

# Rosefield Solar Farm

## Consultation Report

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Rosefield Energyfarm Limited

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Stakeholder	Purpose and topics discussed	Date
<b>Pre-phase one consultation (June 2023 to September 2023)</b>		
Pre-launch door knock	Door-knocking to give advance notice to properties closest to the proposed Site and tenants of the landowner of the launch of the project. The Applicant knocked on the doors of 43 properties and spoke to residents of 16 properties in total, leaving a letter with the Applicant's contact details at the remaining properties.	13 September 2023
Grendon Underwood ward members	A meeting with the three ward members of Grendon Underwood to introduce the Proposed Development. Discussion about the approach to consultation included the request for an additional public event outside of working hours and suggestions for contacting additional parish councils. Both these items were fulfilled by the Applicant.	18 September 2023
Steeple Claydon Parish Council	An introductory meeting with representatives of Steeple Claydon Parish Council.	27 September 2023
<b>Pre-phase two consultation (November 2023 to September 2024)</b>		

Residential Visual Amenity Assessments	Home visits to 10 properties to conduct RVAA and meet with near neighbours.	December 2024
Landowner A	Update meeting	09 April 2024
Member of the Butterfly Conservation Trust	Call about ecological mitigation and enhancement measures as part of the Proposed Development.	12 August 2024
Tenant/Occupier A	Update briefing prior to Phase Two Consultation.	09 September 2024
Callum Anderson MP	Briefing on the Proposed Development.	09 September 2024
<b>Post-phase two consultation (December 2024 to August 2025)</b>		
Residential Visual Amenity Assessments	Home visits to three properties to conduct RVAA and meet with near neighbours.	10 February 2025
<b>Post-targeted consultation (July 2025 to September 2025)</b>		
Tenant C	Home visit to discuss feedback to targeted consultation and next steps.	07 August 2025
Callum Anderson MP	Update briefing on the Proposed Development and site visit.	26 August 2025

# **Appendix B-1.2 – Community Update newsletter (21 May 2025)**





# Community Update

May 2025

Thank you for taking the time to read our community newsletter for Rosefield Solar Farm. In this update we set out how we have refined the proposed layout of Rosefield based on feedback we received during the latest consultation. We also highlight the key next steps for the project as we prepare to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application in Summer/Autumn 2025.

## Project update:

Between 18 September - 5 December 2024, we held a second consultation on our proposals for Rosefield. This invited comments on our operational layout which had been refined since our first consultation. We also shared the results of our early environmental assessments in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR').

Following the consultation, we read and reviewed all of the feedback that we received. We also continued to engage with key stakeholders and carry out additional environmental surveys. This included further ecology surveys, residential visual amenity assessments and archaeological trial trenching.

186



emails, letters  
and questionnaires

239



attendees at our  
in-person events

We are very grateful for all the feedback we have received to date from all stakeholders and the local community across the two phases of consultation, which has fed into our refined proposals detailed overleaf.



