

# Oaklands Farm Solar Park

## Consultation Newsletter

### Spring 2022



## Launch of Statutory Consultation

**BayWa r.e. (BayWa) is launching a statutory consultation on the Oaklands Farm Solar project.**

In advance of our submission of an application to build this Project, we are consulting the local community and stakeholders to help us shape our final plans. **This is a formal process, beginning on 21st April 2022, and running until 6th June 2022.**

This leaflet explains where to find out further information, view the detailed plans, and how to contact the Project team to provide feedback.



**This project would produce around 160MW of clean renewable energy**

That's enough renewable energy to power around 40,000 homes, or nearly all houses in South Derbyshire.\*



## We have published our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

which sets out how and when we will consult with the local community. It contains details about how to engage with the Project team and provide feedback on the proposals. The SoCC can be viewed online at [www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm](http://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm), or in deposit locations listed on page 3 of this leaflet.

## Come along to our consultation events:

### Walton on Trent Village Hall

Friday 6th May 2022 1pm to 7pm

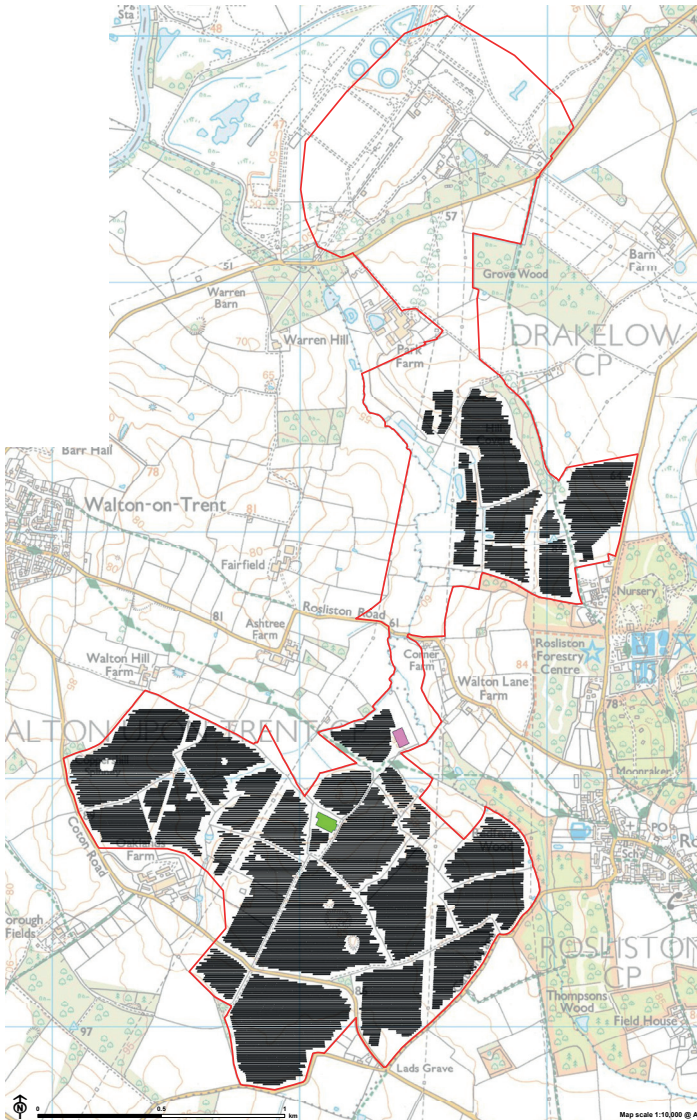
### Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall

Saturday 7th May 2022 12pm to 4pm

Or visit our online exhibition  
(live from 21st April to 6th June 2022)

# The Proposals

The proposals comprise a solar farm, expected to generate over 160 MW of electricity, and a 37 MW energy storage unit. The Project will be located on two main parcels of land and cover approximately 540 acres. It will connect to the UK electricity network at Drakelow substation to the north by a 2km underground and overhead cable.



