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Light Valley Solar

Light Valley Solar Ltd, a 100% subsidiary of IGP UK Projects Limited, is bringing forward the second phase of consultation for Light Valley Solar, which is running for six weeks between Thursday 26th June and Thursday 7th August 2025.

Light Valley Solar is a proposed solar project located on land between Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. The project consists of seven solar development sites totalling approximately 1,020 hectares (2,500 acres) of land, as well as additional land being used for underground cabling to connect the sites to the National Grid Monk Fryston substation.

Light Valley Solar is expected to provide up to 500 megawatts (MW) of low-carbon, affordable, and dependable electricity to the grid, supporting necessary climate commitments at both regional and national levels.

Clean electricity generated by the project will be supplied to the National Grid at the existing Monk Fryston substation, where a 500 MW AC (alternating current) connection has been agreed. For context, 500 MW AC is equivalent to powering approximately 115,000 homes annually.

Due to the Project's size, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure project (NSIP). This means that the Project will submit its application to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), on behalf of the Secretary of State, who will ultimately decide whether to grant the project a Development Consent Order (DCO). More details on this process can be found on page 11.

You are now invited to take part in our Phase Two consultation, which is running from Thursday 26th June to Thursday 7th August 2025. During this time, we'd like to know what you think about our updated proposals for Light Valley Solar and how they have evolved since our earlier non-statutory consultation in October to December 2024.

This leaflet provides information about the project, what we're consulting on, and how you can take part in this phase of consultation. This includes updated maps and further information on the project's proposed design principles.

Why do we need Light Valley Solar?

There is a growing body of UK energy and climate change commitments, law, policy and guidance which highlights the urgent need for new energy generation infrastructure, particularly from renewable sources such as solar.

Decarbonisation is a UK legal requirement and is of global significance. In June 2019, the Government passed a law to end the UK's contribution to global warming by 2050: net zero. In December 2024, the Government published the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan¹ which reinforces the urgent need for low carbon generation schemes to come forwards to pave the way to decarbonising the wider economy by 2050.

The National Policy Statement (NPS) for Energy establish that there is a critical national priority for the provision of nationally significant low carbon infrastructure, which includes large-scale solar projects. NPS EN-3² states that Government has 'committed to sustained growth in solar capacity to ensure that we are on a pathway that allows us to meet net zero emissions. As such solar is a key part of the government's strategy for low-cost decarbonisation of the energy sector' (paragraph 2.10.9).

Light Valley Solar would make a significant contribution towards achieving net zero by helping provide clean, renewable electricity, whilst supporting national targets to decarbonise our electricity systems and bolster our energy security.

¹<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-power-2030-action-plan>

²<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-policy-statement-for-renewable-energy-infrastructure-en-3>

Document Navigation Guide

Below is a list of documents that are available at this phase of consultation, a summary of what they are, and where you can find these documents.

Community Consultation Materials

- **Project Information Booklet** – (this document) provides information on the planning process, an overview of the project and what we're consulting on, how you can take part in the consultation, and what happens when consultation closes.
- **Feedback Form** – structured so you can provide your comments on our proposals. Alternatively, you can provide feedback online at www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk, in an email or by writing to us (see the back cover for contact details).

Technical Documents

- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)** - We've conducted extensive environmental assessments as part of the development of our proposals. Please see Page 10 for more about information about the PEIR

Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR – provides an overview of the information and findings set out in the PEIR and is intended for a general audience.

Where to find these documents

Project webpage

All consultation documents are available to view and download from the Documents section of the project webpage: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk

Community Information Events

Printed copies of these documents will be available to view at in-person consultation events we're holding (see page 8 of this booklet for details).

Community Access Points (CAPs)

a number of these documents are available to view at publicly accessible 'Community Access Points' in the vicinity of the project. Details of the CAPs are set out on page 9 of this booklet. You can also contact us to receive paper copies of documents, with a charge applicable for the full PEIR and technical documents.

The Opportunity for Light Valley Solar

If built, Light Valley Solar has the potential to:

-  **Utilising existing connections and infrastructure in the local area and build on North Yorkshire's energy legacy.**
-  **Provide up to 500 MW AC of clean, affordable energy into the National Grid.**
-  **Store up to 500 MWh (megawatt-hours) of energy in the BESS.**
-  **Generate enough renewable electricity capacity to power the equivalent of 115,000 homes annually.**
-  **Contribute to climate targets and the decarbonisation of our electricity supply.**
-  **Co-exist with and enhance the natural environment by delivering a net gain in biodiversity.**
-  **Provide community and local benefits for the surrounding area, with a commitment to work with the local community to identify and define community benefits.**

Light Valley's local contribution

Light Valley Solar is proposed in an area with a significant history of power generation. Existing infrastructure and capacity makes it well placed to continue this legacy.

We are committed to ensuring that Light Valley Solar supports local energy goals by working closely with the community it serves. This Phase Two consultation is an opportunity for you to have your say and help shape how the project is developed in the future.

More broadly, the project will play an active role in supporting the North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub¹, which drives the region's transition toward a low-carbon economy. In particular, the York and North Yorkshire Routemap to Carbon Negative² outlines an ambitious path to achieve carbon neutrality by 2034 and for the region to become carbon negative by 2040. Light Valley Solar will contribute directly to reaching these vital milestones.

The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority is focused on positioning the region as a leader in net-zero ambitions, maximising biodiversity improvements and driving growth and innovation in the renewable energy sector. Light Valley Solar would greatly contribute to achieving these three regional priorities.

Light Valley Solar also specifically aligns with North Yorkshire Council's Climate Change Strategy³, which aims to install an additional 2,500 MW of solar, onshore wind, and hydropower capacity by 2038. The project would provide approximately 500 MW of this capacity, expecting to connect to the grid by 2030.

¹<https://www.neynetzerohub.com/>

²<https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/project/routemap-to-carbon-negative/>

³<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/climate-change/climate-change-strategy-2023-2030>

The Solar development

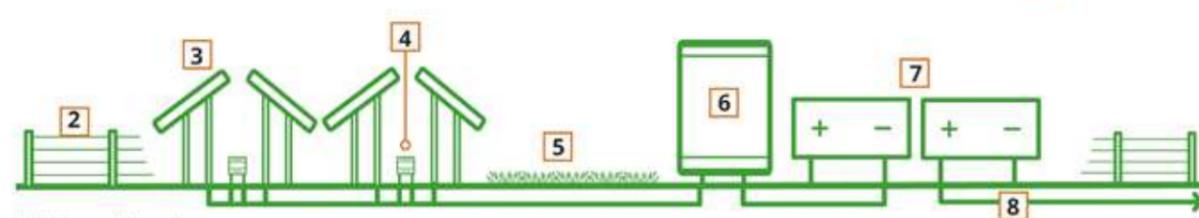
The main elements of the Proposed Development would include the solar PV arrays, the BESS, electrical infrastructure, underground cables and connecting works to National Grid's existing Monk Fryston substation.

Light Valley Solar will comprise of the following main components:

- **Solar Development Sites** which will include the following:
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 - The battery energy storage system (BESS), proposed to be located on Solar Development Site 2, and associated infrastructure.
 - Substations, including the main project substation located on Site 4, as well as secondary substations on other sites.
 - Fencing comprising wire mesh and wooden posts to enclose operational areas of the Site with pole mounted internal facing CCTV systems around the perimeter. Higher palisade fencing would enclose the substation and BESS.
 - Other supporting infrastructure.
 - Retained and/or proposed Environmental Mitigation/Enhancement Areas.
- **A Cable Corridor.** This is currently a broad area of search for the Cable Corridor between the Solar Development Sites and to connect to the existing Monk Fryston Substation where the project will connect to the National Grid. The Cable Corridor has been refined since Phase One consultation, following ongoing environmental assessments and will continue to be refined further following this Phase Two consultation.

Components of a typical solar farm

1. Solar energy
2. Fencing
3. Solar panels
4. Inverter (DC to AC power converter)
5. Landscape area
6. On-site substation
7. Battery storage
8. Underground cable



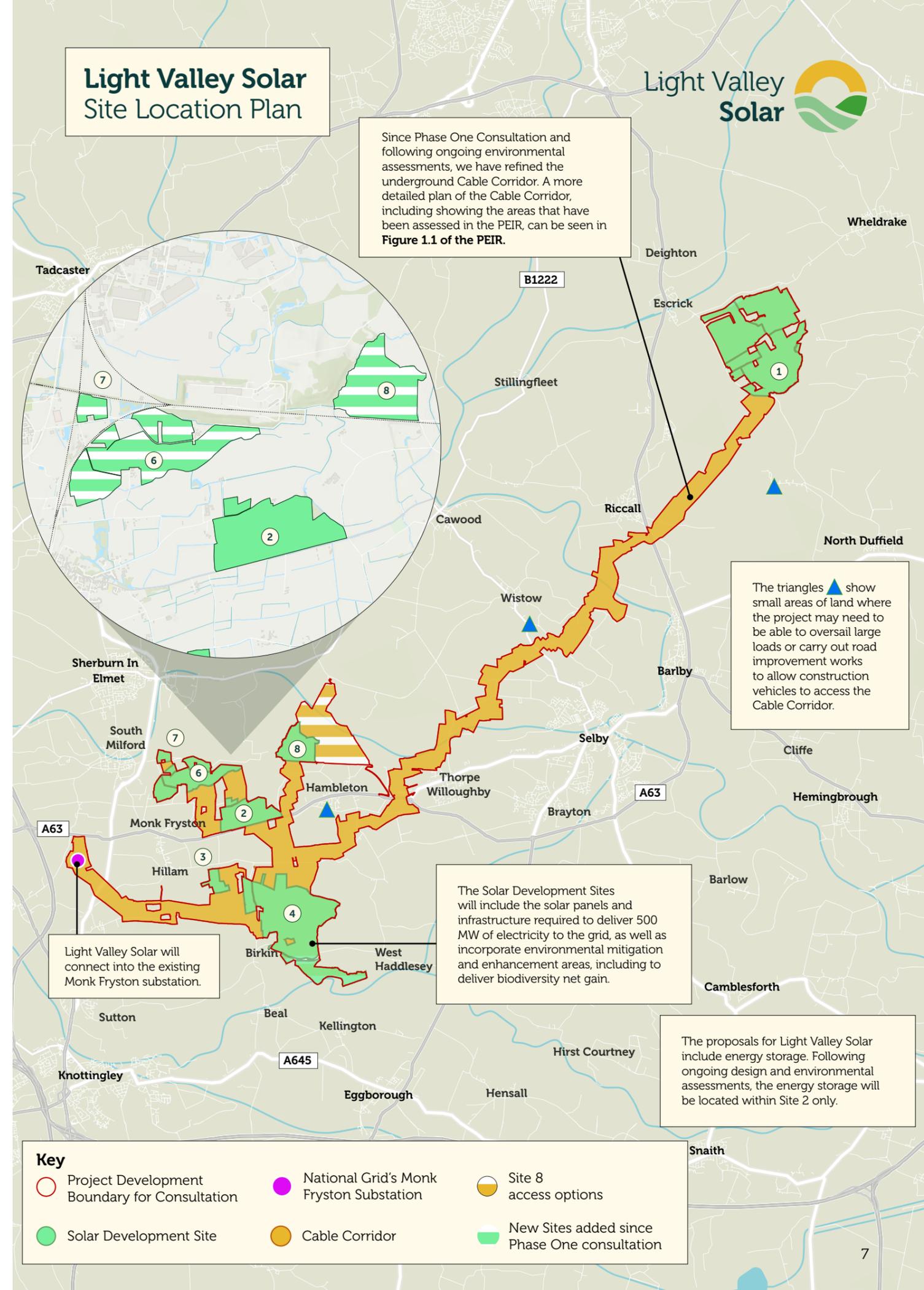
Project Boundary Update

As communicated in the Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report, published in April 2025, there have been a number of changes in the land parcels that are being used for Light Valley Solar.

