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Parish Council Briefings

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This includes **21** solar and storage projects in the UK. Its projects include the consented Cottam and West Burton Solar NSIPs, located in Lincolnshire, as well as other NSIPs in development: Green Hill, Lime Down, The Droves, Light Valley, East Pye and Humberhead.

IGP's mission is to be the leading innovator in sustainable, clean energy development by pioneering solutions that facilitate the energy transition and conserve the planet's ecosystems.

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The Project

The Project consists of the construction and operation of an electricity generating station with a capacity of 500 megawatts (MW). It will comprise of:

- Development of ground mounted solar arrays;
- Associated development (including energy storage, grid connection infrastructure, and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project).

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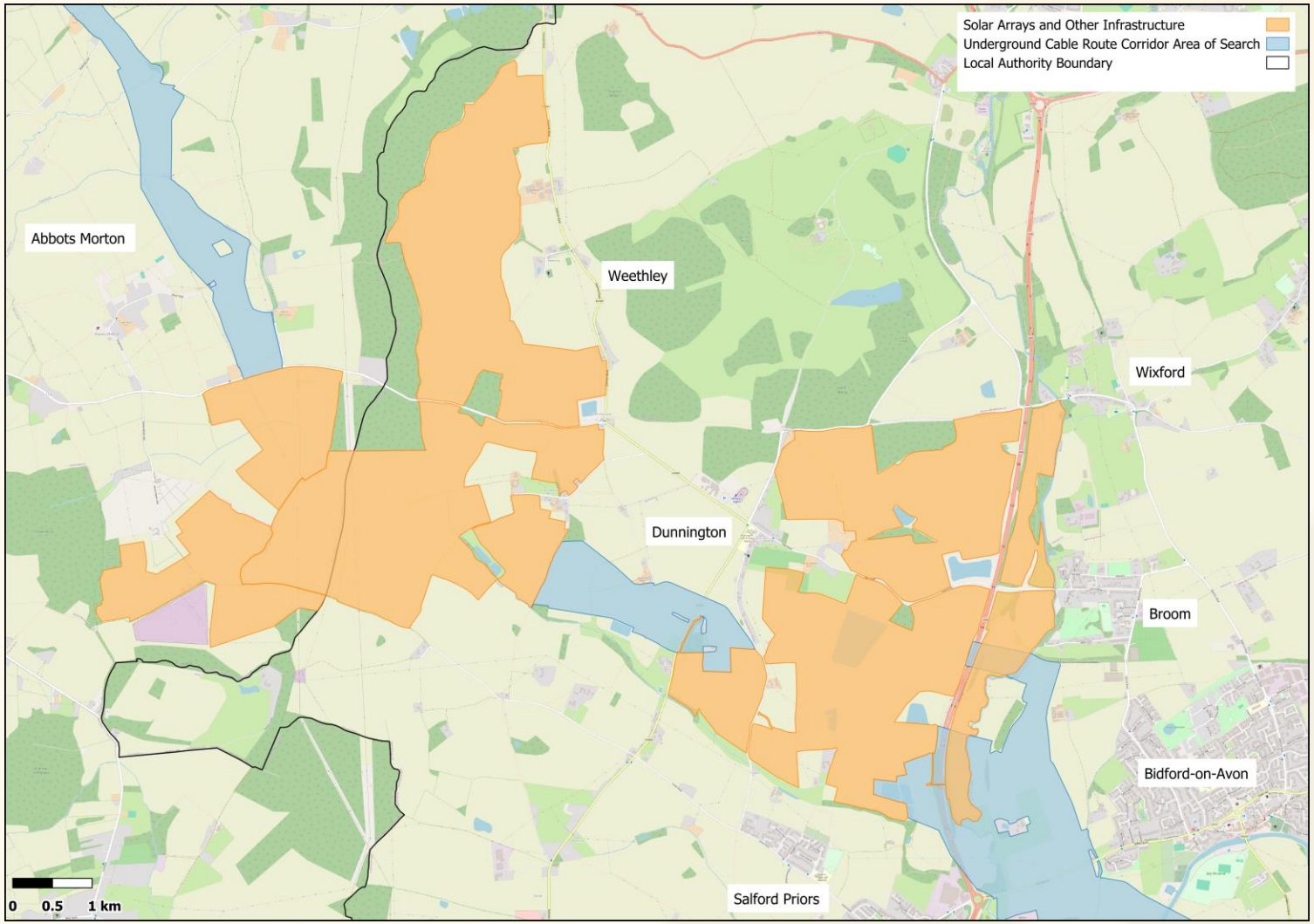

