



# Colbrans Solar and Storage

## Community Consultation Event

Innova is proposing a 40MW solar farm with co-located 30MW of Energy Storage, located at Land at Colbrans Farm, Laughton. We would like to invite you to our Community Consultation Event to find out more about our plans for the project, to share your views, and to ask the Project Team any questions you might have.

**Date:** Tuesday 9th July 2024

**Time:** 4pm - 7pm

**Location:** The Milwards Estate (Marquee adjacent to the Lake),  
Lewes Road,  
Laughton,  
BN8 6BN.

A photograph showing rows of solar panels in a field. In the foreground, several sheep are grazing on the grass. The sky is clear and blue.

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## The Proposal

Innova is proposing a 40MW solar farm with co-located 30MW of Energy Storage. Once constructed and energised, the solar element would generate enough electricity to power approximately 9,600 homes and save around 9,600 tonnes of CO2 per year. The Energy Storage element would store enough electricity to power around 65,000 homes during times of peak demand.

We have recently submitted an EIA Scoping Request to Wealden District Council, which will define the scope and required detail within the Environmental Statement. This will assess the cumulative effects of the site and will support the full planning application.

## Project Benefits

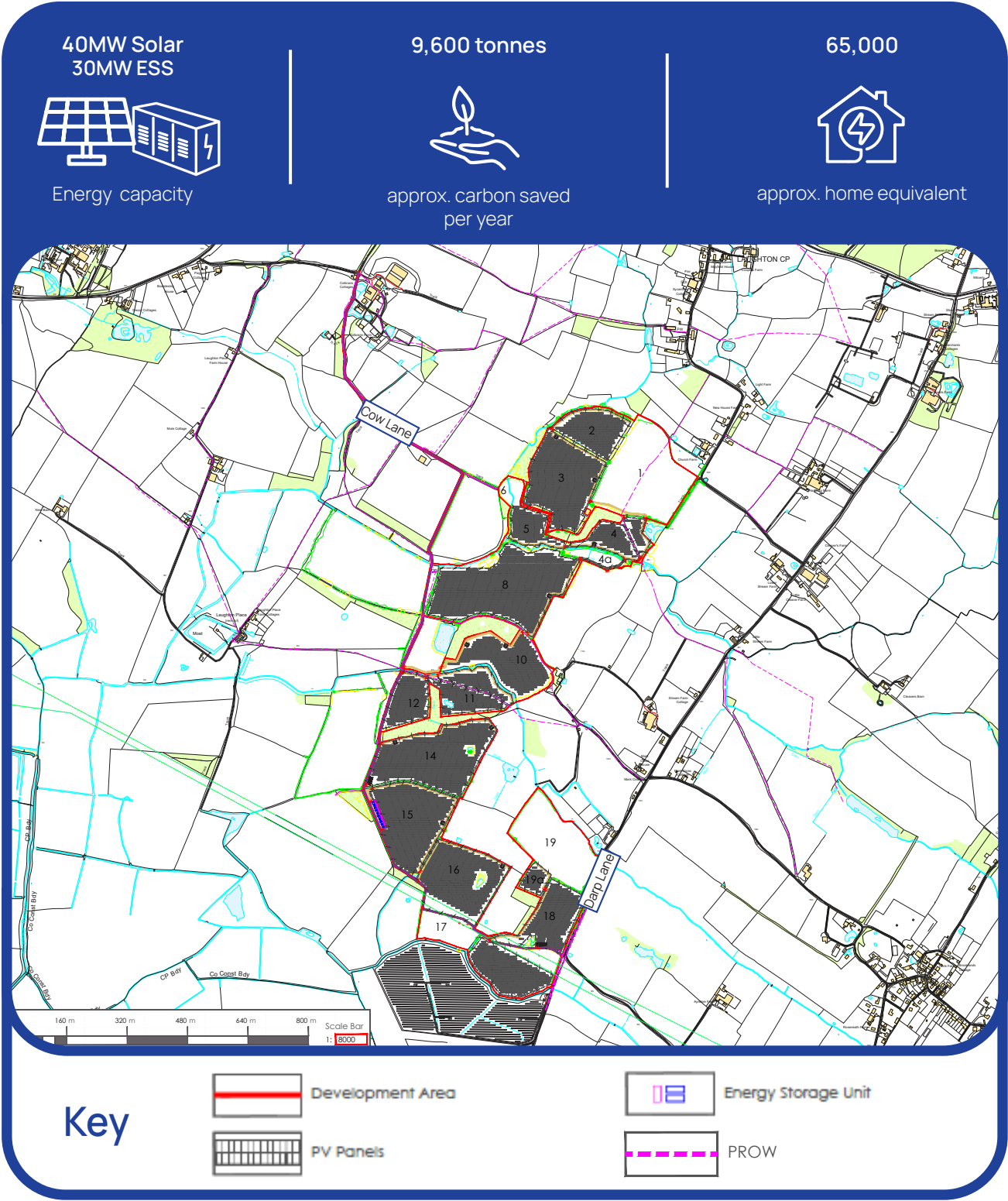
We believe it is important that local communities share in the benefits our projects bring. As part of our community promise, we offer a community benefit fund along with an annual charitable fund (more information overleaf).