Since the first phase of consultation, some areas have been removed from the project, and new land has been added into the project. Light Valley Solar is committed to environmentally led design and as a result of our initial environmental assessments, Site 5 has been removed from the project. This was the area near Temple Hirst.

The decision to remove Site 5 from the project was reached following ongoing design work, and assessments indicating a high level of flood risk, making this area unsuitable for the installation of solar panels. New land has now been added to the scheme, north of the existing Site 2 area, near to the village of South Milford. These areas are labelled as Sites 6, 7 and 8 on the map.

Please see the following page for the updated site location map.



Phase Two Consultation

Thursday 26th June – Thursday 7th August

You are now invited to take part in our Phase Two consultation, which runs from 26 June to 7 August 2025. During this time, we'd like to know what you think about our emerging proposals for the Proposed Development and how they have evolved since our earlier consultation in October to December 2024.

Since the first phase of consultation in 2024, Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report, showing how the team had considered feedback made, and how it was being considered as part of the ongoing design process for Light Valley Solar. You can view this document in the Documents section of the Project website: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk.

Attend one of our community information events

Come and meet our team at one of our community information events. These events are an opportunity to find out more information about our proposals, discuss them in person with members of the project team and provide your feedback. You can drop in at any time during the advertised window.

Date and time	Location
Eversley Park Centre, Sherburn-in-Elmet Eversley Park Centre, Low Street LS25 6BA	Friday 4th July 2025 3pm – 7pm
Escrick & Deighton Club 59 Main Street, Escrick, York, YO19 6LQ	Tuesday 8th July 2025 3pm – 7pm
Riccall Village Institute 12 Station Road, York YO19 6QJ	Wednesday 9th July 2025 3pm – 7pm
Haddlesey Church Community Hall Millfield Road, Chapel Haddlesey YO8 8QF	Friday 11th July 2025 1pm – 5pm
Hambleton Village Hall 3 Station Road, Selby YO8 9HS	Tuesday 15th July 2025 3pm – 7pm
Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Centre Old Vicarage Lane LS25 5EA	Saturday 19th July 2025 11am – 3pm
Community Webinar via Zoom - register via at the project website: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk	Monday 21st July 2025 6pm – 7.30pm

Visit our Project website

Our website www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk provides the latest project information, including relevant documents (such as the feedback form) and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ's).

Contact our team

Please feel free to get in touch using any of our communication lines listed on the back page of this leaflet.

Provide your feedback

We want to hear any views you may have on the Project. You can respond to this consultation by:

- Completing a paper feedback form at one of our community events, request one from the project team, or collect from one of our Community Access Points (see below) and returned to Freepost Light Valley Solar.
- Submitting written feedback via an online form on our website: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk
- Writing to us at Freepost Light Valley Solar (no stamp or further address details required)
- Emailing us at info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk

If you have any questions or require any assistance with providing feedback, please contact the team by email (info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk) or phone (0808 281 4784). Upon agreement, the team can transcribe and agree feedback by phone.

The deadline for the submission of all feedback is at 23:59 on Thursday 7th August 2025.

Community Access Points (CAPS)

You can pick up hard copies of our Phase Two Consultation Information Leaflet and Phase Two Feedback Form, as well as view the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) Non-Technical Summary (NTS) at one of the locations listed below. A full copy of the PEIR is available to view on the project website (www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk) and at any of our community information events.

Location	Current Opening Times
Selby Library 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ	Monday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Thursday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Friday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: closed
Barlby Library and Community Hub Howden Road, Barlby, Selby YO8 5JE	Monday: closed Tuesday & Wednesday: 2pm – 5pm Thursday: closed Friday: 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 12pm Sunday: closed
Sherburn & Villages Community Library Finkle Hill, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds LS25 6EA	Monday & Tuesday: 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday: closed Thursday: 9.30am – 5pm Friday: 9.30am – 1pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: closed

***Current opening times, subject to change by the venue.**

All consultation materials are available to view and download via the Project website: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk

Hard copy documents can be requested free of charge via the community relations team. A hard copy of the full PEIR can be provided for a charge of £750, to cover printing and postage costs. Please also let us know if you would like any documents in an alternative format, such as alternative language, large print or Braille.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Light Valley Solar is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, which means we are required to assess the potential significant environmental impacts of the Project.

EIA is an iterative process in which the assessment of environmental impacts is carried out in parallel with the development design process. We will use EIA as a tool to identify the potential positive and negative effects the Project might have on the environment.

The purpose of the EIA process is to make sure where we identify any significant effects, we put in place measures to reduce any negative impact, while also seeking to enhance positive effects. The results of the EIA will be set out in the Environmental Statement (ES) which will be included in our final DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

Scoping Report

On 8 November 2024, we submitted an EIA Scoping Report to PINS. We set out the proposed scope of the EIA process for the Project, which is how we proposed to identify and evaluate the likely significant effects of our Proposed Development in order to then determine measures to reduce or manage those effects. PINS then produced a Scoping Opinion on 19 December 2024, which has been considered when producing the PEIR.

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

The PEIR presents the findings of the preliminary surveys and assessments undertaken to date, together with the measures we are proposing to avoid, reduce or, enhance the effects the Proposed Development may have on the environment. The purpose of the PEIR is to provide sufficient information for the consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects.

The PEIR forms part of the consultation materials for this consultation so technical stakeholders, local communities, individuals and interested parties can develop an informed view of these potential impacts and provide us with their feedback.

Environmental Statement (ES)

The ES presents our full assessments of the likely effects of Light Valley Solar.

After this phase of consultation, we will continue to develop the project's design, undertaking further surveys and assessments. The findings of the EIA will be presented in the ES. This will build on the PEIR and incorporate feedback received during Phase Two consultation and the outcomes of our assessments.

Biodiversity net gain

A well-managed solar project can be a haven for nature – helping boost and protect wildlife and extend biodiversity. As the panels are set on posts within minimal disturbance to the ground, much of the land is available to support new plants and animal life.

To achieve a biodiversity net gain, our plans will ensure that local wildlife habitats are in a measurably better state than before. We aim to exceed the baseline requirement for developers to boost biodiversity by a minimum of 10%, by developing measures such as:

-  Delivering new hedgerow and tree planting
-  Reinforcing planting at existing hedgerow and field boundaries
-  Extensive grassland habitat creation
-  Managing grassland habitats under the solar PV panels by utilising grazing and/or cutting to maximise ecological benefits
-  Providing enhancement opportunities for habitats of local, regional or national significance.

The DCO Process

As the generation capacity for Light Valley Solar is above 50 MW, the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure project (NSIP). The 2008 Planning Act defines the consent regime for an NSIP. It requires that we apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO), which we will submit to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The final decision of whether the Proposed Development gets consent will be decided by the Secretary of State, following a thorough examination period and recommendation carried out by PINS.

Our focus is on undertaking a transparent and robust consultation, and we must demonstrate how we have consulted thoroughly with local authorities, communities, landowners and other stakeholders.

When we submit our DCO application to PINS, it will be accompanied by a Consultation Report, setting out how we have consulted and how we have considered the feedback that we have received.

Members of the public and interested parties can also get involved beyond this stage, including the opportunity to register as an Interested Party and make a Relevant Representation during the Examination process. More details can be found on PINS' website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/%20application-process/the-process/>



Our Design Principles

IGP has developed a series of design principles to use as a framework for refining the ongoing development of the Project. These principles are based on the requirements of national and local planning policy, the specific characteristics and features of the site and the feedback received from the public during Phase One consultation.

These principles allow us to maximise the outcomes and values that the project provides, deliver benefits to communities and control any adverse effects on the local environment throughout the lifecycle of the project – from construction through to operation, maintenance and decommissioning.

Project Design Commitments

Following the development of the IGP design principles, and as the design for Light Valley Solar continues to progress alongside ongoing environmental assessments, the project has developed a series of project-specific design commitments. These have influenced the design put forward at this Phase Two Consultation, and will continue to inform the design development for the final DCO Application.

IGP Design Principle	Project Design Principles
 Environmentally Led Design	Sensitively design the project to consider the surrounding environment, for example, recognising the intrinsic character of the surrounding landscape, being sensitive to heritage assets and their setting and minimising impacts on best and most versatile agricultural land.
 Decarbonisation and Energy Security	Seek to maximise clean energy generation potential. It will contribute to ensuring energy security and help deliver the UK's legally binding climate change target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050, ensuring that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable.
 Biodiversity net gain & nature recovery	Seek to make a positive contribution to the local environment as well as delivering a measurable net gain for biodiversity through strategic habitat creation and enhancement measures along with good management practices through operation.
 Design flexibility	Retain flexibility to enable them to adapt over time, be functional and fit for purpose, and respond to innovative and new technologies as well as building resilience to climate change.
 Social value and community	Seek opportunities to deliver benefits in consultation with local community. This will include prioritising local recreation and access, minimising disruption to Public Rights of Way during all project phases and enhancing local walking routes where possible, including exploring options for permissive paths to create longer circular walks.
 Efficient infrastructure & ethical supply chain Sustainability, Durability, and Reversibility	Seek to maximise operational efficiency through the use of advanced, ethically sourced technologies and optimised site layout, ensuring consistent energy output with minimal losses.
 Commitment to Mitigation	Adhere to the mitigation hierarchy to reduce impacts and control any adverse effects on the environment throughout the lifecycle of the Project from construction through to operation, maintenance and decommissioning.
 Sustainability, Durability, and Reversibility	Deliver reliable sustainable energy, ensuring that installations remain temporary and can be fully reversed if necessary.

