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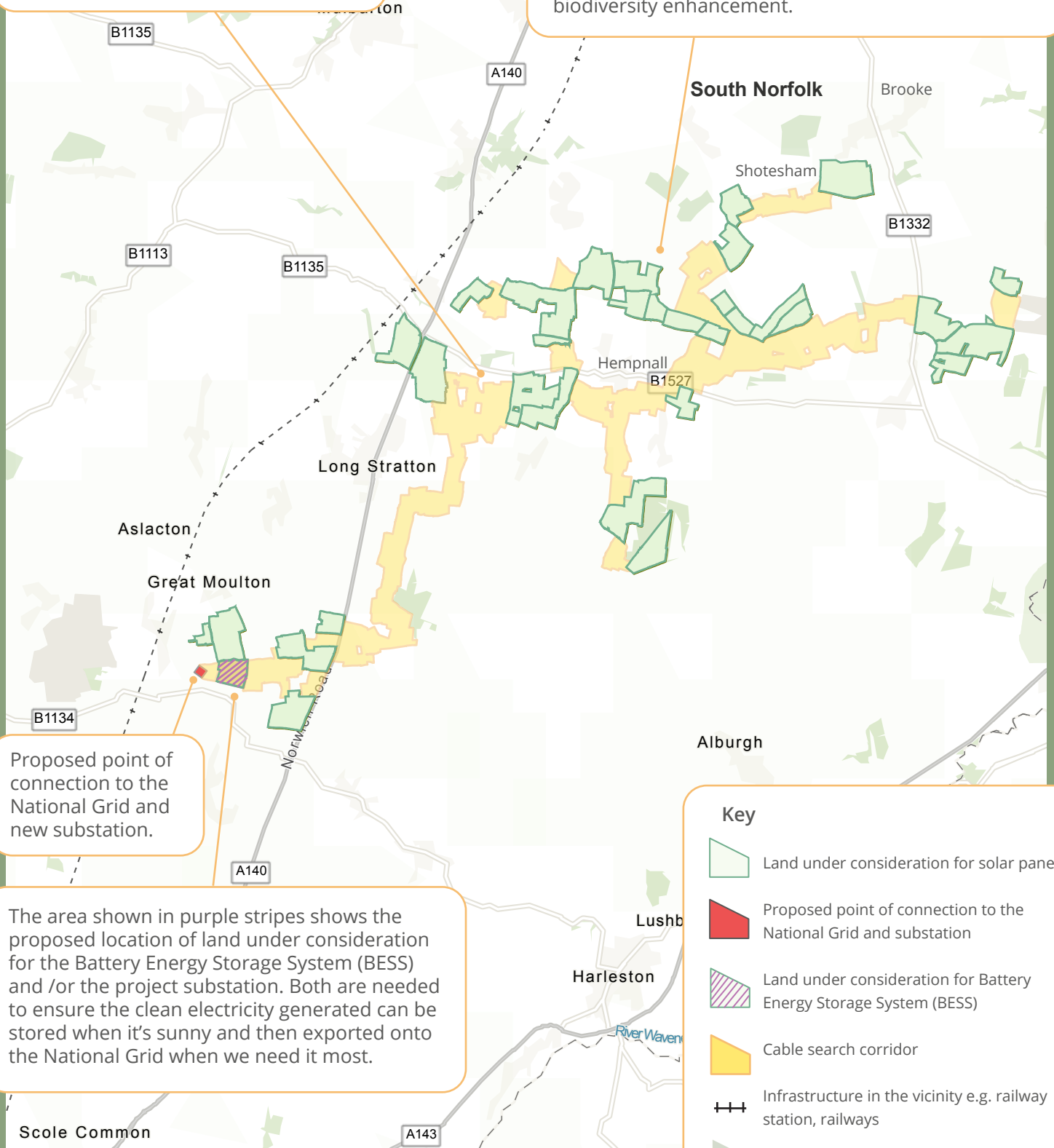
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1 Scheme launch community postcard

At this stage, we have shown a wide cable search corridor on the maps, whilst we assess the preferred route for these. These cables, that link the sites together and link the solar farm to the National Grid, will be underground.







The green areas are the land parcels being considered for the solar panels and their associated equipment, which includes inverters and small sub-stations. In addition, this land will also accommodate boundary hedging and other landscape screening to protect visual amenity; and areas for ecological and local biodiversity enhancement.

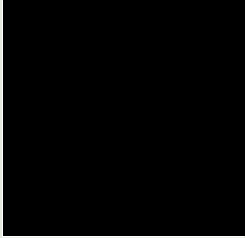


Proposed point of connection to the National Grid and new substation.

The area shown in purple stripes shows the proposed location of land under consideration for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and /or the project substation. Both are needed to ensure the clean electricity generated can be stored when it's sunny and then exported onto the National Grid when we need it most.

Key

-  Land under consideration for solar panels
-  Proposed point of connection to the National Grid and substation
-  Land under consideration for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
-  Cable search corridor
-  Infrastructure in the vicinity e.g. railway station, railways
-  Existing Woodland



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touch in the following way:

If you would like to sign up to be kept updated about the project, or if you have any questions about our proposals, please get in

touch in the following way:

Further project information on our early-stage proposals can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting our website at www.eastpyesolar.co.uk

Get in touch

Island Green Power is introducing plans for East Pye Solar, a solar project on land near Long Stratton in South Norfolk.