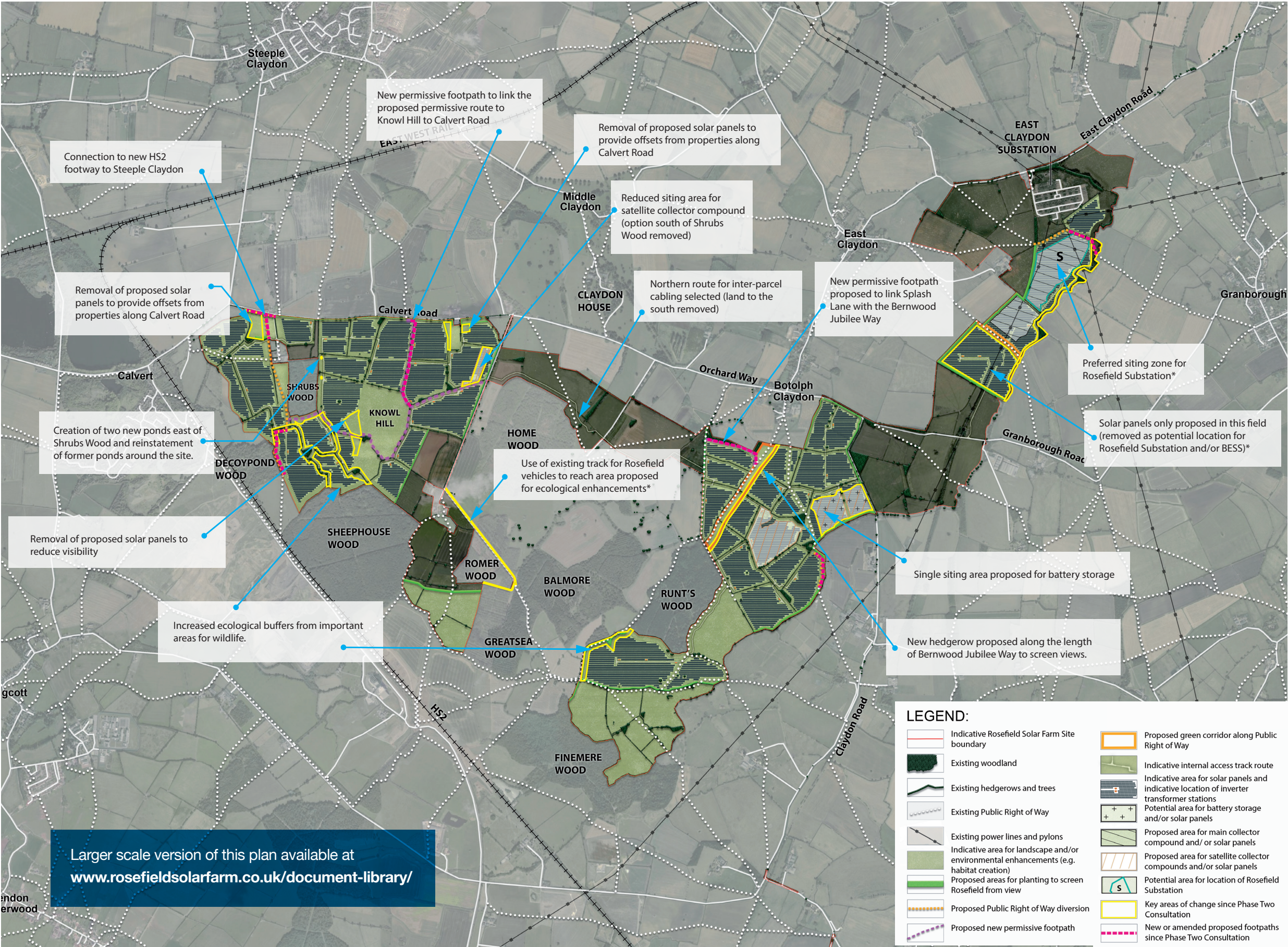
# Our operational layout

Our early design presented in September 2023 showed most of the site as potentially suitable for development, aside from areas with known planning constraints.

After feedback from the first consultation, we reduced our site boundary by 14% (2,209 to 1,906 acres), and the proposed area for solar panels by 40% (1,108 to 689 acres). This included providing larger offsets from Botolph Claydon village and areas important to ecology. We also proposed a new 1.9km walking route to open access to Knowl Hill. This was presented as part of our second consultation at the end of last year.

Feedback received during the second consultation has allowed us to further reduce our site boundary by 11% (1,906 to 1,689 acres). As well as creating bespoke offsets from properties and woodlands, we have also refined the potential locations of elements like the battery storage and Rosefield Substation. This is the layout (right) will form the basis of our DCO application.

We are continuing to engage with relevant stakeholders as we finalise our plans, including consulting with relevant statutory consultees such as your parish and local councils on some of these changes (marked \*). No further significant environmental effects are anticipated as a result of the changes made.





# Next steps



Submission and  
acceptance window  
for examination  
Summer/Autumn 2025

Once we submit the Application, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to determine whether the application meets the required standard for examination. If accepted, all the application documents will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website.



Pre-examination  
Autumn 2025

Within this three-month period, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an 'Examining Authority' to examine the application. Individuals and groups can register to be an 'Interested Party' during this period, which means you will be given further opportunities to put forward your views.



Examination  
Winter 2025 -  
Summer 2026

During this six month stage, interested parties can submit their views in writing and may also be invited to speak at public hearings, which take place in local venues.



Recommendation  
Autumn 2026

The Examining Authority has up to three months to make a recommendation for approval or refusal to the Secretary of State.



Decision  
Winter 2026

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

## Contact us

Should the application be accepted, we will be back in touch to share information about how you can read the application and register as an Interested Party. In the meantime, you can get in touch using our details below:



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# **Appendix B-2 – Summary of stakeholder engagement undertaken outside of formal consultation**



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Stakeholder	Purpose and topics discussed	Date
<b>Pre-phase one consultation (June 2023 to September 2023)</b>		
Buckinghamshire Council planning officers	A meeting to introduce the Proposed Development, including the site location, land ownership and the draft masterplan. Discussion included key milestones for the project.	21 July 2023
Buckinghamshire Council planning officers	A meeting to discuss the Applicant's approach to its Phase One Consultation and provide an update on environmental surveys and information about the DCO process.	25 August 2023
Natural England	A meeting to introduce the Proposed Development. Discussion included information on survey work completed to date, known constraints, the Applicant's approach to design and future survey work.	14 September 2023
Oxfordshire County Council	Transport topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 15: Transport and Access [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	19 December 2023
<b>Pre-phase two consultation (November 2023 to September 2024)</b>		

