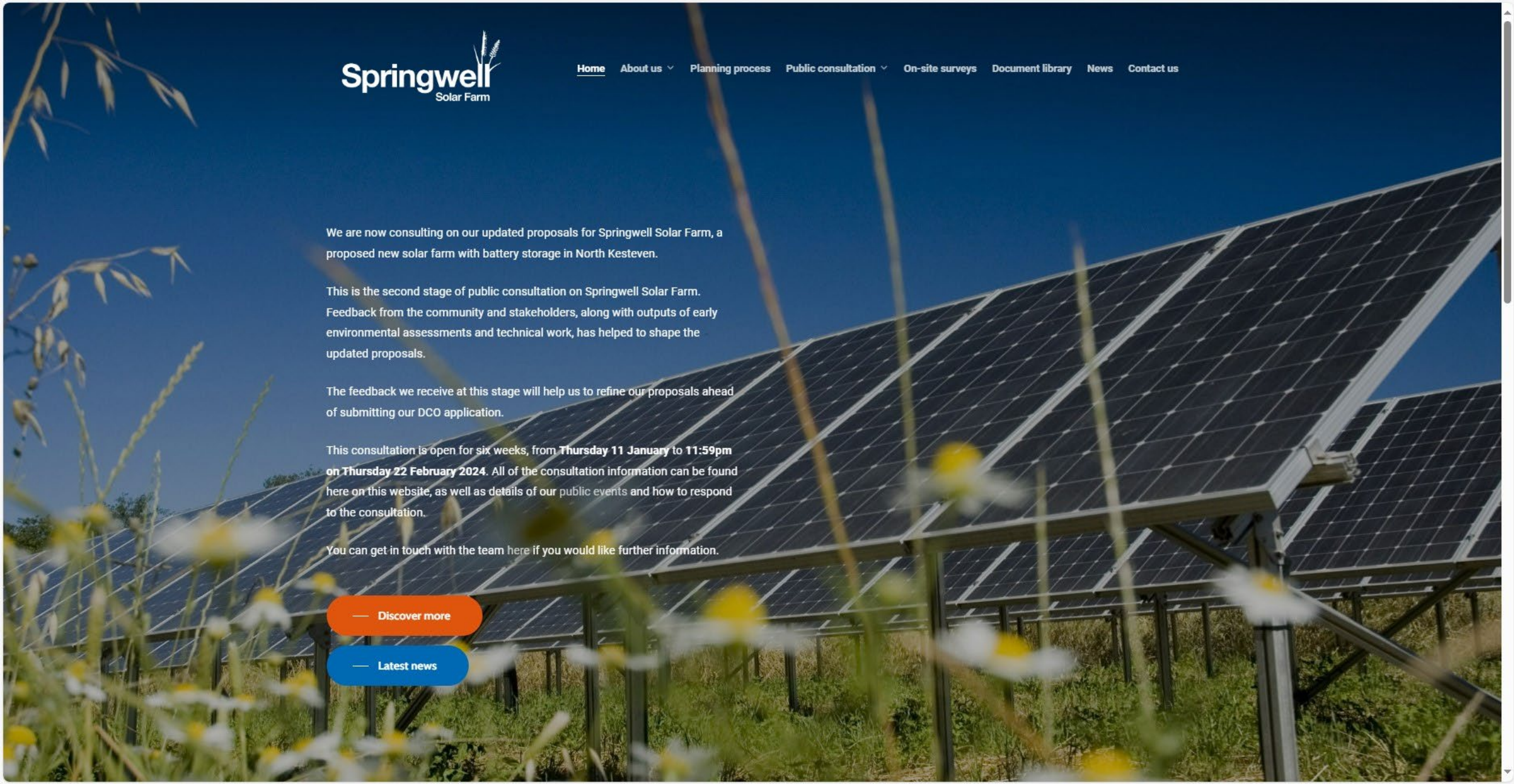
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The feedback we receive at this stage will help us to refine our proposals ahead of submitting our DCO application.
This consultation is open for six weeks, from Thursday 11 January to 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024. All of the consultation information can be found here on this website, as well as details of our public events and how to respond to the consultation.
You can get in touch with the team here if you would like further information.
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What is Springwell Solar Farm?

Springwell is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage in North Kesteven that would provide enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000 homes*. That's around half of all the homes in Lincolnshire.

Like most solar farms, Springwell would have a fixed lifespan of around 40 years and could be built and operated with limited impact on the land beneath it. Once the panels are removed, the land could be returned to agricultural use.

We also want Springwell to benefit the local area throughout its lifetime and we will work closely with the community to identify opportunities to support local initiatives.

Read more

Why is Springwell Solar Farm needed?

Springwell Solar Farm would make an important contribution to helping the UK's future energy network by producing clean, secure energy and helping reach the government's target of 70GW of installed solar capacity by 2035.

The UK is undergoing a major change in the way it meets its energy needs. In 2019 the government legislated to commit the country to achieve 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2050 as against 1990 levels.

Read more

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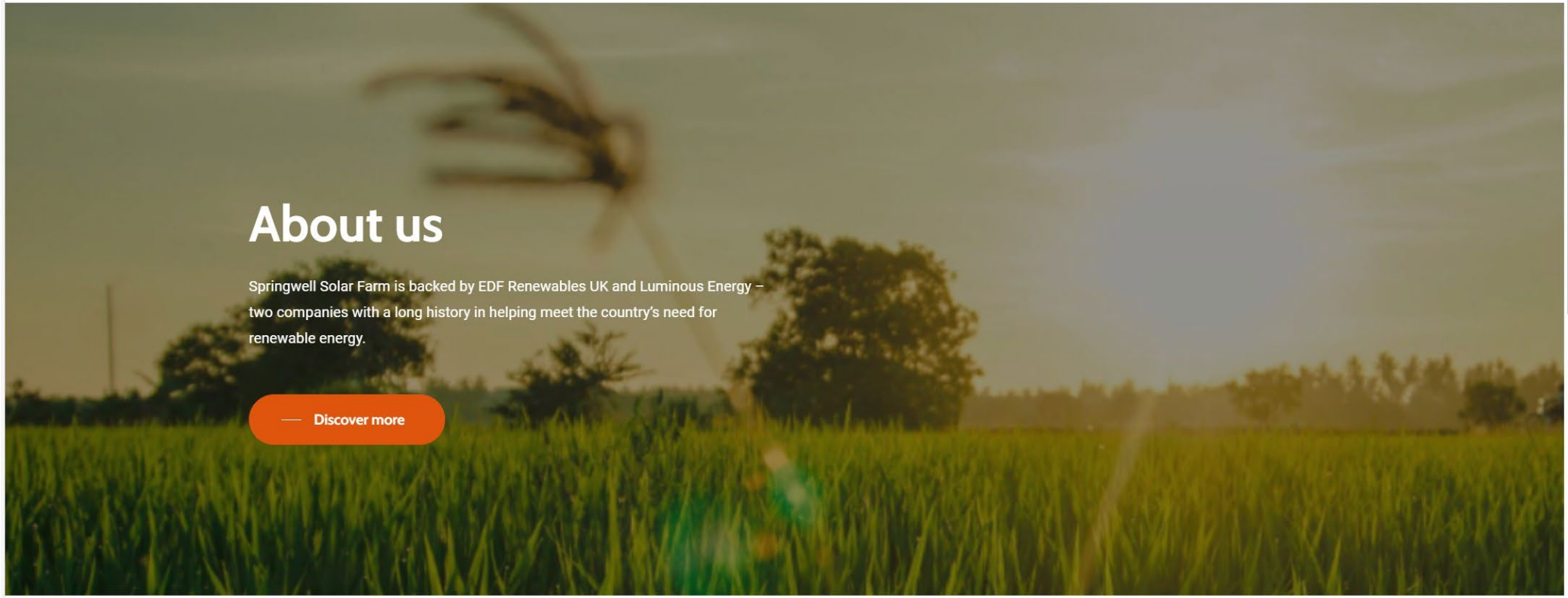

