

Deeres Leap Solar Farm

Community Consultation Event

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Innova are working on a proposal for a solar development on the land at Grange and Church Hill farms on the East and West side of the B4455. This proposal will be connected into the local electricity network and has the potential to be used by local homes and businesses, with an output power of 20MW (Megawatts). This site could meet the equivalent power demands of approximately 4,662 local homes.

An important part of the development process and design of the proposed renewable development is to engage with the local community. We are therefore hosting a drop-in event for residents to learn more about this renewable energy project, ask a member of the Innova team questions and share their feedback.

Have your say

We welcome all to attend the Community Consultation Events on:

Wednesday 21st February 2024

The Room at the Church of the Holy Cross, Main Street, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9AL.

12pm - 3pm

OR

Lighthorne Village Hall, Wellesbourne Rd, Lighthorne, Warwick CV35 0AY.

5pm - 8pm

If you are unable to attend either of the Community Consultation Events, please contact us using the details on this leaflet and we can make arrangements to speak with you.

You can request further information by emailing info@innova.co.uk

20MW



Energy capacity

4,662



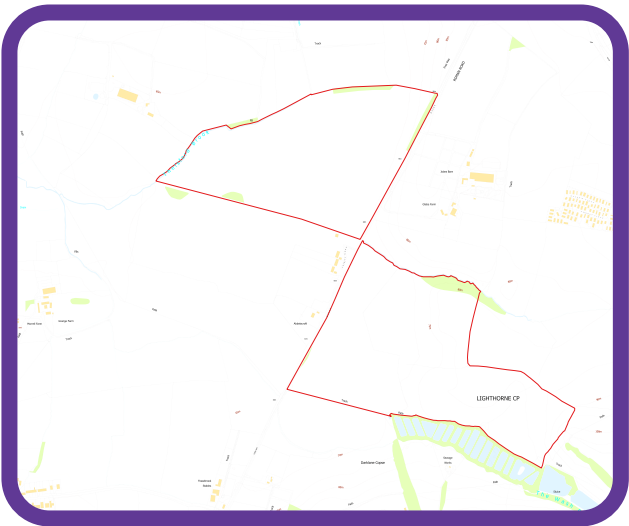
Homes powered per year

The Site

Innova Renewables are proposing a solar project on land at Grange and Church Hill Farms which will utilise up to 156 acres. The site has been carefully selected and designed during a detailed assessment process, which has considered grid availability, solar irradiance, heritage, landscape and amenity, ecology, environmental designations, access, and agricultural quality.

Associated surveys and planning works are in the process of being or have been carried out which will feed into our planning application. Feedback from a pre-application meeting, held with the Straford-on-Avon District Council on the 1st of Feb 24, is to be incorporated into the design.

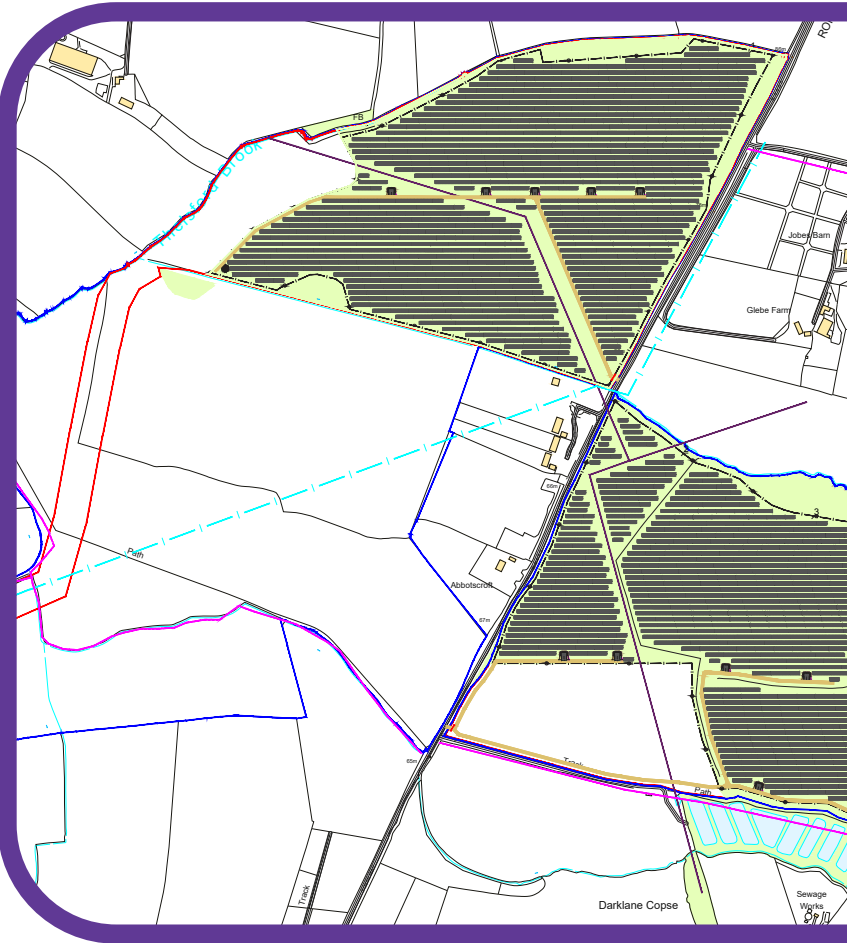
The proposal will enable up to 20MW of electricity to supply energy to the grid.