Our Design Considerations

As well as our design commitments, and further to the on-going EIA assessment work, the project team has also created project-specific design considerations that have been and will continue to be applied in the design process.

Some of these design considerations are presented below, and some are set out within the Outline Environmental Masterplans set out in pages 14 and 19 of this booklet. Where relevant to the topic in question, they are also set out in more detail in the PEIR.

We are keen to hear your thoughts on our design considerations, and welcome your feedback on these during this phase of consultation.

IGP Design Principle	Design Considerations
 Environmentally Led Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow a joined up and collaborative design approach. Retain and protect existing habitats and replace those removed to facilitate construction as far as practicable. Provide appropriate buffers between proposed infrastructure and sensitive habitats and features. Locate development to reduce potential flood risk, where possible. Maintain water sustainably. Minimise landscape and visual impact to residents. Minimise adverse impact of construction works. Protect and celebrate heritage assets.
 Biodiversity net gain and Nature Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate development away from areas for nature conservation, where possible. Improve the connectivity of existing habitats by strengthening with new planting. Provide appropriate buffers between proposed infrastructure and protected species. Minimise disturbance to mammal transit through the Proposed Development. Create new habitats and manage the land in ways that support local bird and mammal populations. Safeguard spaces for nature with a balance between public access and nature conservation. Manage land through grazing and/or suitable cutting, in suitable locations to enhance biodiversity.
 Social value and community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide buffers between proposed development and footpaths. Improve the local pathway network to enhance use and enjoyment for local communities. Encourage responsible enjoyment of nature. Incorporate interpretation and wayfinding. Understand and collaborate with our neighbours. Enhance placemaking.

Outline Environmental Masterplan - Site 1



Existing woodland will serve as stepping-stone habitats, contributing to a more connected and enhanced green infrastructure network. Trees and woodland will have a minimum buffer of 10 metres, while veteran trees and ancient woodland will have a buffer of 15 metres.

Existing waterways and woodland on the eastern side of the site will be enhanced to both protect and preserve these features.

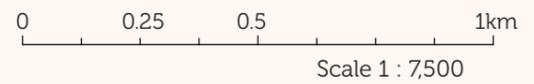
Light Valley Solar will avoid direct physical impacts and minimise impacts on setting, including to Escrick, which lies adjacent to the site and is a conservation area.

The design could incorporate areas to support migratory bird species, including the creation and enhancement of wet grassland habitats.

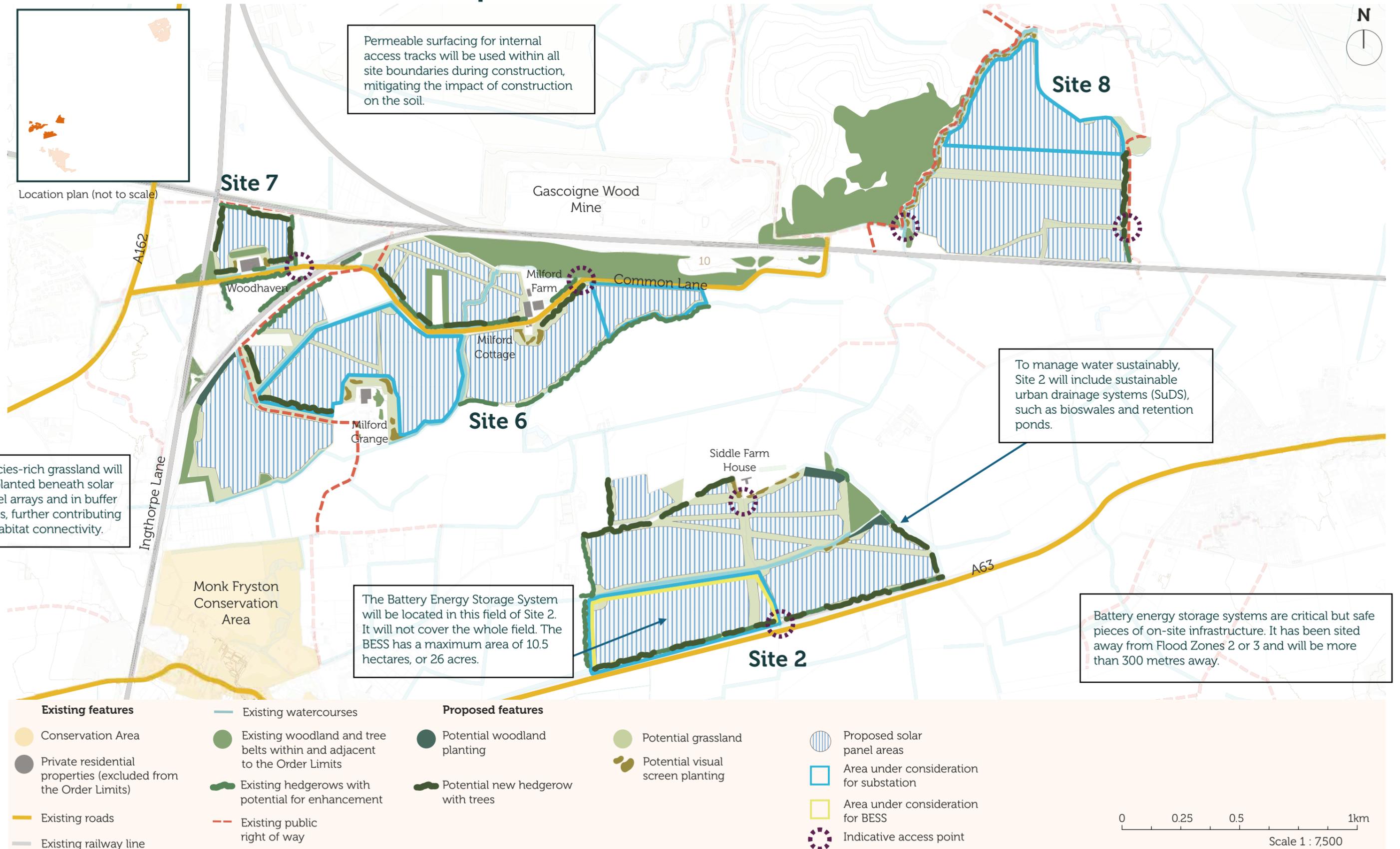
Existing hedgerows will be reinforced with new planting where feasible to strengthen the landscape pattern and historic landscape character. There will be a buffer of 8 metres from all hedgerow and the project.

Light Valley Solar will avoid the habitats of protected species, ensuring their conservation.

Existing features		Proposed features		
Conservation Area	Existing woodland and tree belts within and adjacent to the Order Limits	Potential agricultural use or ecological mitigation	Potential grassland	Proposed solar panel areas
Private residential properties (excluded from the Order Limits)	Existing hedgerows with potential for enhancement	Potential new hedgerow	Potential visual screen planting	Area under consideration for substation
Existing roads	Existing public right of way	Proposed redirected public right of way	Potential habitat creation	Indicative access point
Existing watercourses				



Outline Environmental Masterplan - Sites 2, 6, 7 and 8



Permeable surfacing for internal access tracks will be used within all site boundaries during construction, mitigating the impact of construction on the soil.

To manage water sustainably, Site 2 will include sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS), such as bioswales and retention ponds.

Species-rich grassland will be planted beneath solar panel arrays and in buffer strips, further contributing to habitat connectivity.

The Battery Energy Storage System will be located in this field of Site 2. It will not cover the whole field. The BESS has a maximum area of 10.5 hectares, or 26 acres.

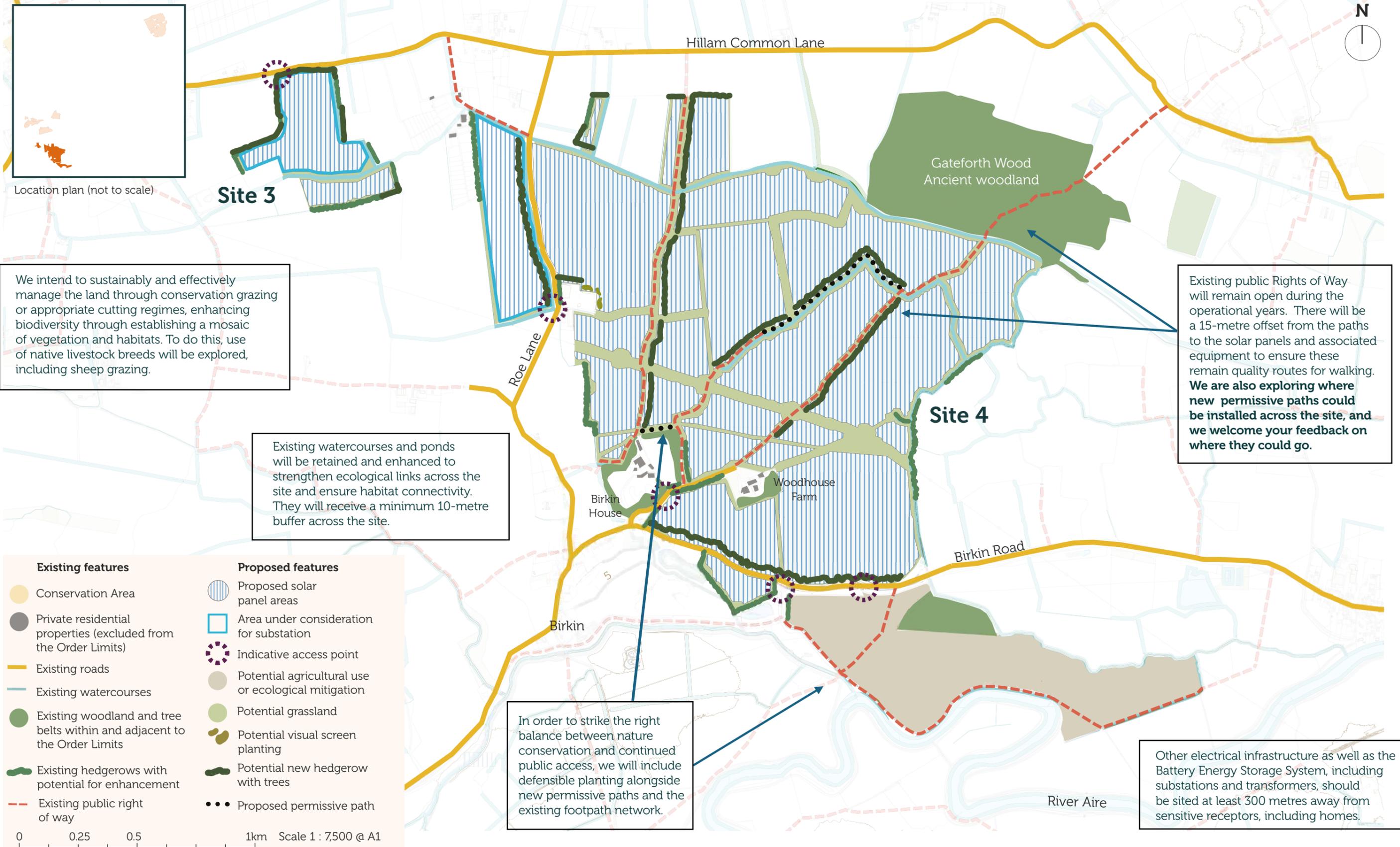
Battery energy storage systems are critical but safe pieces of on-site infrastructure. It has been sited away from Flood Zones 2 or 3 and will be more than 300 metres away.