About us

Springwell Solar Farm is backed by EDF Renewables UK and Luminous Energy – two companies with a long history in helping meet the country's need for renewable energy.

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We invest in our projects and the communities where we operate for the long-term. We remain involved in projects over their lifetime from development, construction and operation, all the way through to decommissioning.

EDF

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It aims to make a positive contribution to the world by providing practical answers to climate change, and actively seeks to implement initiatives that enhance biodiversity on individual projects which are in keeping with local communities and landscapes.

You can find out more about both organisations at: www.edf-re.uk and www.luminous.energy

Springwell Solar Farm

What is Springwell Solar Farm?

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Springwell is a proposed new solar farm with battery storage that would provide enough clean, secure energy to power over 180,000* homes each year – the equivalent of half the homes in Lincolnshire.

We consulted on our early plans and proposals for Springwell between January and March 2023. The feedback we received, along with outputs of early environmental assessments and technical work, has helped to shape the updated proposals.

Changes include further design of offsets from homes and villages, including proposals for new planting, as well as an overall reduction in the size of the area proposed for solar panels.

You can find out more about our updated proposals by reading the materials we have published about part of the consultation, including the consultation booklet and virtual exhibition.

The proposals are on land predominantly owned by Blankney Estates. Springwell Solar Farm will play an important role in safeguarding its future operations and supporting the estate's ethos of long-term sustainability, for the benefit of the environment and future generations.

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Why is Springwell needed?

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Reaching net zero means fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas will need to be replaced by sources of clean, renewable electricity. This is important because the energy sector produces around 75% of greenhouse gas emissions around the world today. The government believes that by 2030, 95% of British electricity could be low carbon and by 2035, this could be 100%.

In the future, electricity will have a much larger role to play in our energy system. Not only will it be used to heat our homes, but it will play an important role across our whole economy, powering our future transport systems, buildings and industries. This means we need to produce a lot more electricity than we currently do. In fact, electricity demand is set to double by 2050.

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Solar will play an essential role in our future energy mix – it is reliable, secure and can be built quickly. At a larger scale, it is also the cheapest method of generating electricity here in the UK. Most solar farms have an operational lifetime of around 40 years and can be built and operated with limited impact to the land beneath them. This means that once the panels are removed, the land can be returned to agricultural use.

With the potential to generate 800MW of electricity, Springwell would make an important contribution to helping the UK build a cleaner, independent and affordable energy system and reach our net-zero target.

The planning process

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Springwell is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because it would have a generating capacity above 50 megawatts (50MW). This means we need to apply for a type of planning consent called a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build and operate it.

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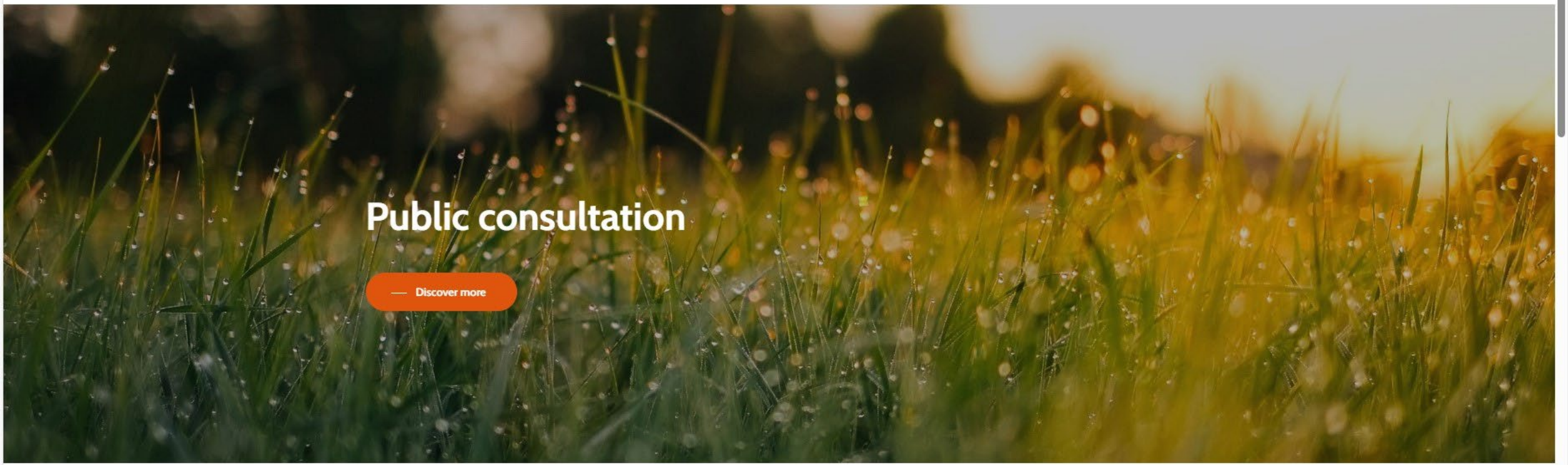
We have published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), setting out how we are carrying out this consultation, which you can read here.

We are now consulting on our updated proposals and preliminary environmental information for Springwell. Feedback from this consultation will be used to help us further refine our plans before we submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

For more information about the planning process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate website here:

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



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- A consultation questionnaire, which you can use to share your feedback.
- A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which summarises the results of our preliminary environmental assessments, across four volumes:
  - Volume 1: Preliminary Environmental Information Report, including a 'Non-Technical Summary of preliminary assessment of effects'
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Completing a consultation questionnaire online here

Posting the questionnaire or submitting your comments (no stamp required) to:

Springwell Solar Farm

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Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 22 February 2024.

Following this consultation, we will consider all the feedback that we receive which, along with our ongoing environmental assessments and technical work, will help us to refine our proposals ahead of submitting our DCO application. We anticipate this happening in autumn 2024. You can get in touch with us at any time throughout this process using the contact details on this page.

Our DCO application will include a Consultation Report setting out how we have had regard to the responses received during all stages of consultation.