The site is located approximately 1km to the west of Lighthorne and 1.5km northeast of Moreton Morrell. The solar site will be situated in fields both East and West and of the B4455.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) will be delivered on-site through planting along the site boundaries and other appropriate areas. BNG is a strategy to develop land and contribute to the recovery of nature. It is a way of making sure the habitat for wildlife is in a better state than it was before development. The planting plan is currently being established and a BNG calculation will form part of the planning application.

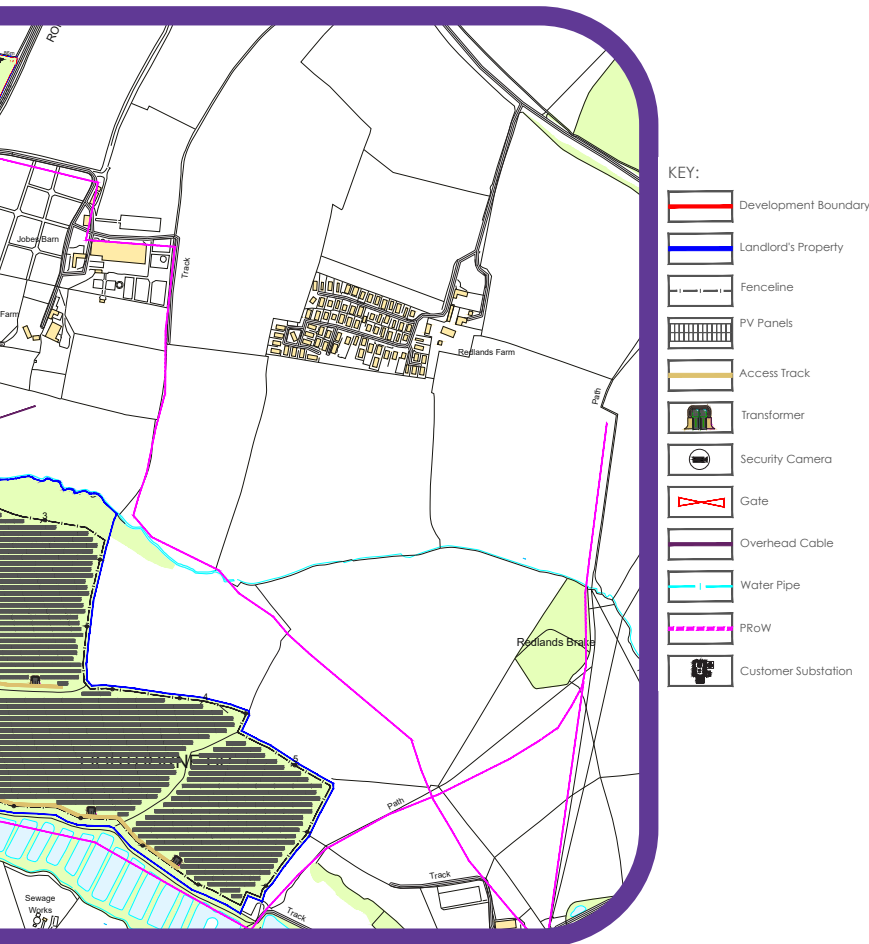


Access

It is proposed that access to the site will be from the B4455. The application will be supported by a Construction Traffic Management Plan, which will ensure suitable access is provided and that mitigation measures are implemented to reduce the effect of construction traffic on the local highway network. Construction traffic will not need to travel through Lighthorne or Moreton Morrell.

New Vegetation Planting

Innova will submit a detailed planting plan as part of the application, which will include bolstering the existing hedgerows. Considerations will include a mixture of new hedgerows, grassland, and shrubs. The planting will be influenced via public feedback and discussions with Stratford-on-Avon District Council.



Point of Connection

The proposal will connect into an existing underground cable situated in Newbold Road, approximately 2km from the solar site.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do we need solar energy developments?

The UK has committed to becoming Net Zero by 2050 and has a target to decarbonise the electricity grid by 2035, which requires an extra 3GW a year to achieve. Solar energy is a key part of addressing the Climate Emergency.

Why do we need to develop here?

The Wellesbourne substation has available capacity to allow this project to be connected, and the land is available for development with engaged landowners. The selected site benefits from existing tree and hedgerow planting at field boundaries, which provides a significant established screening from potential views. Additional planting is proposed to enhance the existing hedgerows and tree belts, to effectively screen the site, whilst adding to the green infrastructure of the local area.

What this project would deliver for your local community?

For all our solar projects we offer a community benefit fund, which can be used to support local projects and priorities. We work with our host communities to agree on the best way to provide and administer that fund. The fund is offered in all cases and is in no way contingent on receiving support for a project. To ensure transparency we offer the same funding for all projects:

- a community benefit payment of £250 per MWp, per annum, index-linked; and
- a charitable donation of £100 per MWp per annum, index-linked.

About Innova

Innova is a forward-thinking renewable energy business. Our long-term mission is to create utility-scale renewable energy projects using multi-technologies that take large energy intensive users off-grid, positively improving the environment, and benefiting local businesses and communities. 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 24GW.



OUR COMMUNITY PROMISE

Every year the 20MW project will contribute



£250
To the local community

£100
Charitable donation

per MWp installed

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