



## Innova receives planning permission for Welsh Way Solar Farm in Gloucestershire

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On 23rd September 2024, Cotswold District Council granted planning permission for Innova's Welsh Way Solar Farm project in Gloucestershire.

The project is located near Fairford, a short distance away from Innova's Cheltenham office. Once built and energised, the solar farm will deliver enough renewable energy to power the equivalent of 2,700 homes.

The solar farm will have a positive environmental impact by significantly increasing biodiversity on the site, delivering a 115.09% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) for habitat units. In addition to its environmental benefits, the solar farm is in the process of agreeing a community benefit fund aimed at supporting local initiatives.

Welsh Way Solar Farm is another quality addition to Innova's growing DNO pipeline, which will make an important contribution towards the decarbonisation of the electricity grid and the Government's target of Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050.

**William Griffiths, Project Manager at Innova, said:**

*"We are thrilled to announce that Welsh Way Solar Farm has received planning permission from Cotswold District Council. We are grateful to Cotswold District Council and their statutory consultees for their proactive engagement throughout the pre application and planning determination phases of the project. We look forward to the next stages of the project leading up to the project's construction and operation."*

Innova would like to take this opportunity to thank Ben Lewis at RenPlan (Planning Consultant) for their assistance, advice, and guidance throughout the project development; the landowners for hosting the scheme and working closely with the project team; and Roadnight Taylor for introducing the scheme and providing grid expertise.

### About Innova

Innova is a forward-thinking renewable energy business, employing over 120 people across two offices in London and Cheltenham. Innova's 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.

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 18GW.

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.

For more information about Innova's mission, projects, and services, please visit [www.innova.co.uk](http://www.innova.co.uk).

*\*Calculations are based upon an annual average domestic consumption of 3,104 kWh p.a. for an average domestic property in the South West with Profile Class 1 metering according to Ofgem's TDCVS Decision Letter 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.*