Consultation booklet

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We are now consulting on our updated proposals for Springwell. The feedback we receive at this stage will help us to refine our proposals further ahead of submitting our DCO application.

This booklet summarises our proposals, the EIA process, the consultation and planning process, approach to community benefit and next steps. It also sets out the different ways you can get involved and share your views.

To view and download our booklet, please click below:

Read the booklet

Springwell Solar Farm

Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on our updated proposals for Springwell Solar Farm.

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This questionnaire is designed to be used having read about our proposals in the consultation booklet, which can be found here.

To complete the questionnaire, please click below.

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Complete Questionnaire

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Virtual exhibition

Our virtual exhibition sets out the proposals and explains how you can get involved in the consultation.

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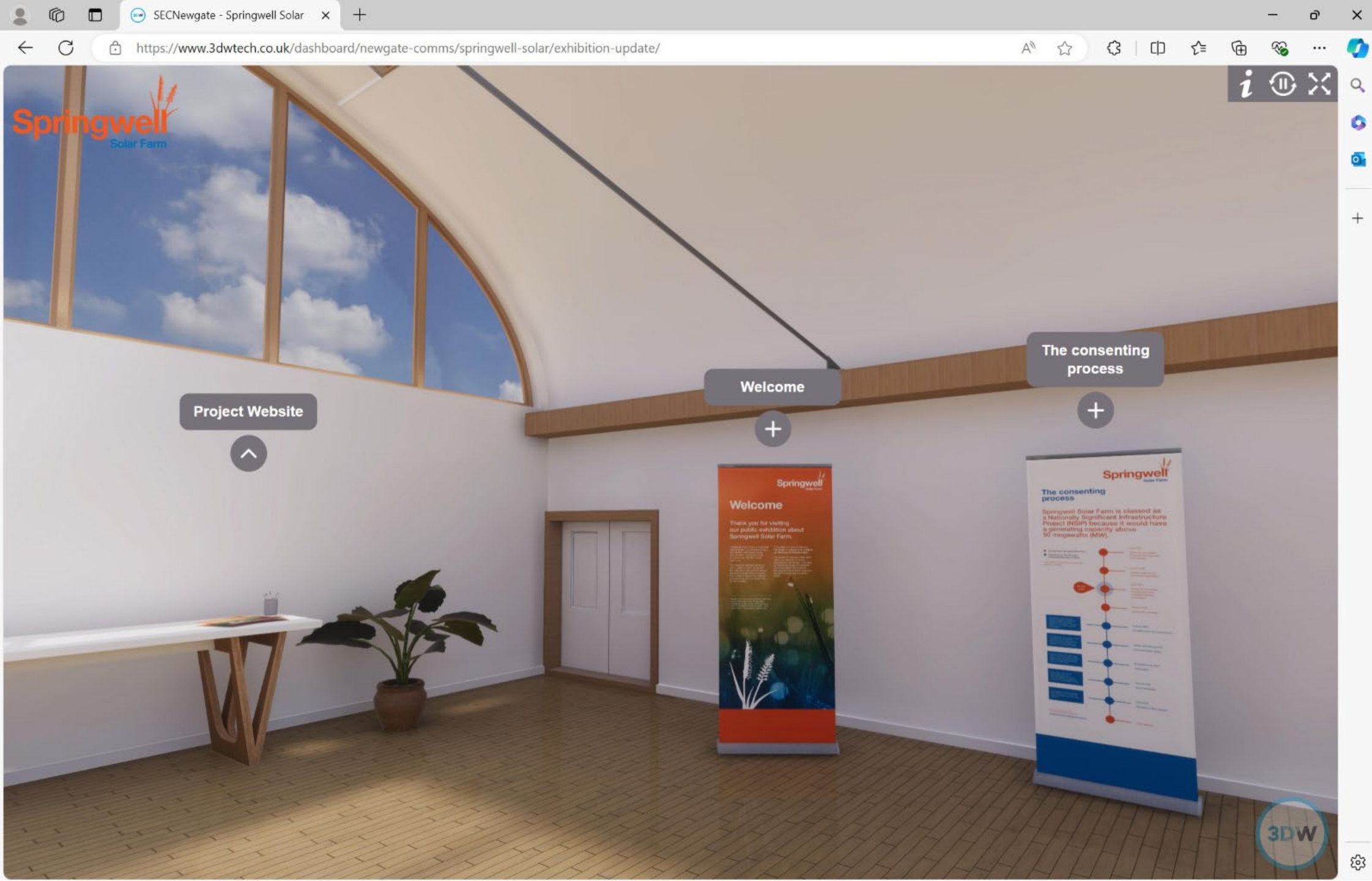
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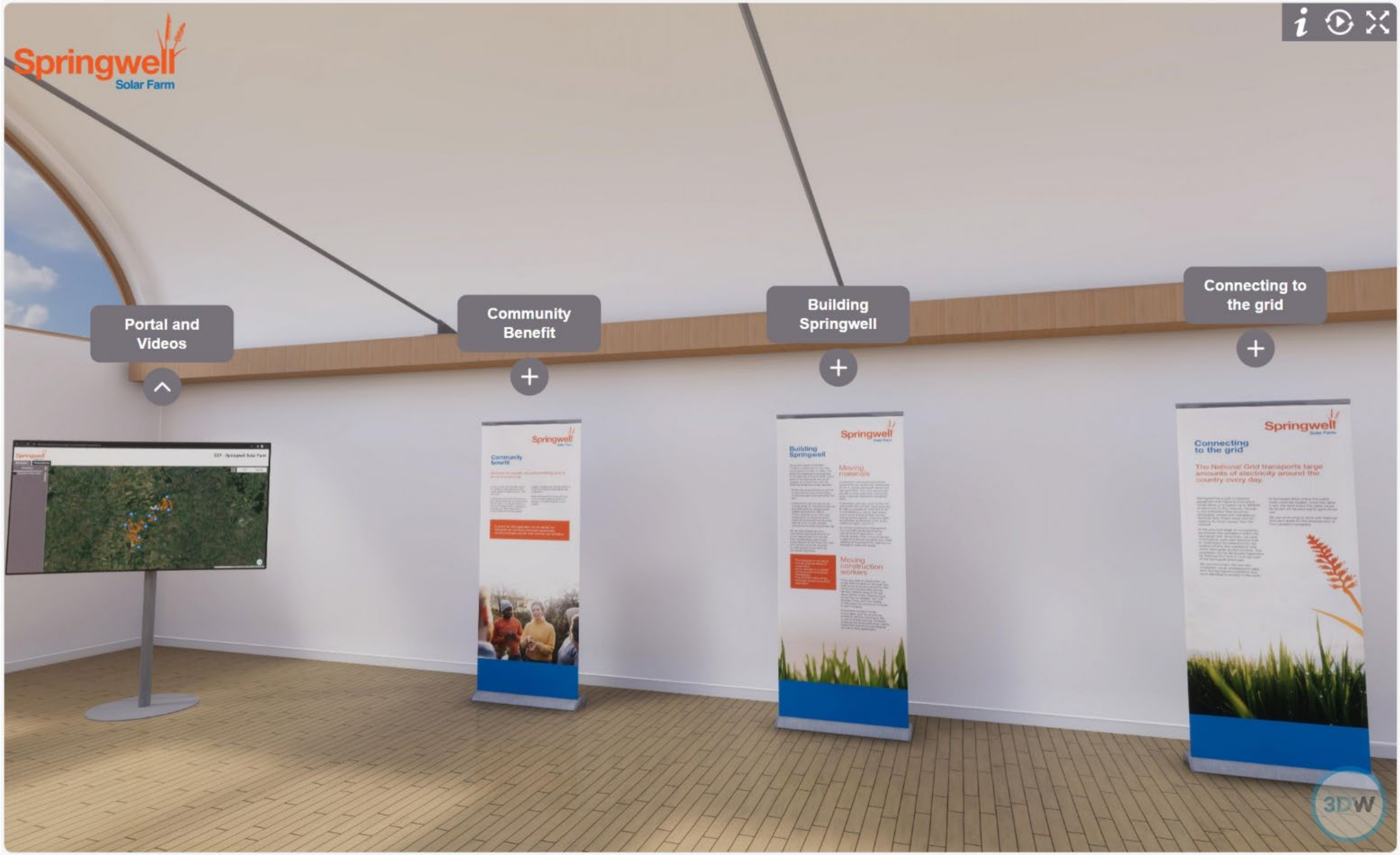
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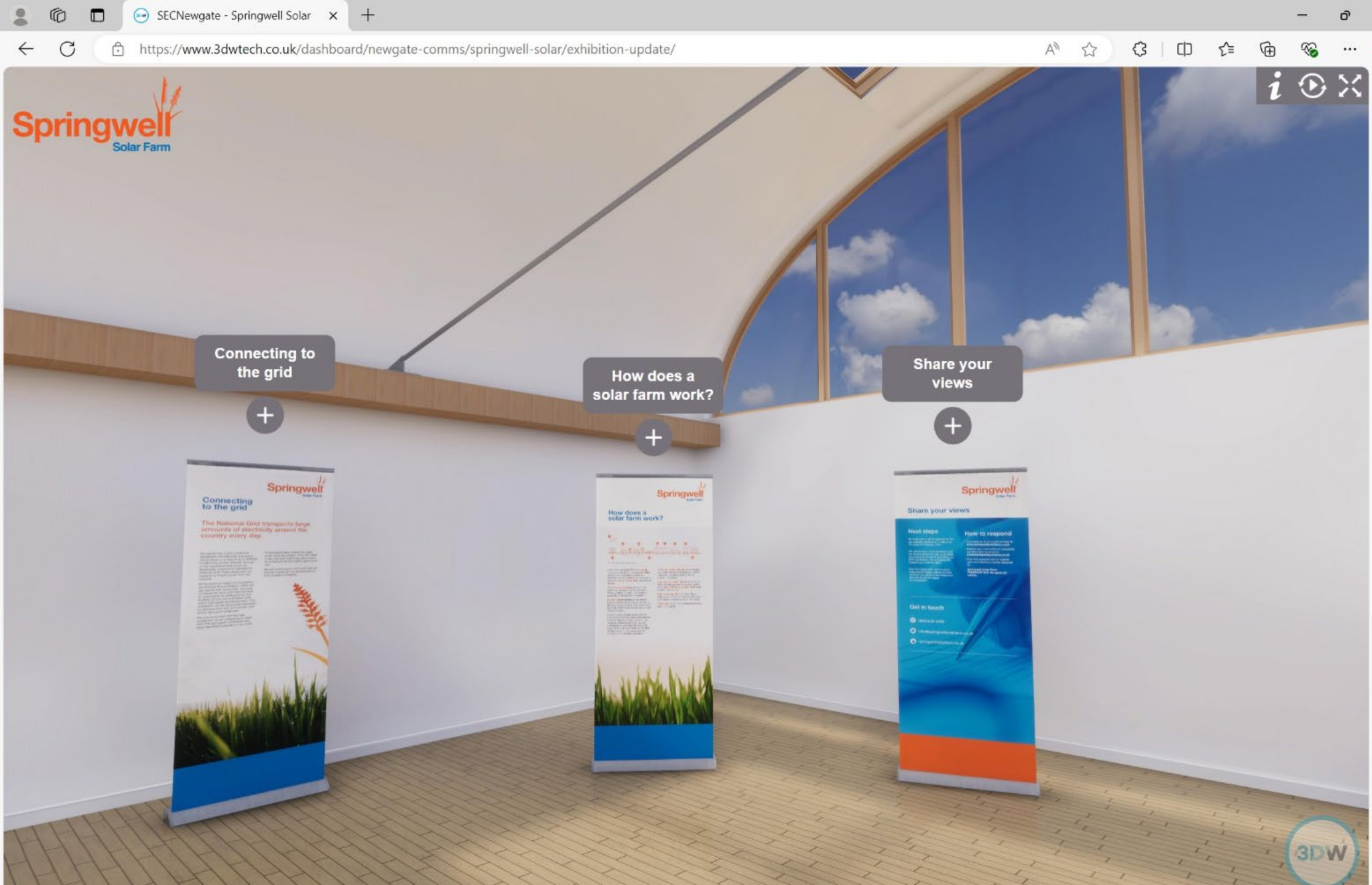
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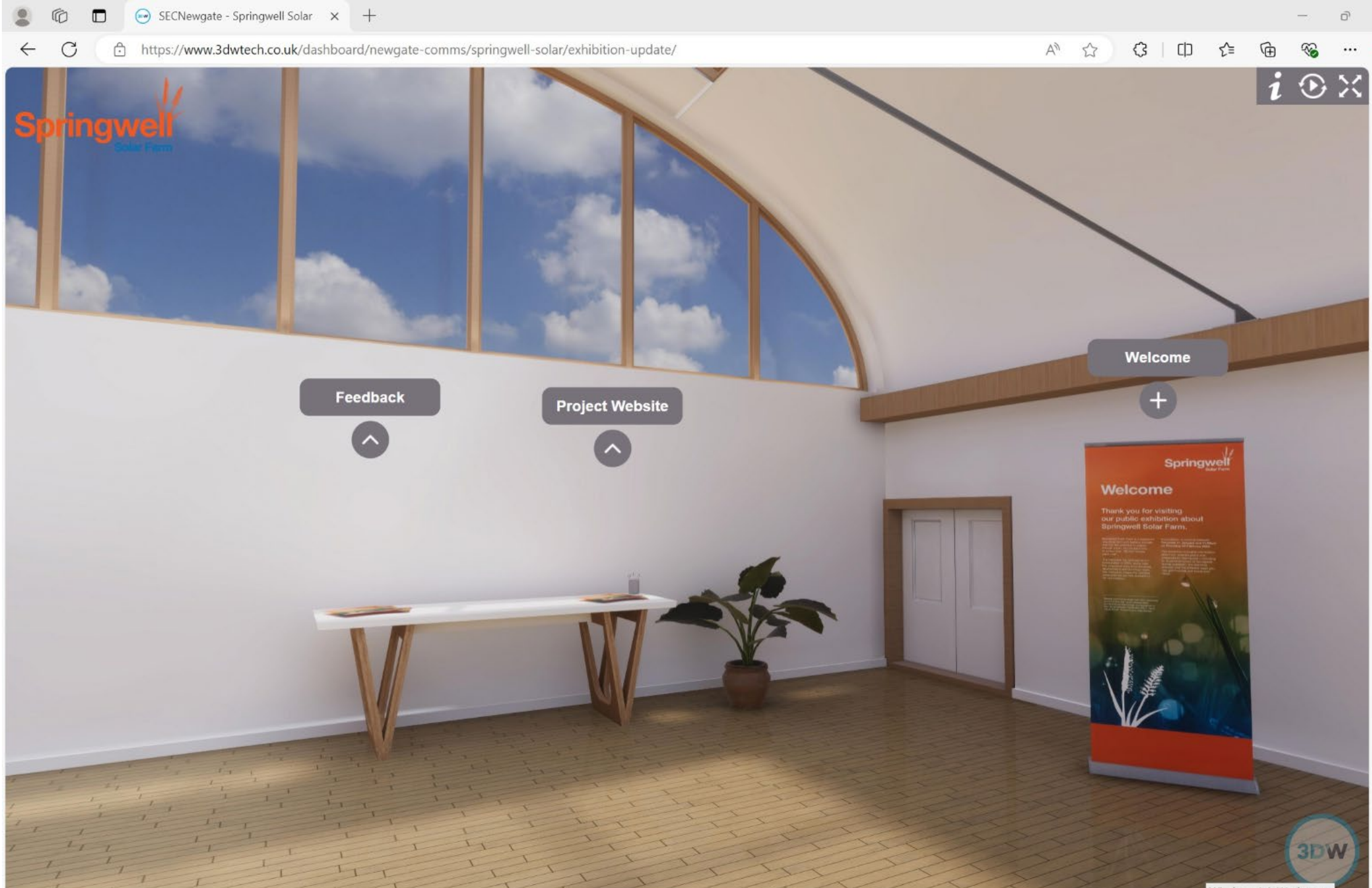
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Portal Navigation