Our proposals:

East Pye Solar will provide up to 500 megawatts of clean electricity for the region, supporting national targets to decarbonise our electricity systems and bolster our energy security. Energy generated by the project could provide enough energy to power around 115,000 homes annually.

Where we are now

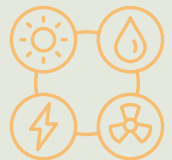
We are at an early stage of developing the proposals for East Pye Solar. At the moment, and over the coming months, we are preparing for our first phase of consultation with local communities, anticipated to be in the autumn of 2024. We will continue to keep you updated of our plans through our project website: www.eastpyesolar.co.uk where you will find details about future consultations and how you can take part.

If you would like to be kept informed about the project, please get in touch with the team via the project communications on the back of this postcard.

East Pye Solar will:



Support the UK's goal of Net Zero



Boost Norfolk's diverse energy mix



Co-exist with the natural environment



Listen to and support the local community

Peel back for map

2 Scheme launch letter to properties within 100m of the Site

09 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Introduction to Island Green Power's proposals for East Pye Solar Project

I am writing on behalf of Island Green Power (IGP), a leading developer of renewable energy projects, who are exploring the potential for a utility-scale solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) development to be constructed on land near Long Stratton in South Norfolk. We are currently developing our early-stage proposals for East Pye Solar Project (the "Project") and are preparing for our first phase of community consultation, which will take place later this year. Please find enclosed with this letter the Solar Project Search Area map, which shows the areas of land that are currently being considered as Project sites.

As you live in close proximity to the land proposed for the Project, we want to make sure you are aware of the proposals at this early stage of project development and have our project-dedicated contact details should you have any questions.

We have also launched our Project website www.eastpyesolar.co.uk which will be regularly updated with project information and details about future engagement opportunities. Those interested will be able to register on our website to receive direct updates.

Overview of the project

The Project could provide approximately 500 megawatts (MW) alternating current (AC) of solar energy, supplying enough clean affordable electricity to power approximately 115,000 homes.

The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions and to ensure that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Working towards these commitments, the Government is clear that solar will be a key part of the renewable energy mix, with the aim to triple solar power to 50 gigawatts (GW) by 2030.

The Project would make a significant contribution towards achieving this target by helping provide clean, renewable electricity to both homes and businesses, supporting national climate change targets and bolstering our energy security.

Our proposals for the Project comprise of the construction, operation and decommissioning of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and an onsite BESS as well as associated development such as underground cables and substations. At this stage, we have shown a wide cable search corridor on the maps while we assess the preferred route for these. The cables that link the solar PV sites and connect them to the National Grid will be underground.

It is our ambition to design the Project in a way that enhances local wildlife by delivering a net gain in biodiversity. As well as providing clean electricity that helps us move away from fossil fuels, solar energy generation can work in harmony to deliver benefits to the local environment.

The Developer

The Project is being proposed by IGP, a leading developer of renewable energy projects. Established in 2013, IGP specialises in the development of utility-scale solar projects and battery energy storage systems and has successfully delivered 34 projects worldwide totaling more than 1 gigawatt of capacity.

IGP is committed to help the UK meet net zero goals. Our mission is to help the UK increase its solar energy generation, making the generation of more renewable energy possible whilst drastically reducing carbon emissions. IGP is equally committed to responsible land use, developing projects that work in harmony with the local community and environment and delivering bespoke benefits and enhancements best suited to the surroundings.

Working with local communities

We want to deliver community benefits alongside our proposals and believe the local community is best placed to inform us about what benefits are most appropriate. During our first phase of consultation, due to take place this Autumn, we will encourage stakeholders to provide feedback on these proposals and share with us their views, recommendations and ideas.

Public consultation forms an important part of the pre-application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. Early and ongoing engagement will serve to inform and influence our design process with local communities, stakeholders and interested parties all having an important role to play. To ask the public for views on our emerging plans, we therefore intend to hold at least two phases of consultation that will help finalise and refine our proposals.

The development process

As the Project's generation capacity exceeds 50 MW, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) application as outlined in the Planning Act 2008 will need to be submitted and approved to construct, operate and decommission the Project.

In energy-related developments, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), will carry out an examination of the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether to grant consent for the Project. Consent is then determined by the Secretary of State.

We anticipate that the development process through DCO submission and examination will take between two to three years. We intend to submit our DCO application to PINS in late 2025. Subject to achieving consent, construction would start no earlier than 2027.

Where we are now

We look forward to presenting our early-stage proposals for the Project to you in the upcoming Phase One consultation this Autumn. Along with the findings from our ongoing environmental research, the feedback we receive during Phase One will help us better understand how to further refine our plans. Following this, we will develop our proposals further and present an updated iteration of the plans during the Phase Two consultation, programmed for summer 2025.