## The plans include:

- ◆ Solar Photovoltaic (PV) modules and mounting structures
- ◆ Solar Inverters
- ◆ Transformers
- ◆ Energy storage facility
- ◆ On-site underground cabling
- ◆ 132kV grid connection cabling connecting the main site substation to the National Grid at Drakelow
- ◆ 132kV substation and control building
- ◆ Fencing, CCTV and other security measures
- ◆ Access tracks and watercourse crossings where necessary

# The Planning Process

As the proposed development is for electricity generation of more than 50MW, it will be classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 and we must therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO). Following consultation, we are aiming to submit an application to the Planning Inspectorate later in 2022. The final decision will be taken by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

## How to find out more and have your say:

Our formal (statutory) consultation on the proposals commences on 21st April 2022 and runs until 6th June 2022. We will then review and consider the feedback received before finalising our proposals and submitting our application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

Electronic copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which comprises detailed information and plans of the Project will be available free of charge\* for inspection during the statutory consultation period on the project website and at the locations listed in the table below.

Copies of the SoCC will also be available from these locations.

### Location

### Opening Times\*\*

Swadlincote Library and Information Centre

Address:

Swadlincote Library, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
Derbyshire DE11 0AD

Email: [swadlincote.library@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:swadlincote.library@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Monday: 9.30am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9.30am - 5pm

Wednesday: 9.30am - 5pm

Thursday: 9.30am - 7pm

Friday: 9.30am - 5pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 4pm

Sunday: Closed

Barton Under Needwood Community Library

Address:

Barton Under Needwood Library, Dunstall Road  
Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire DE13 8AX

Email: [barton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:barton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Monday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm

Thursday: 10am - 12pm / 2pm- 5pm

Friday: 10am - 2pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

Sunday: Closed

Burton Library

Address:

Burton Library, Riverside, Burton upon Trent,  
Staffordshire DE14 1AH

Email: [burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:burton.library@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Monday: 9am - 6pm

Tuesday: 9am - 5pm

Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Thursday: 9am - 7pm

Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Sunday: Closed

\*Hard copies may be made available upon request and subject to a printing charge.

\*\*The opening times of these organisations are dependent on and are governed by them and may be subject to change.

## Public Consultation Exhibitions:

We are holding public consultation events at the following times and locations:

### Walton on Trent Village Hall

34 Main St, Walton-on-Trent,  
Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ  
Friday 6th May 2022  
1pm to 7pm

### Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall

Main Street, Rosliston, Swadlincote,  
Derbyshire, DE12 8JW  
Saturday 7th May 2022  
12noon to 4pm

## Virtual Exhibition

If you are unable to attend these events, we are also hosting a virtual exhibition on our Project website, where you can find all the relevant information.

Please visit: [www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm](http://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm).

The virtual exhibition will be live throughout the statutory consultation period, commencing on 21st April 2022 and closing on 6th June 2022.

## Let us know your views

From the 21st April 2022, any responses or representations in respect of the Project can be made via the feedback form (available at events, locations noted on page 3, on the project website and upon request) or in writing via:

- ◆ **Email**  
info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk
- ◆ **Feedback forms**  
available online via the Project website ([www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm](http://www.baywa-re.co.uk/en/solar/oaklands-solar-farm)) and consultation events. Alternatively, get in touch to request a hard copy and we will post it to you
- ◆ **Freepost**  
FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION  
(no further address or stamp required)

If you have any queries about the consultation process you can call – 0800 699 0081 (Freephone - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays)

**The deadline date for comments is 11.59pm 6th June 2022.**

## About BayWa r.e.

Oaklands Farm Solar Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of BayWa r.e. UK Ltd (BayWa). BayWa is a global developer of large-scale renewable energy projects.

BayWa is focused on solar projects throughout the UK & Ireland and onshore wind in Scotland and Ireland. The company has delivered 625 solar projects worldwide totalling approximately 1900MW, including 31 solar projects in the UK totalling approximately 536MW.

Find out more at: [www.baywa-re.co.uk](http://www.baywa-re.co.uk)

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