The information below is intended to assist with navigating the 3D Portal, however there is an Interactive Portal User Guide, which you can access by clicking here

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In order to view the visualisations and navigate the portal, please start by clicking on any of the cameras on the adjacent map. They are situated next to their relevant viewpoints to allow access to areas of interest.

Should you prefer to view the map in satellite, this can be done by clicking the 'Satellite' tab at the top right hand corner of the map.

Once you have clicked on a viewpoint, if you want to return to the full map at any point, please click on the project map icon situated down the left-hand side of the map – it is a location pin icon on top of a grid.

If you are viewing a video and would like to return to the overview map, the project map icon is situated at the top right-hand corner of the screen.

Visualisations

Once you click on a visualisation, you will be presented with three tabs across the top middle of the screen; 'Existing' and 'Proposed'

If you click on the existing tab, it will show you the area as it currently stands, without the proposed solar farm.

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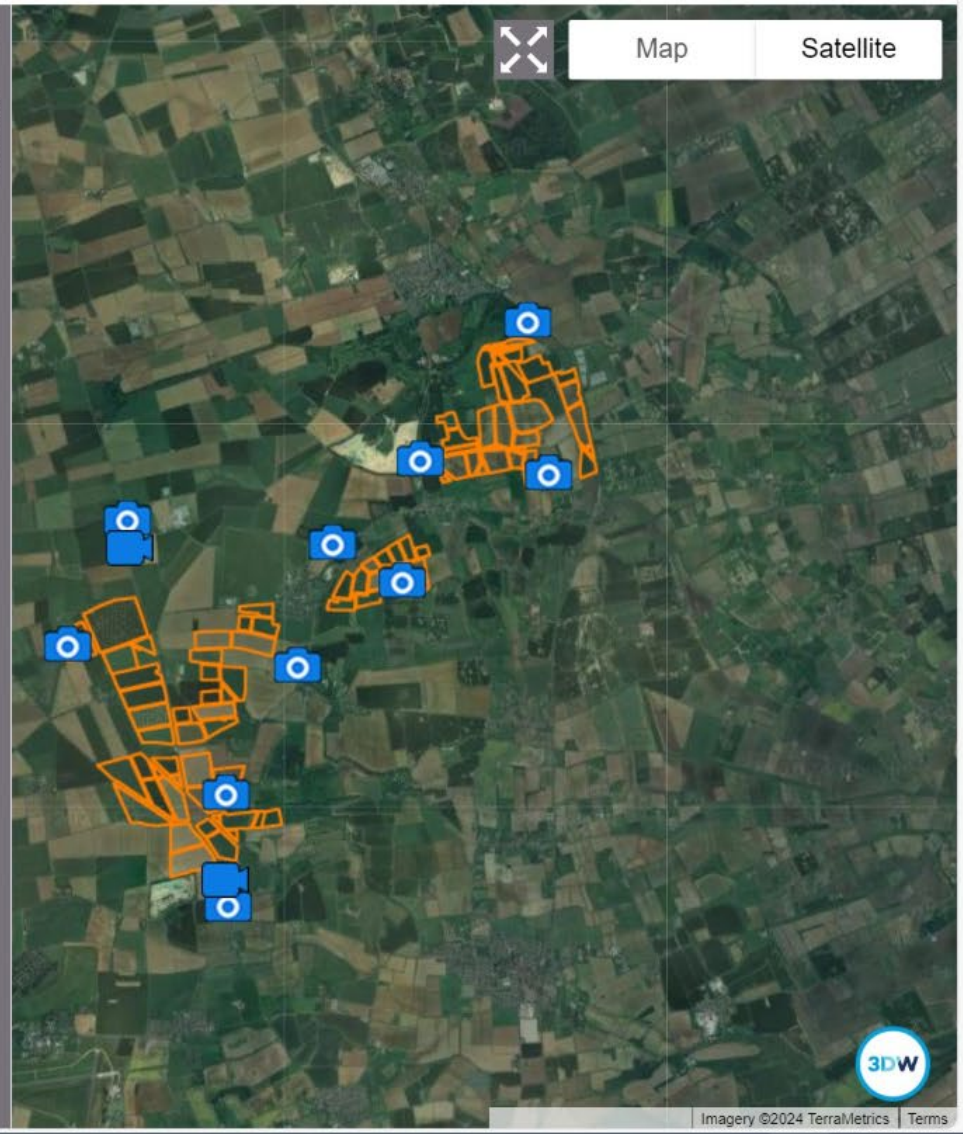

