

Preston Farm Solar Park



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Invitation to public consultation event:

Wednesday 28th July 2021 from 14:00 - 19:00



Introducing Preston Farm Solar Park

BSR Energy is preparing to submit a planning application to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for a solar park on land at Preston Farm, Preston, Candover, Hampshire RG25 2DS.

The solar park would have an approximate design capacity of 28 MW and would produce enough clean, renewable electricity to power 7,002 homes per year, a saving of 6,202 tonnes of CO₂.

The proposed design has been informed by the site's opportunities and constraints and pre-application consultation with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. The proposed layout has taken advantage of the layout of the land, notably through making use of the existing topography and landscape features including the strong boundary treatments.

A number of technical assessments have been carried out over the last few months with regard to the suitability of the site for the proposed development, including a Landscape and Visual Appraisal and a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

The site will be accessed from the existing access point taken from the B3046. In addition to the solar PV panels, ancillary development will include string inverters and transformers dotted throughout the site and private switchgear, DNO switchgear, welfare unit and a spares container to the south east of the site. Finally, off-site cabling works are proposed which will run south east to the point of connection.

What are the benefits of the Solar Park?

The main benefits of the proposed development are summarised below.

- It will assist Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with local and national targets, in addition to supporting its strategy for its declared Climate Emergency.
- The proposed development will contribute towards the security of energy supply in Basingstoke and Deane through the provision of local, renewable energy supply.
- No public rights of way will be closed during or after construction of the solar park.
- New hedgerow planting is proposed to gap up existing hedgerows to ensure minimal visual and environmental impacts.
- Ecological enhancements including wildflower and wild bird seed grasslands, and a range of breeding boxes for bats and birds are being considered as part of the application. We anticipate that the solar park will have a significant positive net biodiversity impact.
- This is a temporary development (40 years), allowing the solar PV development and associated infrastructure to be removed and agricultural use reinstated.
- The proposed solar farm will not require Government subsidy.
- British Solar Renewables UK is committed to using local suppliers during construction and operation where possible.

Climate Emergency

In July 2019, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council declared a Climate Emergency in recognition of the need to take urgent action in respect of climate change. As part of this declaration, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's aim is to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

In addition to this, the Government has made a legal commitment to cut carbon emissions to net zero by 2050 which will require a rapid and expanded deployment of low carbon power, including solar.

Our approach to consultation during the pandemic

In accordance with guidance issued by the UK Government's Chief Planner, which emphasised that planning applications that positively impact the country and local communities must continue to come forward, we invite you to provide feedback on our draft proposals in the following ways:



1 Attend our public consultation event on Wednesday 28th July 2021 from 14.00-19.00

You are invited to attend our public consultation event at which you can see our plans, learn more about our proposal and talk to the project team. We're holding our public consultation event at Preston Candover Village Hall, Alresford Road, Preston Candover, RG25 2EE.

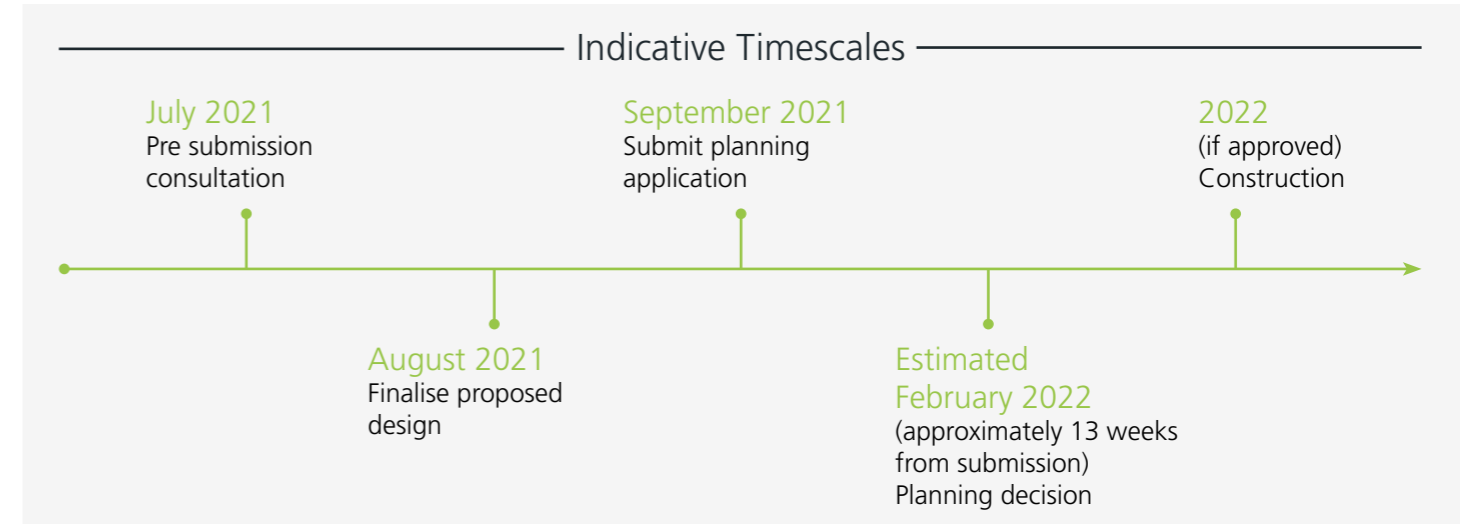
In order to ensure the event is as safe as possible, we will be organising appointments. To register your appointment please visit the website <https://bsrenergy.com/preston-farm-solar-park/>