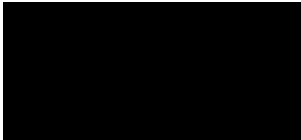
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Getting in touch

If you have any questions about the Project or would like to speak to a member of the team to better understand how it could affect you, please do not hesitate to contact the community relations team directly by calling **0808 281 3175** or sending an email to **info@eastpyesolar.co.uk**.

Yours faithfully,



Project Development Manager

On behalf of East Pye Solar Limited

ATTACHED: Solar Project Search Area map

3 Scheme launch press release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW SOLAR PARK IN SOUTH NORFOLK

Island Green Power (IGP), a leading developer of renewable energy projects is exploring the potential for a utility-scale solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) development to be constructed on land near Long Stratton in South Norfolk. Please see the Solar Project Search Area map enclosed with this letter.

The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions and to ensure that domestic energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Working towards these commitments, the Government is clear that solar will be a key part of the renewable energy mix, with the aim to triple solar power to 50 gigawatts (GW) by 2030.

With a potential generation capacity of up to 500 megawatts (MW), East Pye Solar Project (the "Project") would make a significant contribution towards achieving this target by helping provide clean, renewable electricity to approximately 115,000 homes and businesses annually, while supporting national targets to decarbonise our electricity systems and bolster our energy security.

The Project is proposed to be built across various sites on land near Long Stratton in South Norfolk. It would generate energy through solar panels, which would connect to the existing 400KV overhead line that runs north to south between Norwich Main and Bramford substations.

Central to the Project is designing it in a way that minimises impacts on local communities and enhances the local ecology, including achieving a net gain in biodiversity. This will result in more habitats and wildlife across the site during the Project's lifetime than exists currently. By incorporating this approach, the Project will not only provide clean, affordable electricity but will also deliver significant environmental benefits.

We will deliver community benefits alongside our proposals and believe that those local to the Project are best placed to inform what these benefits should be. During the first phase of consultation, scheduled for this Autumn, we will invite stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposals and share their views, recommendations, and ideas.

Commenting on the launch, an East Pye Solar Project spokesperson said:

"Today we bring forward our early-stage proposals for East Pye Solar, which, if approved, would have the capacity to supply approximately 115,000 homes per year with clean, affordable electricity. In doing so, the Project would play an important role in bolstering our energy security, while simultaneously contributing to regional and national efforts to decarbonise our energy system."

Solar parks also have a role to play in the local community they're situated in, and we believe the local community knows best what it needs from such a development. As such, we are committed to a robust and transparent engagement process which will include inviting recommendations from local communities as to what benefits the Project should deliver.

Our proposals for the East Pye Solar Project would provide the opportunity to explore ecological enhancements in the area, and we are committed to achieving a biodiversity net gain across the site. To reach this, a number of wildlife enhancement measures will be considered. We believe

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the local community is best placed to suggest, comment, and feedback on these measures and will be looking for feedback on this once we launch our first phase of consultation later this year.

Ultimately, we believe solar parks can, and should, coexist harmoniously with both the local community and the environment.”

As the potential generation capacity of the Project is more than 50 MW, the Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means that a Development Consent Order (DCO) application as outlined in the Planning Act 2008, will need to be submitted to construct, operate and decommission the Project.

For energy-related NSIPs, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), will carry out an examination of the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether to grant consent for the Project. Consent is then determined by the Secretary of State.

We expect the planning process, from preparing and submitting the Development Consent Order (DCO) application through to its examination and determination, to take between two and three years. We aim to submit our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in late 2025.

We are currently at an early stage in developing our proposals for the Project. A suite of environmental surveys are currently being undertaken to inform the most appropriate areas for development across the extent of the land available. Further details on this will be presented through the first phase of community consultation that we anticipate will take place in October to November this year.

In advance of this first phase of consultation, we have launched a dedicated project website: www.eastpyesolar.co.uk. The website will be updated as more information about the Project becomes available, including details about upcoming engagement and consultation opportunities. The local community and interested parties can register their details via the project website www.eastpyesolar.co.uk/register-for-updates if they would like to be updated directly as new information becomes available.

The Project community relations team can be contacted directly using any of the details below:

Email: info@eastpyesolar.co.uk

Freephone information line: 0808 281 3175 (open 9am -5pm; Monday – Friday)

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For more information about the proposed development, please visit the project website www.eastpyesolar.co.uk.

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Map attached: Solar Project Search Area map

Notes to editors

About Island Green Power

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- Established in 2013, Island Green Power (IGP) is a leading developer of renewable energy projects, with a focus on utility-scale solar farms and battery storage systems. Its mission is to help the UK increase our solar energy usage, making more renewable energy possible whilst drastically reducing our carbon emissions.
- IGP is committed to responsible land use and believes that the development and delivery of solar farms and battery storage systems can be achieved in harmony with their environment.
- Directly engaging with residents, landowners, businesses, and members of the community remains key to a successful development process. For additional information about IGP visit www.islandgp.com

Media Contact

For media enquiries, please contact the project communication relations team by emailing info@eastpyesolar.co.uk or calling 0808 281 3175.

Project Information

The project website (www.eastpyesolar.co.uk) is live. Any interested parties can get in touch with the project team by email or phone.

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