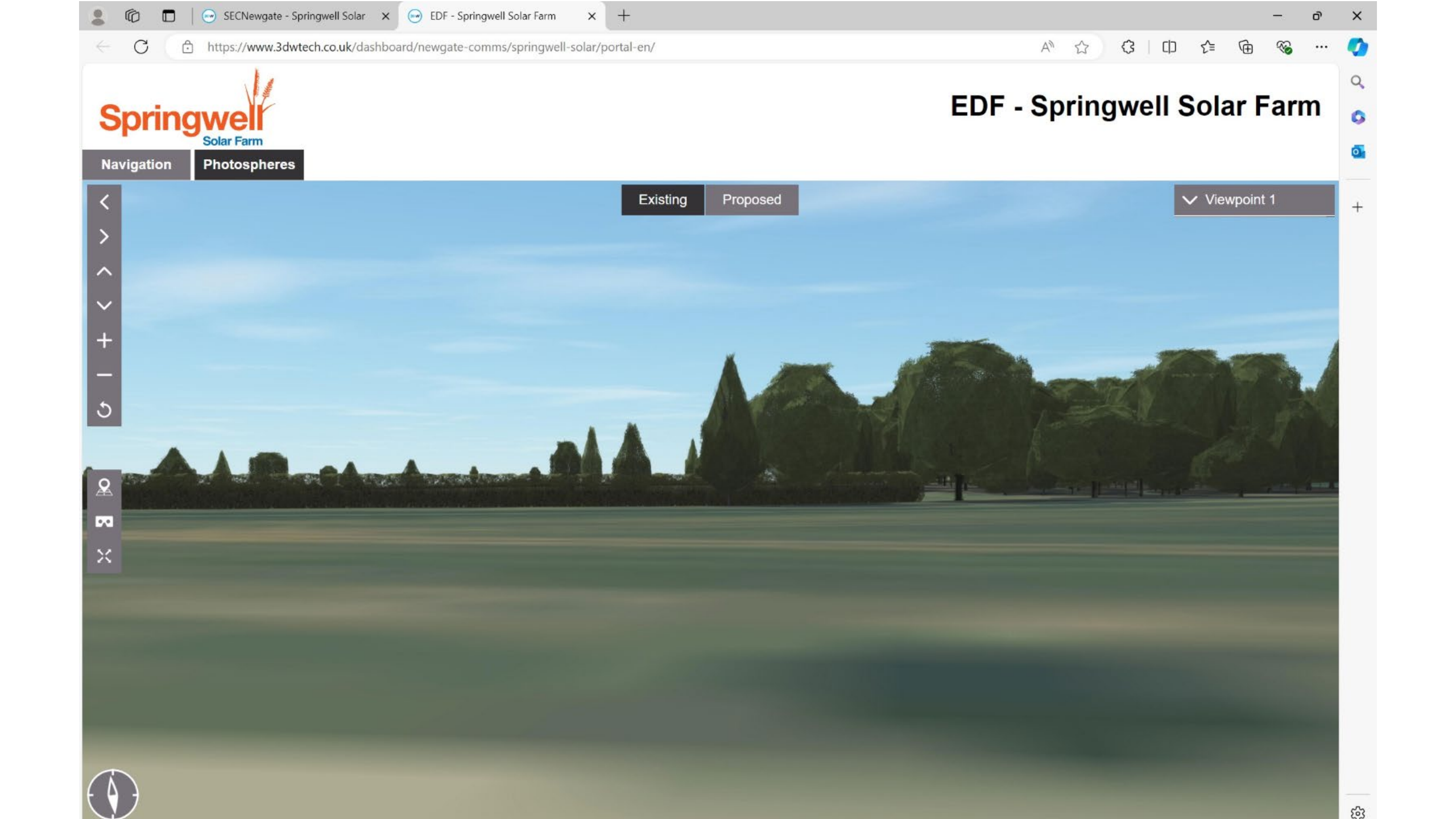
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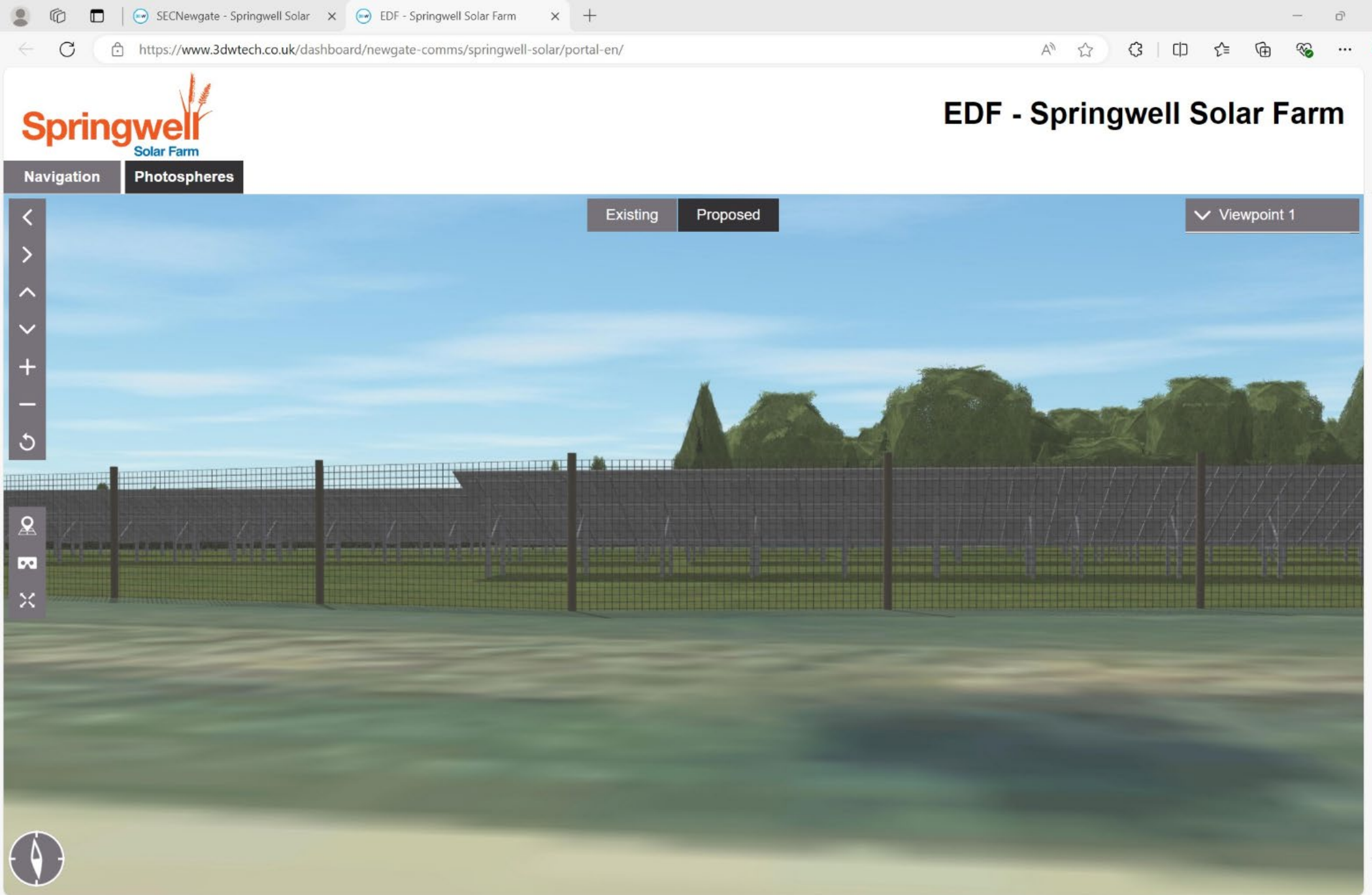
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On-site surveys

Surveys to help us develop a detailed understanding of the conditions of the Springwell site are continuing. These surveys will inform our environmental assessments which, along with the feedback from our consultation, will be used to help develop our design.