Existing features		Proposed features		
Conservation Area	Existing watercourses	Potential woodland planting	Potential grassland	Proposed solar panel areas
Private residential properties (excluded from the Order Limits)	Existing woodland and tree belts within and adjacent to the Order Limits	Potential new hedgerow with trees	Potential visual screen planting	Area under consideration for substation
Existing roads	Existing hedgerows with potential for enhancement			Area under consideration for BESS
Existing railway line	Existing public right of way			Indicative access point

0 0.25 0.5 1km
Scale 1 : 7,500

Outline Environmental Masterplan - Sites 3 and 4

Proposed landscaping planting will mature over the lifetime of the project, which will enhance the enjoyment of the surrounding landscape for residents and tourists visiting the area.



A focus on Community

We believe the communities closest to the project should benefit from it – with these communities being best placed to recommend what they believe a “community benefit” should be.

We are grateful for the many community benefit suggestions that you made at the first phase of consultation, which are all now being carefully considered. Suggestions included:

- Rooftop solar installations
- Playground and sports facility improvements
- Educational programmes for young people
- Improvements to street lighting and existing footpaths

We are continuing to investigate potential community benefit initiatives we could support during the lifespan of the Project including funding for local groups such as community sports clubs and provision of rooftop/domestic solar, in line with the suggestions set out above.

Such proposals would be additional to those matters within our application that will deliver benefits to the community, including:

- The proposals in our Outline Environmental Masterplan, shown on pages 14 to 19 of this booklet, including improving access to and within green spaces and areas of interest, including exploring options to create new permissive paths.
- Producing an outline Skills, Supply Chain, and Employment Plan as part of our DCO application, which will explore opportunities focussing on local recruitment and procurement, and supporting local education and skills uplifting.

We are also exploring how a community benefit package could be managed for the Project. We are in discussions with organisations such as Two Ridings Community Foundation to understand how best a fund can be managed and implemented. Any fund will be managed independently from the Project to ensure that the funds work best for local people.

We recognise that there is no firm guidance on community benefits and levels of funding at this stage, although acknowledge the Government’s on-going consultation on the potential imposition of a mandatory community benefit system. This aspect of our proposals for the project will therefore continue to evolve, both in response to industry/Government-level guidance and your suggestions.



Provide your suggestions

We would value your suggestions on any on-site and off-site initiatives we could bring forward as part of our proposals for Light Valley Solar. You can provide your suggestions via questions six and seven on our Feedback Form, or in writing by email or post.



The proposals for Light Valley Solar have been put forward by Light Valley Solar Limited, a subsidiary of Island Green Power (IGP). IGP is a leading developer of renewable energy projects and battery storage systems.

We deliver renewable energy solutions that create lasting value for the communities we serve, protecting the environment while fostering economic growth and energy independence.

Since launch, we have successfully delivered more than 34 solar projects worldwide that have generated more than 3 GW of energy capacity. This includes 20 solar projects in the UK. These range in size from below 5 MW to Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects such as Cottam Solar project, currently the UK’s largest consented solar project. Cottam will generate 600 MW of clean, renewable and secure electricity and includes 600 MW of battery storage that will store then release energy as needed.

We are committed to help the UK decarbonise and meet net zero goals. Our mission is to help the UK increase its solar energy generation, making more renewable energy possible while drastically reducing carbon emissions.

We are equally committed to responsible land use, developing projects that work in harmony with local communities and the environment, while delivering bespoke benefits and enhancements best suited to the surroundings.

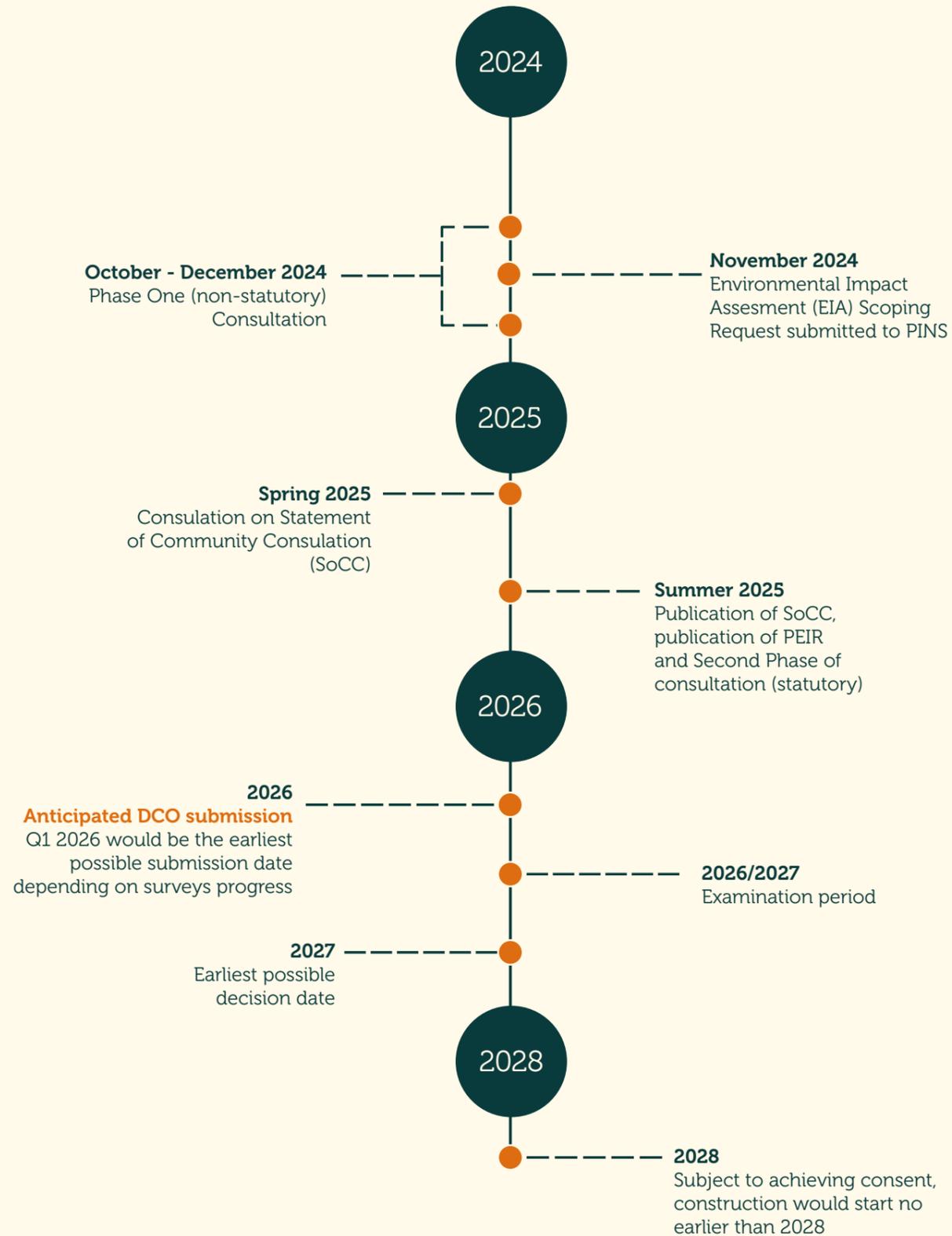
With a core team based in London and Norwich, we are also supported by an established network of professional advisors and local partners in the various markets in which we operate.

Macquarie Asset Management, a leading global asset manager, acquired 50% of IGP in 2022, increasing its stake to 100% in 2025.

As a developer, IGP oversees the entire development process from start to finish, including sourcing land, securing grid connections and obtaining planning consents. When a project receives consent, it will either be constructed by IGP or sold to a specialist firm who will build the solar project to be operated and managed by a long-term owner through its lifecycle.

You can find out more about us via the Island Green Power website: www.islandgp.com

Indicative Project Timeline



*Dates are indicative and could be subject to change.



What happens next

Your feedback, together with the outcomes of ongoing surveys, assessments and design work, will help to shape the DCO application, which we expect to submit to PINS in Q1 2026.

The application process

After submission of the DCO application, PINS will decide whether the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination. If the application is accepted, you will have the opportunity to participate in the examination process by registering as an Interested Party, enabling you to submit your views in writing or present them orally at hearings. Once the examination has concluded, PINS will make a recommendation to the SoS within three months. The SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero will then have a further three months to issue a final decision on the application. More information about the DCO process can be found on the PINS website.

In addition to our final designs, we will also submit a number of other documents to support our application, including:

- A Consultation Report: as the applicant, we have a duty to demonstrate how we have taken your views into account in developing our final proposals for the Scheme. The application we submit will include a Consultation Report summarising all the issues raised in the consultation feedback, along with an explanation of how we have taken views into account to develop our final proposals; and
- An Environmental Statement: as the applicant, we have a duty to fulfil the EIA process and report what environmental effects we believe the Scheme would have, and how we propose to minimise them.

