

# ROCK FARM SOLAR FARM



Invitation to public consultation event:  
**Tuesday 15 March 2022 from 14.00–19.00**

Severn Wye Room, Ludlow Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford,  
Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1RZ



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## INTRODUCING ROCK FARM SOLAR FARM

Anglo Renewables is preparing to submit a planning application to Shropshire Council for a solar farm on land south-east of Rock Farm, Rocks Green, Ludlow, Shropshire, near SY8 2DS.

The solar farm would have an approximate generating capacity of up to 49.9MW and would produce enough clean, renewable electricity to power approximately 13,000 homes per year. It would also offset approximately 10,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. The Solar Farm proposal is also co-located with 12MW of battery storage.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE SOLAR FARM?

The main benefits of the proposed development are summarised below.

- It will assist Shropshire Council in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with local and national targets, in addition to supporting its strategy for its declared Climate Emergency.
- The proposed development will contribute towards the security of energy supply in the UK through the provision of local, renewable energy supply.
- No public rights of way will be closed during or after construction of the solar farm.
- New hedgerow planting is proposed to gap up existing hedgerows contributing to the overall biodiversity and landscape scheme which will be developed as part of the schemes.
- Ecological enhancements including wildflower and wild bird seed grasslands, and a range of breeding boxes for bats and birds are being considered as part of the application. We anticipate that the solar park will have a significant positive net biodiversity impact.
- This is a temporary development, allowing the land to rest for the period of operation up to 40 years.
- The proposed solar farm will not require Government subsidy.
- Anglo Renewables is committed to using local suppliers during construction and operation where possible.

### CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Shropshire Council is committed to tackling climate change, the Council declared a 'Climate Emergency' in May 2019. In December 2019, Shropshire Council further agreed a strategy framework which established the objective of achieving net zero corporate carbon performance by 2030.

### COMMUNITY BENEFIT

We hope to set up a community benefit fund of £1,000 per installed MW which will be invested in suitable community projects. Given the expected capacity of the proposal, the fund is expected to total over £49,000, which will directly benefit local residents.

Given that all non-domestic solar PV projects are subject to local business rates, this proposal will generate significant income for Shropshire Council. Over its lifecycle, this project will generate millions of pounds which will help fund local services.

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION

We invite you to provide feedback on our draft proposals in the following ways:

- 1 Attend our public consultation event on Tuesday 15 March 14.00-19.00**

You are invited to attend our public consultation event at which you can see our plans, learn more about our proposal and talk to the project team. We're holding our public consultation event at **Severn Wye Room, Ludlow Mascall Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 1RZ.**

- 2 Fill in the feedback form that accompanies this public consultation brochure.**

Please read through the leaflet and provide feedback to us by way of the free post feedback form that came with the brochure.

- 3 Visit the dedicated public consultation website: [www.rockfarmsolarfarm.com](http://www.rockfarmsolarfarm.com).**

We have set up a dedicated public consultation website, where you can find information about our draft proposals and provide feedback.