This page will be kept up to date with information about upcoming activity on site and what you might see us doing over the coming weeks and months.

If you have any questions about works that are happening, you can get in touch by phoning 0800 038 3486 or emailing info@springwellsolarfarm.co.uk

Latest news

Tuesday 14 November – We are currently carrying out surveys around the site to help us count the number of wintering birds in the local area. For more information about these surveys, please read our post below.




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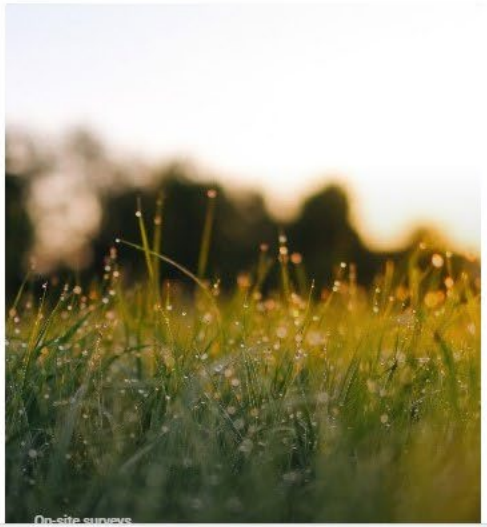

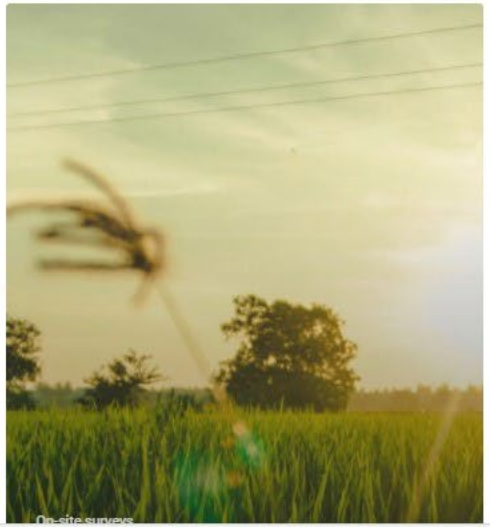

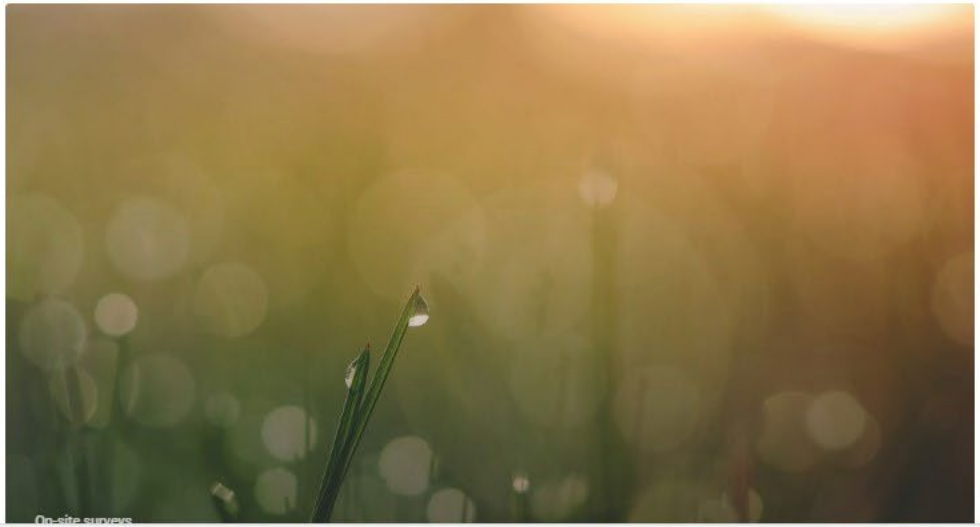

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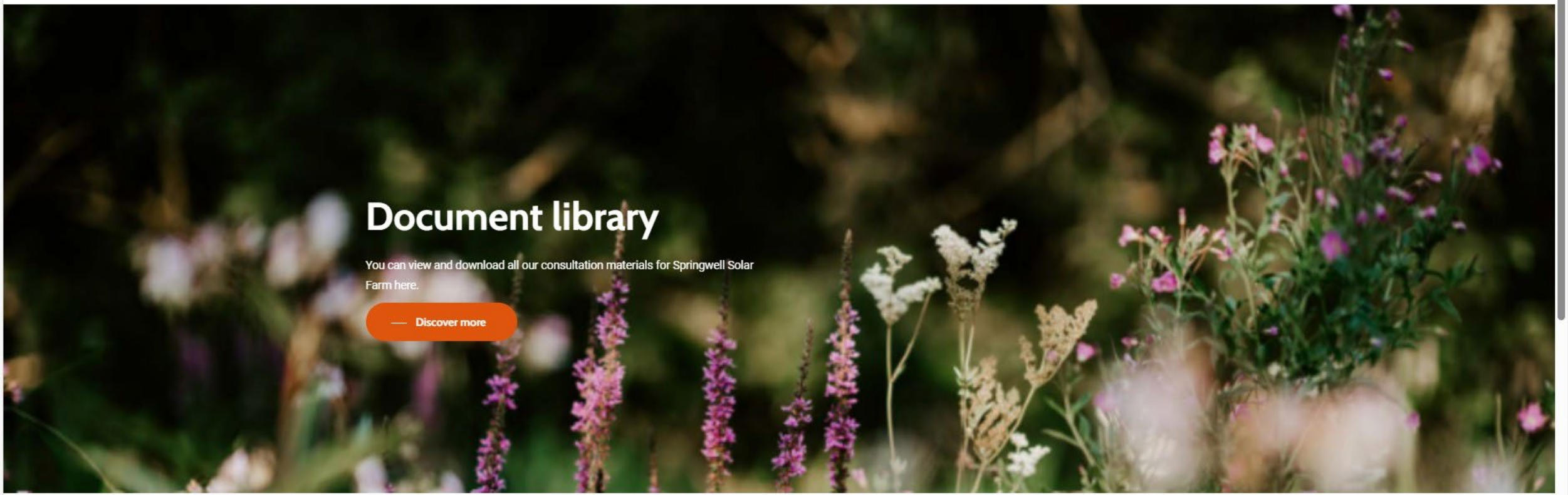