Both reports, along with all the other application documents, will be published on the PINS website should our application be accepted for examination.

Contact Us

Details of how to provide feedback is provided on page 9 of this booklet.
Members of the community relations team can be contacted using the details below.



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Please note that graphics, maps and dates in this document are indicative at this stage and have been included for illustrative purposes.



2 Phase Two Feedback Form



Light Valley Solar

Phase Two Consultation Feedback Form

Thursday 26th June to Thursday 7th August 2025

Light Valley Solar is a proposed solar and energy storage project to the north and west of Selby in North Yorkshire. The proposals include solar development sites where solar panels could be installed, located between Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford.

Have your say

We are inviting you to take part in this second phase of consultation and provide your feedback on our updated proposals for Light Valley Solar.

This is a formal stage of consultation being carried out in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

All written feedback will be recorded and taken into consideration to help inform our decisions as we develop our proposals. You can provide your feedback using this form, online by visiting our website, or contacting us by email or freepost using the project's communication channels:



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If you have any questions or would like guidance in responding to this consultation, please contact us by email at info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk, or through our Freephone Information Line on 0808 281 4874.

The deadline for submitting your feedback for this consultation is 23.59 on Thursday 7 August 2025.

You do not have to supply personal details; however if you do, it will enable us to contact you regarding your feedback if necessary. Your personal details will be stored in compliance with GDPR by Counter Context, acting on behalf of Light Valley Solar Ltd, and will not be shared with any third parties. The project's privacy policy can be viewed via the Light Valley Solar website: <https://www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/privacy-policy>

Where can I find more information?

We've prepared a set of documents, including a Phase Two Project Information Leaflet to explain the proposals we are consulting on and to help you provide feedback. We recommend you review these documents to help you fill in this form:

There are also more detailed technical documents available:

- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)** – this sets out the findings from the environmental work we have conducted to date to inform the development of the proposals we are now consulting you on. It sets out a preliminary view of the potential likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development and provides information on the measures we are proposing to manage or reduce those effects.
- **PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)** – this provides an overview of the information and findings set out in the PEIR.

All of the documents mentioned above are available to view in the Documents section of the project website: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/documents

About You

Name: Postcode:

Organisation: (if applicable)

Would you like us to keep you updated?

Please let us know if you agree for us to contact you with any future updates regarding the project. This may include sharing the results of this phase of consultation with you and notifying you of any future consultation opportunities. If you agree to being contacted, please tick how you would like to be contacted, and provide your preferred contact method and your postal and/or email address below.

Email Address:

Address:

What is your age?

- Under 18
 18 – 24
 25 – 34
 35 – 44
 45 – 54
 55 – 64
 65 – 74
 75 and over
 Prefer not to say

General

Q1) How would you describe your interest in Light Valley Solar?

- Local resident
 Local representative
 Landowner
 Local business owner
 Regular visitor
 Local interest group (if so, please name)
 Statutory organisation (if so, please name)
 Other (please specify)

Q2) As a principle do you agree there is a need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure in the UK?

- I agree with the need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure
 I do not feel I know enough about the need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure
 I do not agree there is a need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure

Q3) Based on our updated proposals since Phase One Consultation, what is your view of our proposals for Light Valley Solar?

- I support the proposals
 I would like changes to be made so I am able to support the proposals
 I do not support the proposals
 I need more information in order to form a view
 I have no opinion

Q4) What aspects of the Proposed Development are most important to you?

The Light Valley Solar project team have been undertaking environmental work to determine any potential effects and how we can mitigate them. Details of the preliminary assessment of these effects can be found in the PEIR.

In the following table, please tick the topic areas you consider to be the most important issues you would like us to consider in the further development of Light Valley Solar. These topic areas can apply to all aspects of the project, including the Solar Development Sites, the Cable Corridor or the Battery Energy Storage System. You can refer to these topic areas when responding to Question 5.

Tick box	Topic area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural land and soils For example, how the project could mitigate any impacts on land quality, as well as concerns around food security and the loss of agricultural land.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate change For example, comments on the need for large-scale solar projects, or the impact that Light Valley could have on climate change.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural heritage and archaeology For example, comments on our interaction with local heritage sites and the sharing of any archaeological findings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ecology and biodiversity For example, comments or suggestions on how the project could protect existing wildlife and explore opportunities to improve ecology and biodiversity across the site area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire safety For example, details on how the Battery Energy Storage System will be kept safe during construction, operation and decommissioning.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape and visual This includes any questions or concerns about potential landscape and visual effects. Comments could also include glint & glare impacts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Noise and vibration This includes where you think any noise and vibration mitigation might be required, particularly during construction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ornithology This could include comments or suggestions on how the impact to birds could be mitigated or enhanced, for example with the proposed bird mitigation area at Site 1.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation and amenity For example, comments on the impacts to existing footpaths and Public Rights of Way across the site, including any paths or circular walks that are currently used by the public. It could also include suggestions on where new permissive paths could be installed as part of the proposals.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Site selection For example, comments on where the project site or some sites are located, including the project's proximity to other developments in the area.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Socioeconomics This includes any questions or concerns about employment during construction, operation and decommissioning, and/or about impacts to recreational and community facilities, and health and well-being.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traffic and transport This includes the management of vehicles and deliveries, or any traffic and access routes associated with the project during construction and operation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water resources and flood risk This could include comments on how the project interacts with existing flood zones, or suggestions on how the project could seek to mitigate flood risk.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please detail) Please provide any other topics that you would like our team to consider: <input type="text"/>

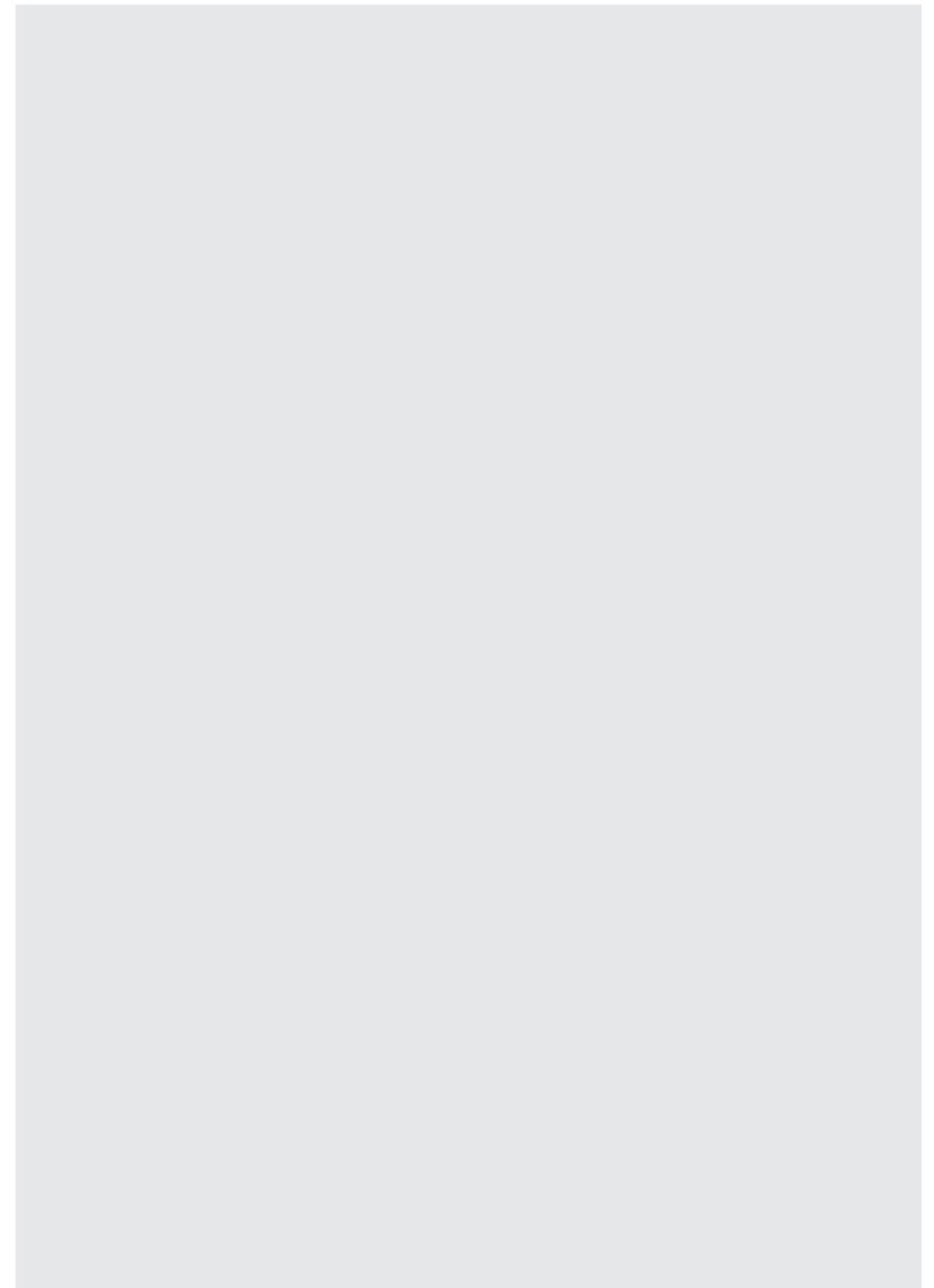
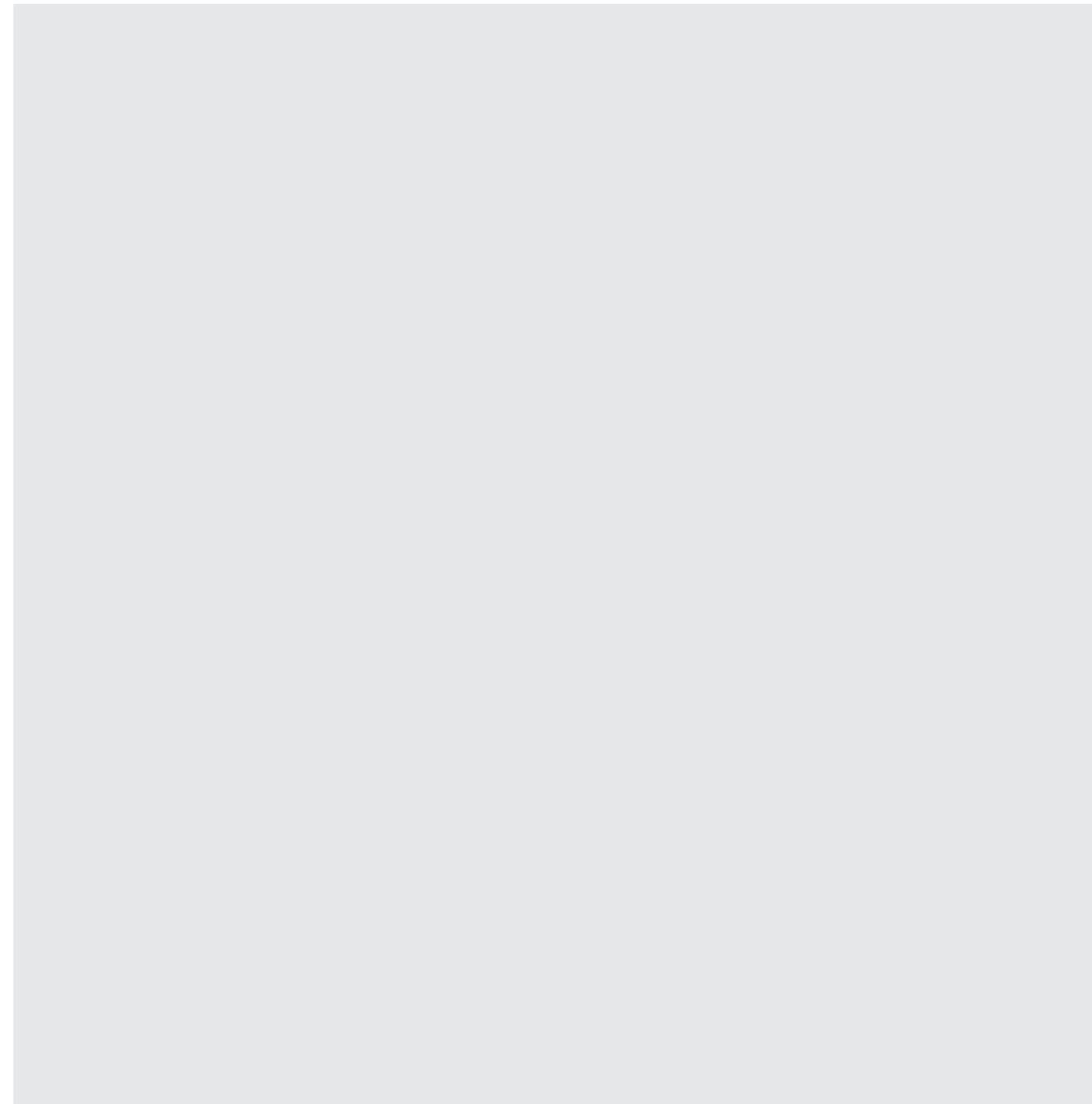
Q5) Please provide any overall comments you have on our updated proposals for Light Valley Solar.