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	Introductory call following Phase One Consultation to discuss BBOWT's feedback on the Proposed Development, and information about the design process.	3 November 2023
Anglian Water	Introductory call	16 November 2023
NGET	Introductory call to understand interaction with East Claydon Substation.	19 December 2023
National Trust	Introductory call following Phase One Consultation to discuss National Trust's feedback on the Proposed Development, and approach to Claydon House and Registered Park and Garden.	30 January 2024
Historic England	Introductory call following Phase One Consultation to discuss Historic England's feedback on the Proposed Development, and approach to assessment.	05 February 2024
Environment Agency	Introductory call following Phase One Consultation to discuss Environment Agency's feedback on the Proposed Development, and approach to assessment.	06 February 2024
Natural England	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received, as well as ongoing survey work.	22 February 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Population topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 14: Population [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	26 February 2024

National Trust and Historic England	On-site meeting to discuss effects on setting of Claydon House and opportunities for enhancement measures through accessibility to Knowl Hill.	26 March 2024
National Grid	Meeting about the East Claydon Substation.	10 April 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	06 May 2024
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received, as well as ongoing survey work.	21 May 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Air quality topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 6: Air Quality [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	24 May 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Landscape and visual topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	29 May 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Transport topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 15: Transport and Access [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	30 May 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	26 June 2024

Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	03 July 2024
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	07 August 2024
National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	03 September 2024
Natural England	Presentation of the updated plans and proposals for the Proposed Development that would be presented at Phase Two Consultation.	04 September 2024
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	04 September 2024
Buckinghamshire Council	Biodiversity topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 7: Biodiversity [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	09 September 2024
Statkraft	Introductory meeting prior to Phase Two Consultation	10 September 2024
National Trust	Update meeting prior to Phase Two Consultation	13 September 2024
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	02 October 2024
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	06 November 2024



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<b>Historic England</b>	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	18 December 2024
<b>Post-phase two consultation (December 2024 to August 2025)</b>		
National Grid	Technical Coordination Meeting	11 December 2024
Historic England	Discussion on approach to assessment in relation to Knowl Hill.	18 December 2024
Anglian Water	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received from Phase Two Consultation, and Statement of Common Ground.	13 January 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Minerals safeguarding topic meeting (see <b>Planning Statement EN010158/APP/5.7]</b> for more details).	15 January 2025
Environment Agency	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received from Phase Two Consultation, as well as ongoing survey work.	29 January 2025
National Grid	Communications meeting.	30 January 2025

Statera	Discussion on use of flood modelling undertaken for Claydon Brook tributary.	30 January 2025
National Trust	Discussion on Claydon House restrictive covenant in relation to access track and cabling.	5 February 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	On-site meeting with Buckinghamshire Council Greenway officer to discuss footpaths.	11 February 2025
National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	12 February 2025
National Grid	Technical Coordination Meeting	14 February 2025
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	19 February 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Water topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 16: Water [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	19 February 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Site meeting with Buckinghamshire Council and the Applicant to review proposed PRoW diversions and permissive routes and clarifications of High Speed 2 (HS2) changes.	26 February 2025
HS2	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received from Phase Two Consultation, as well as ongoing survey work.	27 February 2025
National Grid	Technical Coordination meeting	11 March 2025

Natural England	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received from Phase Two Consultation, as well as ongoing survey work.	11 March 2025
National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	12 March 2025
National Grid	Technical Coordination meeting	19 March 2025
National Trust and Historic England	On-site meeting to share how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received on Knowl Hill and discussion around restrictive covenant.	26 March 2025
Natural England	Introductory call on GCN licensing.	31 March 2025
Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust	Update meeting to provide information about how the design of the Proposed Development was evolving in response to feedback received from Phase Two Consultation.	31 March 2025
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	02 April 2025
Buckinghamshire Fresh Water Resilience Project	Introductory call to confirm projects within the site boundary and approach to future partnership working.	09 April 2025
National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	09 April 2025

Buckinghamshire Council	Climate topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 8: Climate [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	11 April 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Biodiversity topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 7: Biodiversity [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	15 April 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Population topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 14: Population [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	16 April 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Water topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 16: Water [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	30 April 2025
UK Health Security Agency	Introductory meeting to agree approach to assessments.	1 May 2025
Buckinghamshire Council – PPA Meeting	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	07 May 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	12 May 2025
Buckinghamshire Council and Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board	Water topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 16: Water [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	13 May 2025

National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	14 May 2025
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### Post-targeted consultation (July 2025 to September 2025)

Historic England	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	30 July 2025
Historic England	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	31 July 2025
Natural England	Site visit undertaken to look at proposed mitigation areas and links between woodland blocks in Parcels 1, 1a and 2.	05 August 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Cultural heritage topic meeting (see <b>Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 9: Cultural Heritage [EN010158/APP/6.2]</b> for more details).	12 August 2025
National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	13 August 2025
UK Health Security Agency	Meeting to discuss proposed atmospheric dispersion modelling and plume assessment.	13 August 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	18 August 2025

Anglian Water	Project update, discussion on requirements of the Proposed Development and the programme for developing a Statement of Common Ground.	18 August 2025
Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority	Project update, discussion around battery safety documents and the programme for developing a Statement of Common Ground.	19 August 2025
Buckinghamshire Council	Regular PPA meeting covering Planning and Communications.	10 September 2025
National Grid	Land, Planning and Communications call.	10 September 2025



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