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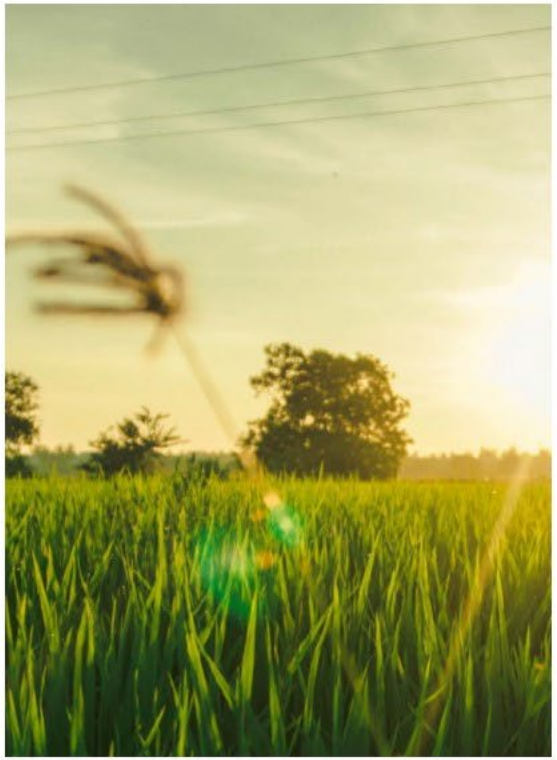

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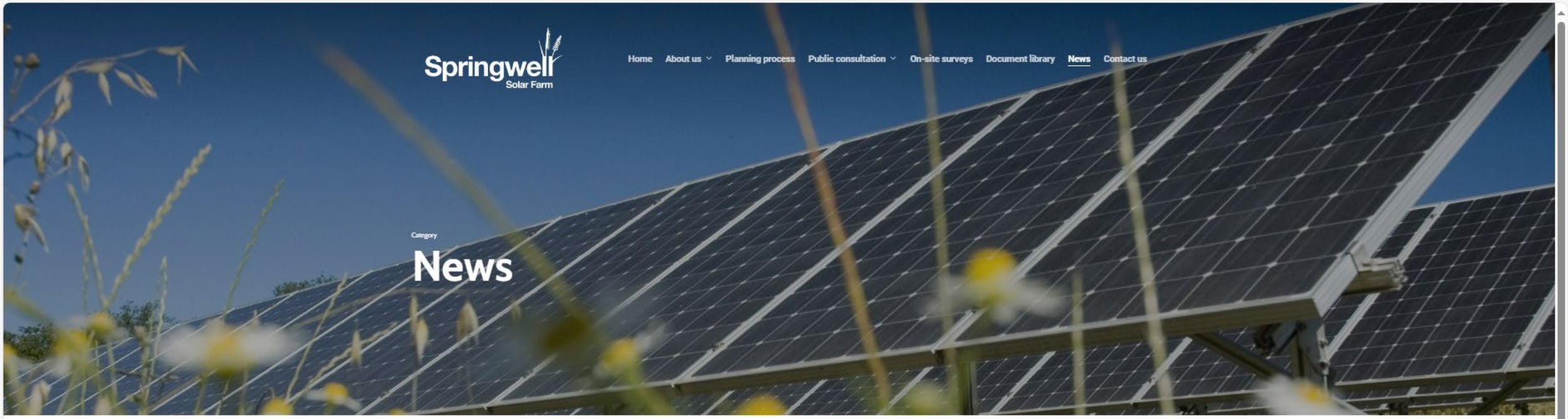
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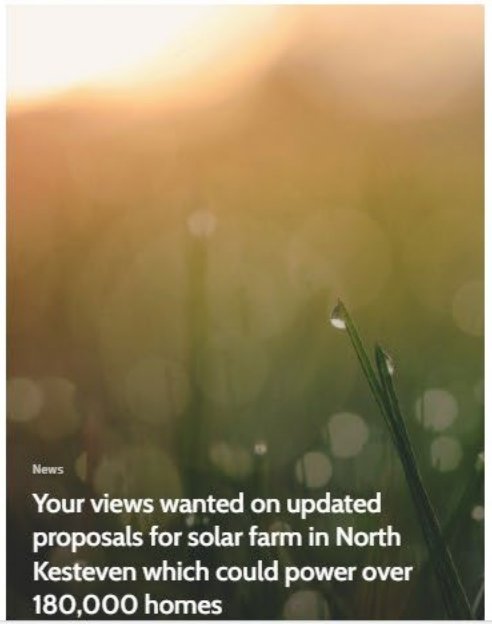
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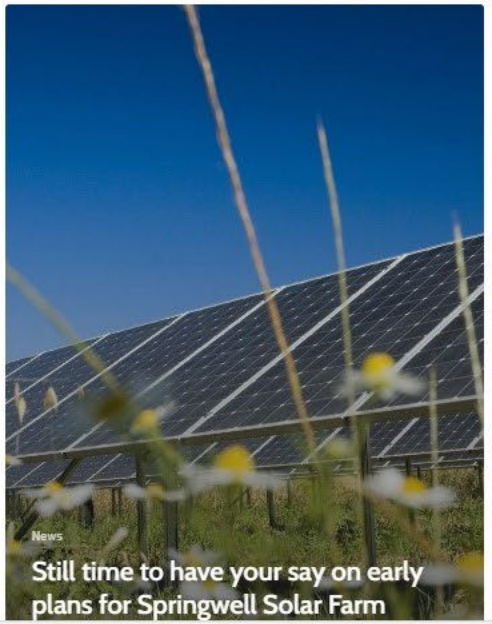
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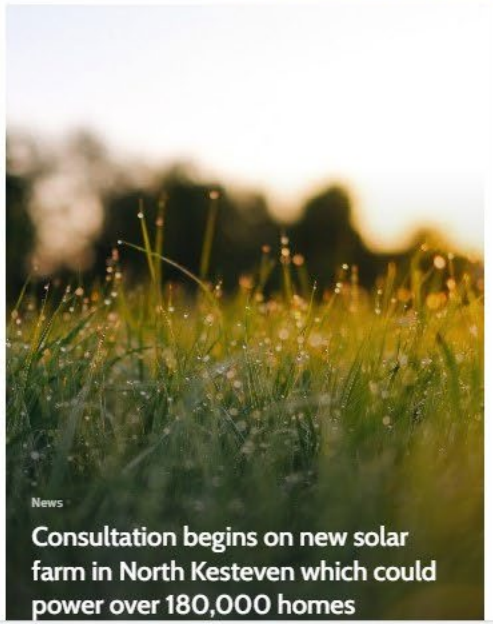
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