You may choose to expand on the topic areas you have ticked in Question 4 in your answer, refer to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), or provide more general feedback. Please feel free to include additional sheets of paper alongside this form if you require more space to fully complete your answer. All feedback received will be considered.

We are keen to hear your feedback on aspects such as:

- Any mitigation or enhancement measures you think we should consider as part of our Outline Environmental Masterplan, set out from page 14 to 19 of our Phase Two Project Information Booklet.
- Our design considerations as set out on page 13 of the Phase Two Project Information Booklet.
- Our proposed construction traffic routing (shown in **Figure 14.4** of the PEIR), and whether there are any constraints that the project team should be aware of.
- Any aspects of local heritage you consider Light Valley Solar needs to be aware of in developing its proposals not already covered in the PEIR. More details of any current findings are set out in **Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage**
- Any on-site initiatives that could be a resource to the community.

If you are providing location specific feedback, please try to include as much detail as possible to help our team identify this, including the Solar Development Site number (Site 1 – Site 8).



Q6) On all of its projects, Island Green Power commits to the following set of design principles, which have been applied for Light Valley Solar.

Based on our consultation materials, please indicate how important these design principles are to you for Light Valley Solar. Please tick one answer per design principle.

Details of these can be seen on page 12 of the Project Information Booklet, and in Chapter 2: The Proposed Development in the PEIR.

Design Principle	Important	Neutral	Not Important	Don't know	Need more information
Environmentally-Led Design					
Decarbonisation and Energy Security					
Biodiversity net gain & nature recovery					
Design flexibility					
Social value and community					
Efficient infrastructure & ethical supply chain					
Commitment to Mitigation					
Sustainability, Durability, and Reversibility					

Q7) Do you have any comments on our design principles?

Q8) Please provide your feedback on how you would like to see recreational benefit created across the site.

Light Valley Solar is exploring options to create new permissive paths providing a mixture of short and long circular walks combined with existing Public Rights of Way.

Your feedback could include any footpaths or circular routes that you may currently use across the site or in the local area, where you would like new footpaths or circular routes created, or how you would like these paths to look once installed.

Q9) What would you like to see as part of a community benefits package for Light Valley Solar?

We recognise that the UK Government is keen to understand how community benefits could be rolled out across the country and is carrying out its own consultation on this. Island Green Power has committed to providing a community benefits package on all NSIP-scale projects within the UK.

Light Valley Solar, if consented and once operational, will include a community benefits package. This package can take many forms, including on-site and off-site initiatives, as well as a financial fund to support various projects and organisations.

IGP wants to ensure that any community benefits package is community-led and works best for local people.

Please provide detail on:

- **any community initiatives you would like the project team to consider below**
- **how you may want the community benefits package to look once operational**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and for providing us with your feedback.

How To Return Your Forms

To return your completed feedback form, place it in an envelope and address it to: Freepost LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR.

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Alternatively, you can answer the same questions in our online feedback form, available on the website: www.Lightvalleysolar.co.uk

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What Happens Next

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3 Phase Two Outline Environmental Masterplans

Outline Environmental Masterplan - Site 1



Location plan (not to scale)

Tree and shrub planting will be designed to enclose and screen the proposed substation once its location is fixed.

 Retention of existing trees and hedgerows, with opportunities to enhance hedgerows across the Site

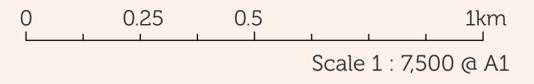
 Opportunity to enhance connectivity by strengthening the Site's natural features

 Opportunity to redirect existing public right of way

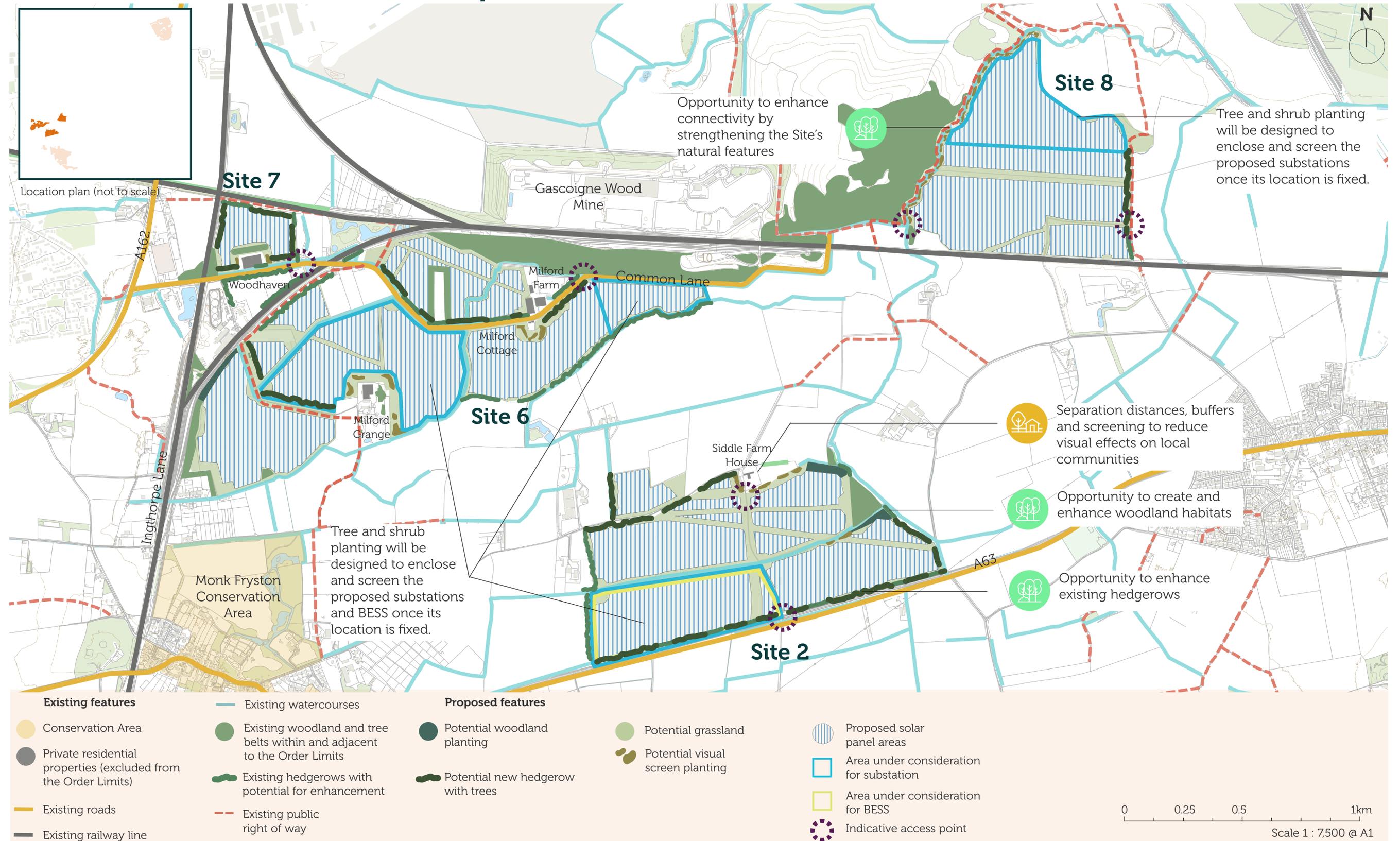
 Separation distances, buffers and screening to reduce visual effects on local communities

