

What are the Benefits of Cranfield Road Solar Farm?

The main benefits of the development proposed are summarised below:

- The scheme would generate enough renewable energy to power the equivalent annual energy needs of 15,000 homes, making a significant contribution to local clean power and regional renewable targets.
- The scheme would displace the equivalent of 862,000 tonnes of CO₂ from equivalent fossil fuel energy generation over the lifespan of 40 years.
- The scheme would allow Bedford Borough, Milton Keynes and Central Bedfordshire to play its part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with local, national and international targets.
- The site will be subject to considerable biodiversity and landscape enhancements. Both will be carefully managed with a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.
- The site can be used for grazing throughout the operation of the solar farm and can be returned to its original agricultural use following decommissioning.
- The Public Rights of Way which cross the site will be retained and unaffected.



Consultation

Please provide any comments you have on the proposal either via the project website, or by email or post using the details provided.

Comments provided by the local community will be taken into account in shaping the final planning application submission. All comments must be provided by **5pm on Monday 17th August 2020.**

www.cranfieldroadsolarfarm.co.uk

Next Stage

We are aiming to submit an identical planning application to all three local planning authorities, Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough and Milton Keynes in the late summer of 2020. As part of the formal planning application process, the Councils will also carry out their own consultation.



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CRANFIELD ROAD SOLAR FARM

Public Consultation

Introducing Cranfield Road Solar Farm

Renewable Connections Development Limited (Renewable Connections) is proposing a renewable energy scheme on land near Astwood, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK43 8SU. It is envisaged that Cranfield Road Solar Farm will have a generating capacity of up to 45 megawatts. To fully utilise the network connection capacity, the farm may include battery storage as a second phase of development which will store energy for times of peak demand. The scheme will support Government legislation to decarbonise our energy system and ensure the UK is carbon neutral by 2050.

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to hold a face to face public consultation event. Renewable Connections still wish to share our plans for Cranfield Road Solar Farm with the local community. A project website has been set-up, www.cranfieldsolarfarm.co.uk, so please feel free to browse the website and use the 'contact us' page if you have any questions or wish to make a representation/suggestion.

About Us

Renewable Connections has been established by Armstrong Capital Management, one of the UK's leading renewable energy companies to help drive the decarbonisation of the UK economy by developing renewable energy projects. Renewable Connections have a successful track record of delivering well designed renewable energy schemes across the UK.



Aerial Site Location

— Site Boundary — Cable Option A — Cable Option B

Where is the Proposed Solar Farm?

The site is located on land near Astwood, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK43 8SU. The site straddles three administrative boundaries, these are Bedford Borough Council, Milton Keynes Council and Central Bedfordshire Council. A planning application will be submitted to all three Local Planning Authorities.

Why Here?

The site has been carefully selected as part of a detailed feasibility process. Consideration has been given to, amongst other things; grid capacity, solar irradiation, environmental designations, cultural heritage, ecology/biodiversity, flood risk and agricultural land quality. Technical studies and reports are still being conducted to inform the final site design.