Our projects also ensure that existing and new habitats are enhanced or created to benefit local wildlife.

The land is currently used for livestock grazing, with sheep grazing continuing under the panels during operation.

## Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

A site-specific BNG Assessment will support the full application, and will include measures to exceed the 10% mandatory requirement. This will be delivered through hedgerow, tree, and wildflower planting, along with suitable habitat enhancement.



## Glint and Glare

To date, we have contacted the local airfields, aerodromes, and airports providing details of the proposed development and outline the scope of a Glint and Glare Assessment. Responses to this will be included within the full assessment, which will form part of the full planning application. No adverse impacts are expected based on preliminary work.

## Construction

Following confirmation of a successful planning application, construction would begin on site and be expected to take approximately six months to complete. A Construction Traffic Management Plan is being prepared and will be included in the planning submission.

The proposal includes two site accesses, with the primary access off Darp Lane to the southern area, and the second access off Cow Lane to the northern area. The site would be operational for a period of 40 years, after which it would be dismantled and the land restored to its current use.

## Rights of Way

Access to the footpaths through and near the site will be retained throughout the construction and operational period. Suitable planting will be implemented near footpaths to assist in screening the site from pedestrians.

## FAQs

### Why do we need renewable energy developments?

The UK government has a legally binding target to achieve Net Zero by 2050, and has committed to fully decarbonising the national grid by 2035. Solar is readily deployable at very large scales, and is one of the cheapest forms of renewable electricity generation.

### Will the site affect the local wildlife?

Extensive ecology surveys have been carried out on and near the site. Where species have been identified, suitable buffers have been put in place so as not to disturb the existing wildlife.

### Will I be able see the site?

Local viewpoints are shown within the EIA Scoping Request, and images from these will be presented at the community consultation event. These locations will be fully assessed within a Landscape and Visual Assessment, which is currently underway. This will include details raised at the community consultation, and responses to the EIA Scoping Request will be incorporated into the landscape planting plan.

### When are you submitting the application?

We are currently undertaking surveys on-site and expect to submit the full application in Autumn 2024.

# Find out more and share your views



To find out more about the project and share your views, you can:

1. scan the QR code
2. visit [www.innova.co.uk/projects/colbrans-solar-and-storage/](http://www.innova.co.uk/projects/colbrans-solar-and-storage/)
3. email [info@innova.co.uk](mailto:info@innova.co.uk)

## About Innova

Innova is a leading independent renewable energy company who has been active in renewable project development since 2014. Our mission is to deliver sites that will improve the environment, benefit local businesses and communities, and help the UK meet its Net Zero targets.



## OUR COMMUNITY PROMISE

Every year the project will contribute:

**£50**

To the local  
community

per MW of  
storage

**£20**

Charitable  
donation



**£250**

To the local  
community

per MW of solar

**£100**

Charitable  
donation



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