 Opportunity to create habitat to support birds

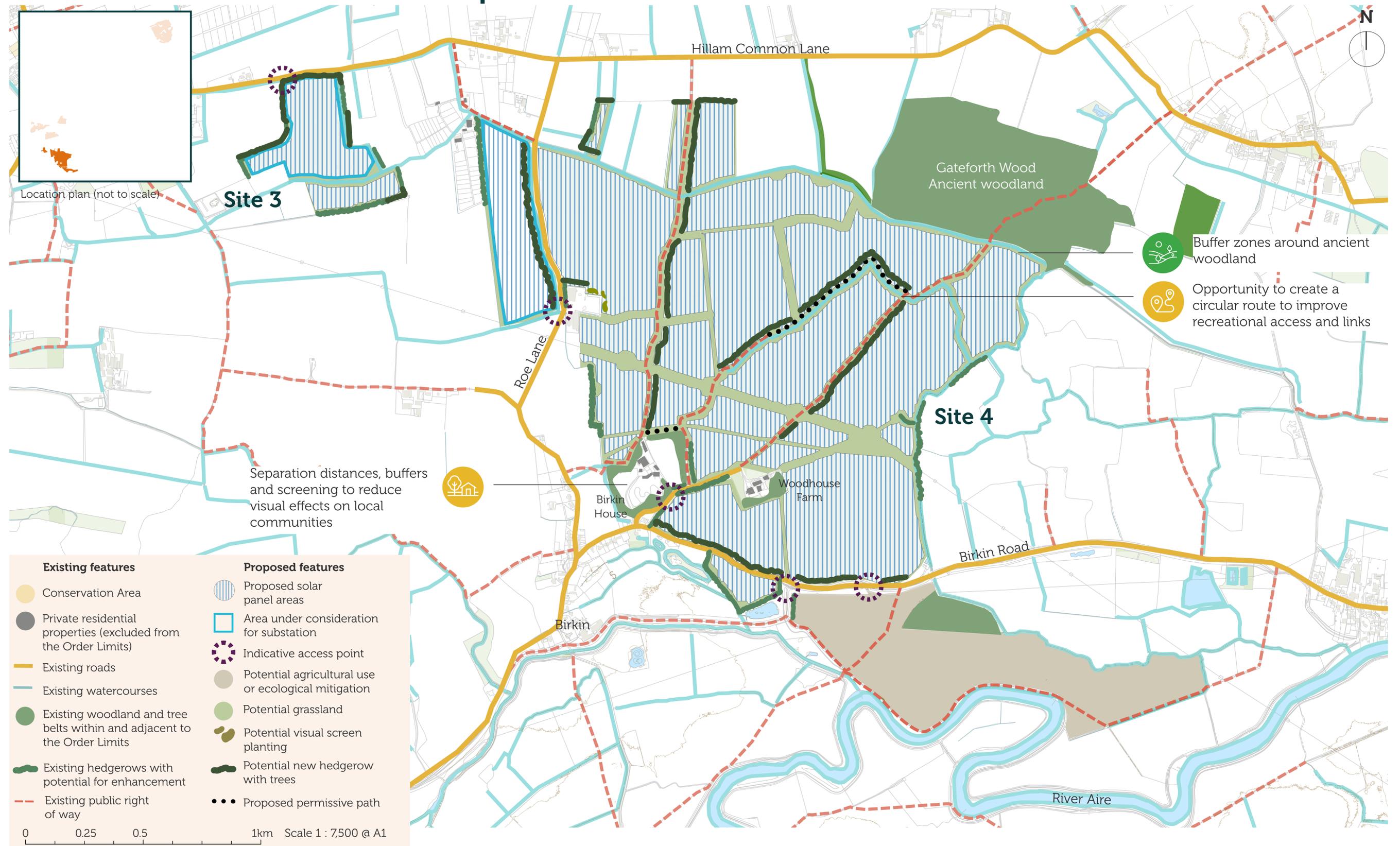
Existing features		Proposed features		
 Conservation Area	 Existing woodland and tree belts within and adjacent to the Order Limits	 Potential agricultural use or ecological mitigation	 Potential grassland	 Proposed solar panel areas
 Private residential properties (excluded from the Order Limits)	 Existing hedgerows with potential for enhancement	 Potential new hedgerow	 Potential visual screen planting	 Area under consideration for substation
 Existing roads	 Existing public right of way	 Proposed redirected public right of way	 Potential habitat creation	 Indicative access point
 Existing watercourses				



Outline Environmental Masterplan - Sites 2, 6, 7 and 8



Outline Environmental Masterplan - Sites 3 and 4

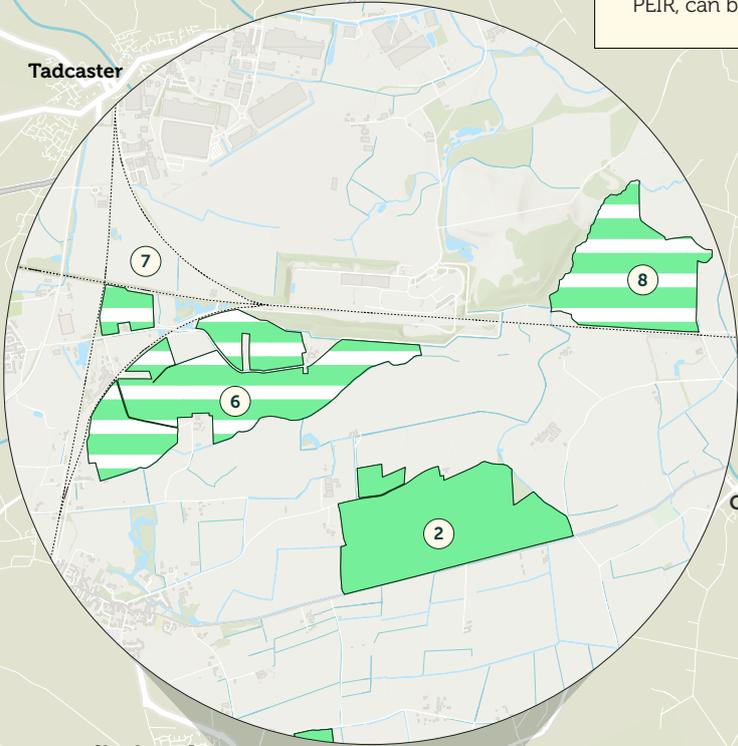


4 Phase Two Community Consultation Postcard

Light Valley Solar Site Location Plan



Since Phase One Consultation and following ongoing environmental assessments, we have refined the underground Cable Corridor. A more detailed cable corridor, including showing the areas that have been assessed in the PEIR, can be seen in **Figure 1.1 of the PEIR**.



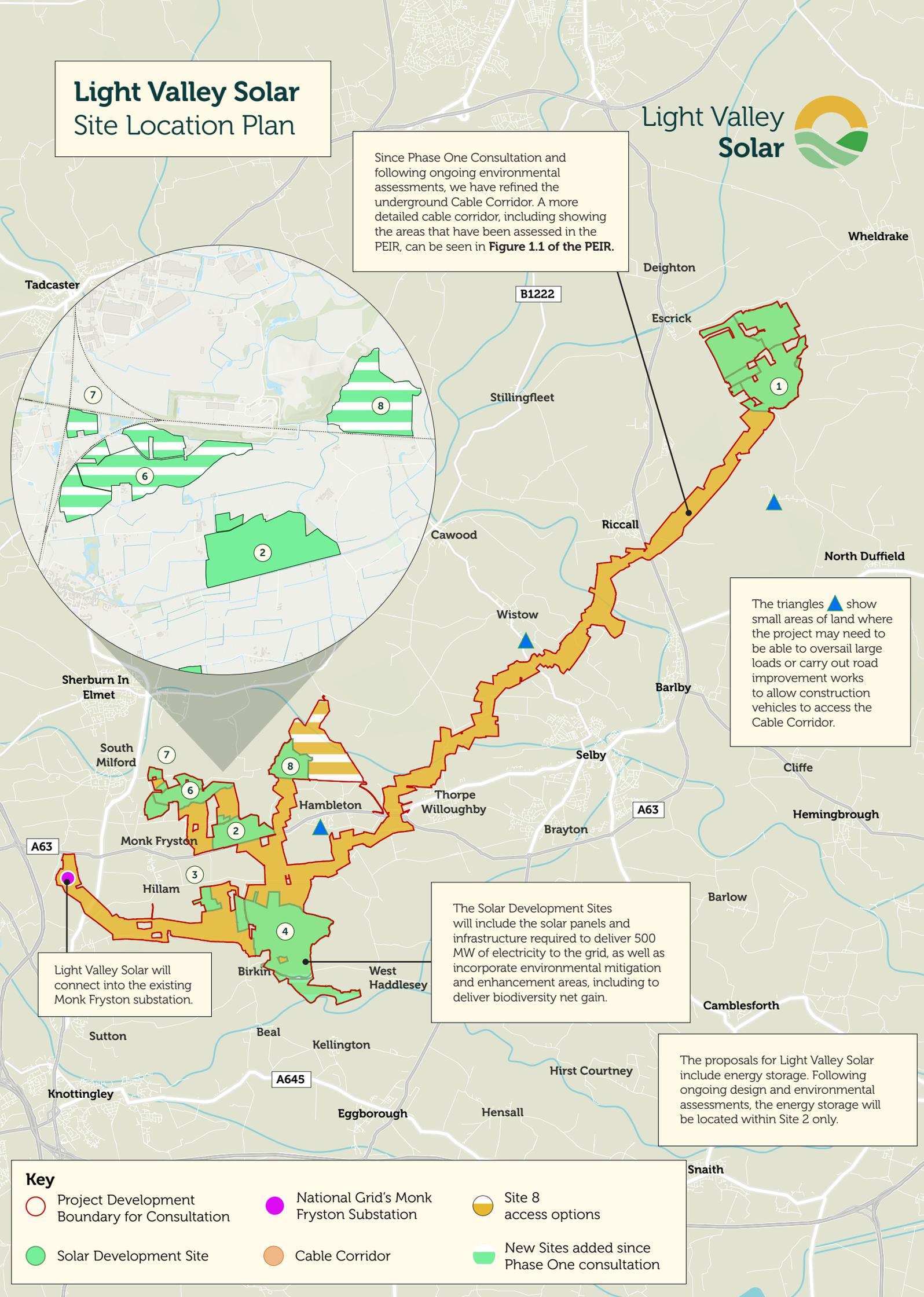
The triangles ▲ show small areas of land where the project may need to be able to oversail large loads or carry out road improvement works to allow construction vehicles to access the Cable Corridor.