## INDICATIVE TIMESCALES

**March 2022**  
Pre-submission  
consultation



**April 2022**  
Submit planning application



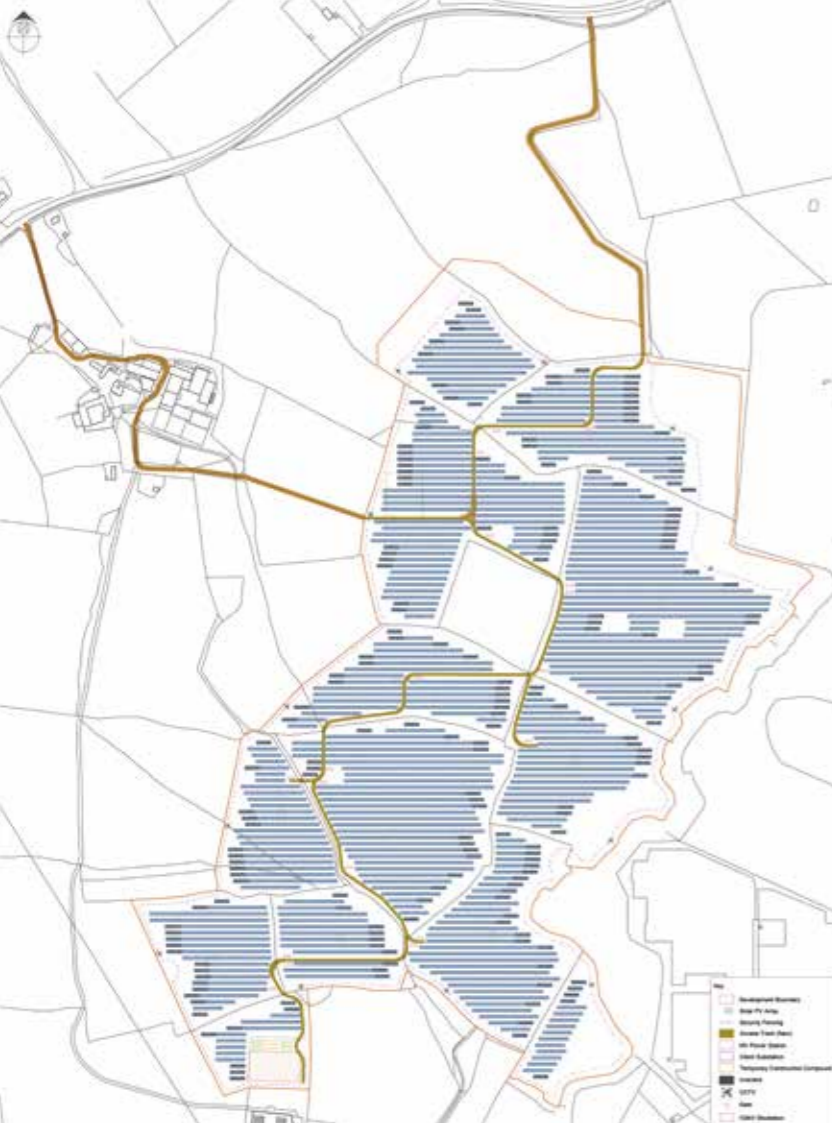
**April 2022**  
Finalise proposed design

**Estimated July 2022**  
Planning decision  
(approximately 13 weeks  
from submission)

**2023**  
(if granted approval)  
Construction







## WHERE IS THE PROPOSED SOLAR FARM?

The project is situated on land South East of Rock Farm, Rocks Green, Ludlow, Shropshire, near SY8 2DS. The approximately 49 Hectares site will be located in several fields which are currently used for livestock grazing. In addition to having solar panels on the site, the proposal also includes biodiversity and landscape enhancement measures, such as new hedgerow planting and gapping up of existing hedgerows. This helps to contribute to the overall biodiversity and landscape scheme which will be developed as part of the scheme. Sheep may also be grazed underneath the solar panels once operational, thereby offering dual use for the land.





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Anglo Renewables are working at the forefront of the UK's transition to a greener, low carbon economy through identifying and developing solar sites across the country. We are supporting the country's legislated target of reaching Net Zero by 2050 and the global movement to tackle climate change.

A growing body of scientific evidence indicates that large-scale solar PV (photovoltaic) technology can play a significant role in the UK's response to both the climate and biodiversity emergencies by supporting healthy ecosystems, whilst avoiding the emissions from fossil fuel burning power stations.



## HAVE YOUR SAY

Please take your time to consider the information within this brochure, and don't hesitate to contact a member of our team should you have any questions or matters you need to be clarified.

We would be grateful if you could answer the feedback form and let us have your contact details for the purpose of informing the project design and providing feedback to the Council.

For further information, please do not hesitate to email [feedback@alpacacommunications.com](mailto:feedback@alpacacommunications.com)



## REGISTER FOR UPDATES

Please visit [www.rockfarmsolarfarm.com](http://www.rockfarmsolarfarm.com) where information about our proposals will be updated, and where you can register to receive updates.

## FEEDBACK FORM

To return your completed feedback form please tear it from the brochure and pop it in the post by **Tuesday 22 March 2022**. Alternatively, you can return your form via email to [feedback@alpacacommunications.com](mailto:feedback@alpacacommunications.com)

Title:  Name:

Address:  Postcode:

Email:  Telephone:

- Has this brochure been helpful in understanding our proposal?  Yes  No  Not sure
- With regards to the proposals you have read about within this brochure, are you:
  - In favour  In objection  Of no opinion
- Please use this space to provide any comments on the proposal. We would welcome your feedback on all aspects of the emerging design shown in the brochure.

Please provide your contact details if you wish to get a response. Any information provided will only be used for the purpose of the planning application to the Local Planning Authority and will not be disclosed with any third parties. **Your contact details will not be listed on the planning application documentation.**

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