2 Fill in the feedback form that accompanies this public consultation brochure.

Please read through the leaflet and provide feedback to us by way of the free post feedback form that came with the brochure.

3 Visit the dedicated public consultation website: <https://bsrenergy.com/preston-farm-solar-park/>

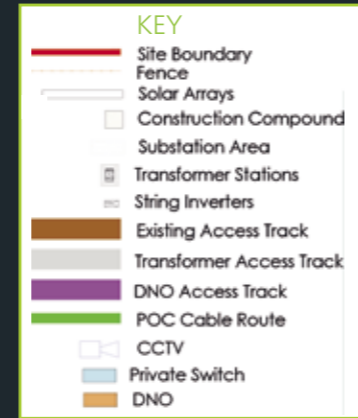
We have set up a dedicated public consultation website, where you can find information about our draft proposals and provide feedback.

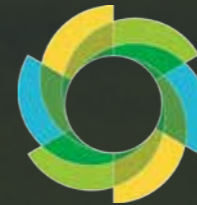




Where is the proposed Preston Farm Solar Park?

The project is situated off the B3046 and is approximately 1.3 miles west of the village of Preston Candover. The approximately 116 acre (47Ha) site will be located in three fields which are currently used for arable farming. In addition to having solar panels on the site, the proposal also includes biodiversity and landscape enhancement measures, such as the gapping up of existing hedgerows to ensure there are minimal visual and environmental impacts.





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British Solar Rewables [BSR] is a leading renewable energy developer and provider of expert services to the renewable energy industry. The company was founded in 2010 from when it has grown into one of the largest integrated developers in the UK with over 350MW of ground mounted solar PV parks successfully installed to date.

Have your say

Please take your time to consider the information within this brochure, and don't hesitate to contact a member of our team should you have any questions or matters you need to be clarified.

We would be grateful if you could answer the feedback form and let us have your contact details for the purpose of informing the project design and providing feedback to the Council.

For further information, please do not hesitate to email peter.elms@alpacacommunications.com



Register for updates

Please visit <https://bsrenergy.com/preston-farm-solar-park/> where information about our proposals will be updated, and where you can register to be receive updates.

feedback form

To return your completed feedback form please tear it from the brochure and pop it in the post by **Thursday 5 August**. Alternatively, you can return your form via email to feedback@alpacacommunications.com

Title:	<input type="text"/>	Name:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
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1. Has this local resident brochure been helpful in understanding our proposal? Yes No Not sure
2. With regards to the proposals you have read about within this brochure, are you:
 - In favour
 - In objection
 - Of no opinion
3. Please use this space to provide any comments on the proposal. We would welcome your feedback on all aspects of the emerging design shown in the brochure.

Please provide your contact details if you wish to get a response. Any information provided will only be used for the purpose of the planning application to the Local Planning Authority and will not be disclosed with any third parties. **Your contact details will not be listed on the planning application documentation.**

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