The Solar Development Sites will include the solar panels and infrastructure required to deliver 500 MW of electricity to the grid, as well as incorporate environmental mitigation and enhancement areas, including to deliver biodiversity net gain.

The proposals for Light Valley Solar include energy storage. Following ongoing design and environmental assessments, the energy storage will be located within Site 2 only.

Light Valley Solar will connect into the existing Monk Fryston substation.

Key			
	Project Development Boundary for Consultation		National Grid's Monk Fryston Substation
	Solar Development Site		Site 8 access options
	Cable Corridor		New Sites added since Phase One consultation



Light Valley Solar Phase Two Community Consultation

Thursday 26th June to Thursday 7th August 2025

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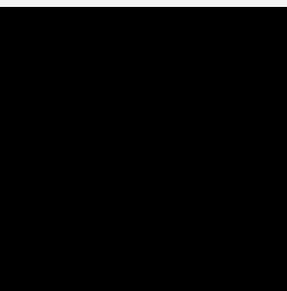
Light Valley Solar is a proposed solar and energy storage project located on land between Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. The project will consist of a new solar electricity generating station and associated battery energy storage system (BESS).

Light Valley Solar is expected to provide up to 500 megawatts (MW) of low-carbon, affordable, and dependable electricity to the grid, supporting necessary climate commitments at both regional and national levels.

We would like to invite you to take part in our second phase of consultation between Thursday 26th June and Thursday 7th August 2025.

From 26th June, the Light Valley Solar website (www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk) will contain more detailed information about the updated proposals, including our Phase Two Project Information Booklet, as well updated maps, plans and environmental information.

Peel back
for map



Visit our website (www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk) to view our detailed information and find out more, including updated maps and plans for Light Valley Solar.

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We anticipate this being the last phase of consultation before we submit our DCO Application to the Planning Inspectorate, therefore we encourage you to provide your feedback during this period. You can provide written feedback by completing our feedback form (online or in paper format), or by writing to us (by email/Freepost) via the project's communication channels:

The deadline for feedback is 23.59 on Thursday 7th August

We want to hear your feedback on our proposals which will inform our design as Light Valley Solar progresses.

Have your say

Come along to one of our in-person information events or attend our online webinar. You will be able to speak to members of our project team and view information about our updated proposals for Light Valley Solar.

Venue	Date & Time
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St Margaret's Chapel, Queen Margaret's School Escrick Park Estate, Main Street, York, YO19 6EU	Tuesday 8th July 3pm – 7pm
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5 Phase Two Community Consultation Postcard – Event Change

Light Valley Solar

Phase Two Community Consultation

Thursday 26th June to Thursday 7th August 2025 –
Event Update

The second phase of consultation for Light Valley Solar is running from Thursday 26th June to Thursday 7th August 2025.

During this time, we are running a number of information events, where you can view information on our proposals and speak to members of the project team. Please see details of these events in the Information Events table.

We recently circulated a postcard informing you that consultation was launching for Light Valley Solar, which we note had an information event booked at Queen Margaret's School on Tuesday 8th July.

Due to the recently announced closure of Queen Margaret's School, we have been informed that we can no longer host an event there. We have since confirmed the Escrick & Deighton Club as an alternative, on the same date and time.

The correct event information dates can also be viewed on the project website, the consultation leaflet, and on this postcard. We apologise for any confusion caused by this change.

Come along to one of our in-person information events or attend our online webinar. You will be able to speak to members of our project team and view information about our updated proposals for Light Valley Solar.

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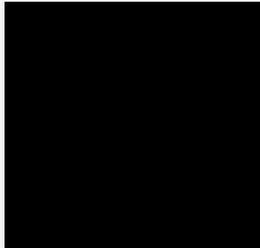


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6 Phase Two Information Poster

Light Valley Solar

Phase Two Consultation



Thursday 26 June – Thursday 7 August 2025

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You can provide written feedback by completing our feedback form, or by writing to us via our email address or freepost address, which are listed at the bottom of this poster.

You can also view a number of our consultation materials at our Community Access Points (CAPs) below. Copies of our Project Information Booklet and Feedback Form can be taken away from the CAPs, free of charge.

Location	Current Opening Times
Selby Library	Monday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Thursday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Friday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: closed
Barlby Library and Community Hub	Monday: closed Tuesday & Wednesday: 2pm – 5pm Thursday: closed Friday: 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 12pm Sunday: closed
Sherburn & Villages Community Library	Monday & Tuesday: 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday: closed Thursday: 9.30am – 5pm Friday: 9.30am – 1pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: closed

**opening times subject to change by the venue*

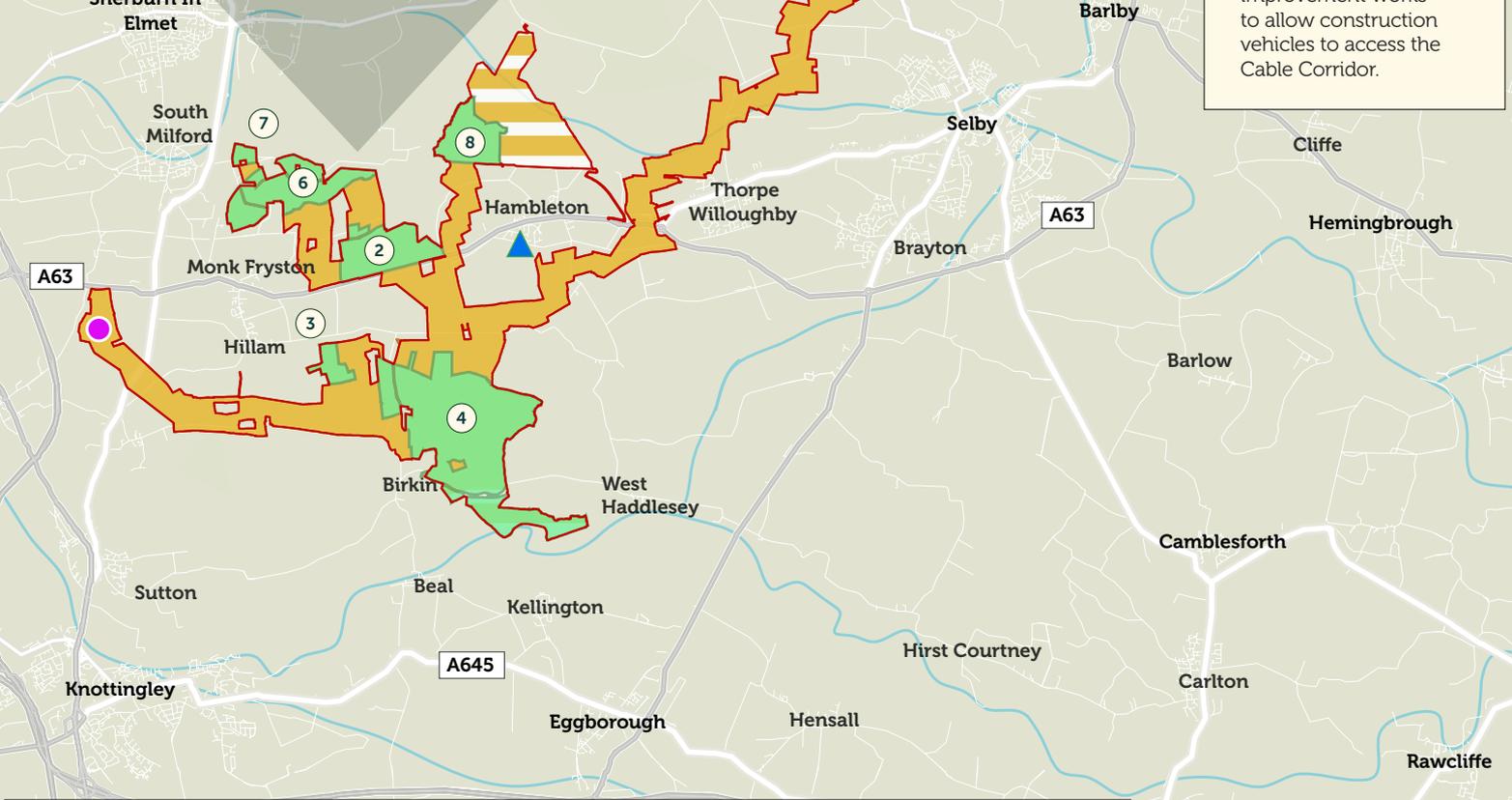
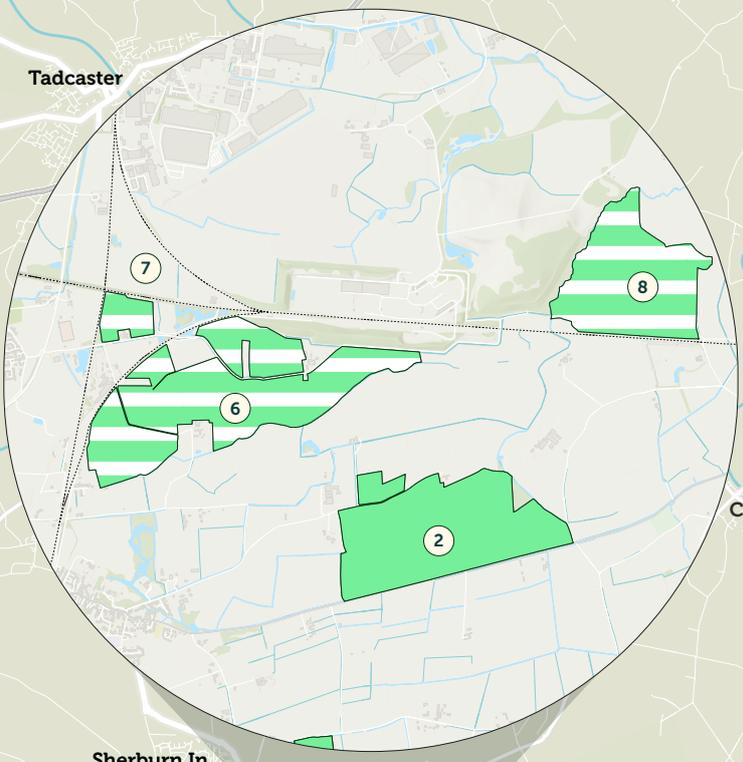
All project information, including a consultation leaflet, can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting our website at www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk

If you have any queries about our proposals or community consultation, please get in touch using the communication lines below:

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7 Phase Two Site Location Plan – June 2025

Light Valley Solar Site Location Plan



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