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# Innova Renewables celebrate planning triumph for Tolldish solar project.

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Innova Renewables is delighted to announce that planning permission has been granted for Tolldish Hall Solar Farm, which will deliver an initial 25MWp.

The project – located north-east of Coventry – received planning permission on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Councillors voting unanimously to approve the proposals.

Innova are developing one of the largest portfolios of renewable energy generation sites across the United Kingdom, with a combined solar and storage capacity in excess of 23GW.

The Tolldish Hall project will deliver up to an initial 25MWp of clean renewable energy to the Nuneaton and Bedworth area. Additionally, the landowner will be able to continue using the land for grazing, meaning that will be no loss of arable land for food production.

Ryan Adams, Managing Director of development at Innova, added:

"As a local resident to the site, I am particularly excited to have secured planning permission for this solar farm which will help get Coventry, Nuneaton and the surrounding area closer to Net Zero.

Early community engagement and thorough site selection from our planning and business development teams were paramount to securing this unanimous decision.

Given the recent UN statement confirming this as the hottest global summer on record and the need to take immediate action to tackle climate change, this site is especially important as it can be generating renewable energy in 2024.

We would like to thank our consultant team and the Council for making this timely decision possible."

Cllr Richard Smith, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation at NBBC, commented:

"The Tolldish Hall solar farm, is a fantastic and very positive development for Bulkington and the surrounding area, I was delighted to be able to speak in support of the application when it came before the planning committee recently.

Not only will this facility produce enough clean energy to fuel over 7,000 local homes, the well thought out ecology plan will see new native hedgerows, hedgerow trees and areas of

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native woodland planted and the existing pastureland covering the site will also be enhanced with species-rich grasslands and wildflower meadows planted.

All of this fits well within the land surrounding the historic Tolldish Hall Farm and will support the sustainability of the Farm over the 40-year lifespan of the facility.

I have communicated with the developers for some time, and I am excited to see the plans we discussed come forward for work in the community."

Innova would like to publicly thank Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council for their positive and proactive engagement throughout the application determination process.

#### About Innova

Innova is a fast-growing renewable energy business, employing over 120 people across two offices in London and Cheltenham. Innova's long-term mission is to create utilityscale renewable energy projects using multi-technologies that take large energy intensive users off-grid, positively improving the environment, and benefit local businesses and communities.

Innova will achieve this mission by continuing to develop, build, and operate a range of innovative, environmentally sustainable, long-term renewable energy solutions. To date, Innova has over 60 DNO and Grid connected sites under development in the UK, with a combined solar and storage capacity in excess of 23GW.

Innova offer an integrated approach to renewable energy developments and operations, with a capability across the life cycle of any project. This includes planning, grid connections, project rights development, financing, construction and asset management, power purchase agreements, and long-term operations.

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