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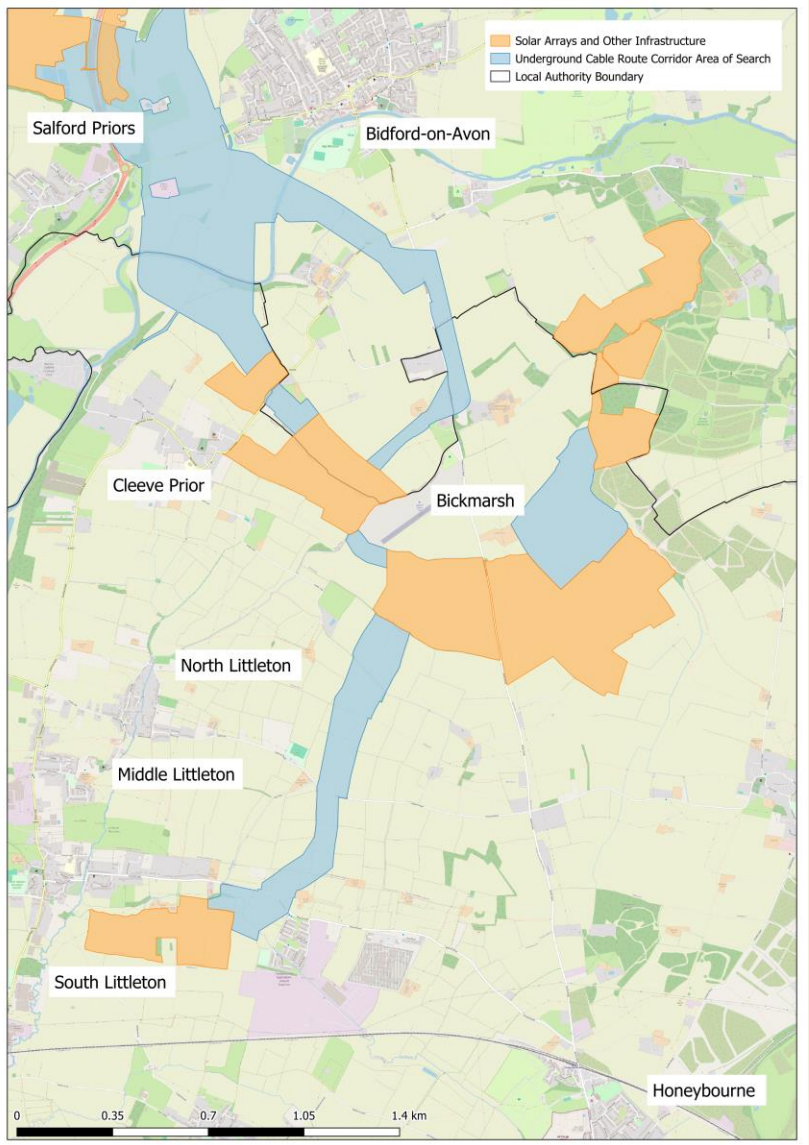

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Design Principles and Progression

- Over the next few months, the design of the Scheme will progress as a result of survey results and initial feedback from planning authorities and statutory bodies such as Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency.
- We use a series of 'Design Principles' to inform the design of the Scheme, which include minimum offsets between infrastructure and receptors such as:
    - Residential dwelling curtilages and other sensitive buildings such as churches or schools;
    - Hedgerows, trees, and woodland;
    - Ditches, ponds, watercourses and rivers;
    - Habitats that host protected species such as badger, bats, birds, and otters; and
    - Other important factors such as Public Rights of Way.
- For public consultation, we will publish a design that sets out where infrastructure will be located – including solar panels, substations, the BESS, and all landscaping mitigation, planting and other ecological enhancement. This design will take account of these buffers.
- We will then seek feedback at our public consultation on this design and these buffers and take account of this feedback in further amending our design prior to submission of our application.

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Design Principles

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Site Selection

1. Grid Connection
2. Land availability
3. Environmental and planning constraints

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Cable Route Corridor

The contracted National Grid point of connection is at the Feckenham 400kV substation is located approximately 8km from the nearest site.

The HV cable routing connecting the sites, and connecting into the Feckenham substation, is indicative and is subject to refinement as the Project design development progresses.

We have begun to contact landowners within the area identified as a potential cable route corridor for the Project, as well as landowners just outside this area with a pond in their ownership.

All these landowners would have now received a letter, with the contact details of our Land Agents, Dalcour Maclaren.

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Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects

The size of the project means it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and requires a Development Consent Order (DCO), which is determined at a national level rather than by local authorities.

Despite this, local authorities remain a key consultee throughout the application process.

Parish Councils also play an important role as statutory consultees for Nationally Significant Projects.

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What is a DCO?

A DCO is a form of planning permission that must be applied for by developers of sites defined as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

This includes large-scale solar farms because of their scale and energy capacity.

The DCO includes a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and thorough public consultation when local communities, policy makers, local authorities and statutory bodies, such as Natural England, are engaged to gain feedback, understand issues and help address concerns. This process is used to refine project proposals before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

At the final stage of the DCO planning process, PINS examine the application then make recommendations that are reviewed for decision by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ).

The DCO Process

Scoping Opinion

Outline to PINS on what we are proposing

Q2 2026

Developing plans

Includes undertaking environmental surveys, talking to landowners, and developing designs

Q2 – Q3 2026

Statutory consultation

Formal public consultation, where statutory consultees and the broader public can provide feedback on the design

Q4 2026

Review feedback and prepare application

Review all feedback received

Q4 2026 – Q1 2027

DCO application submission

Submit final application for Examination

Q2 2027

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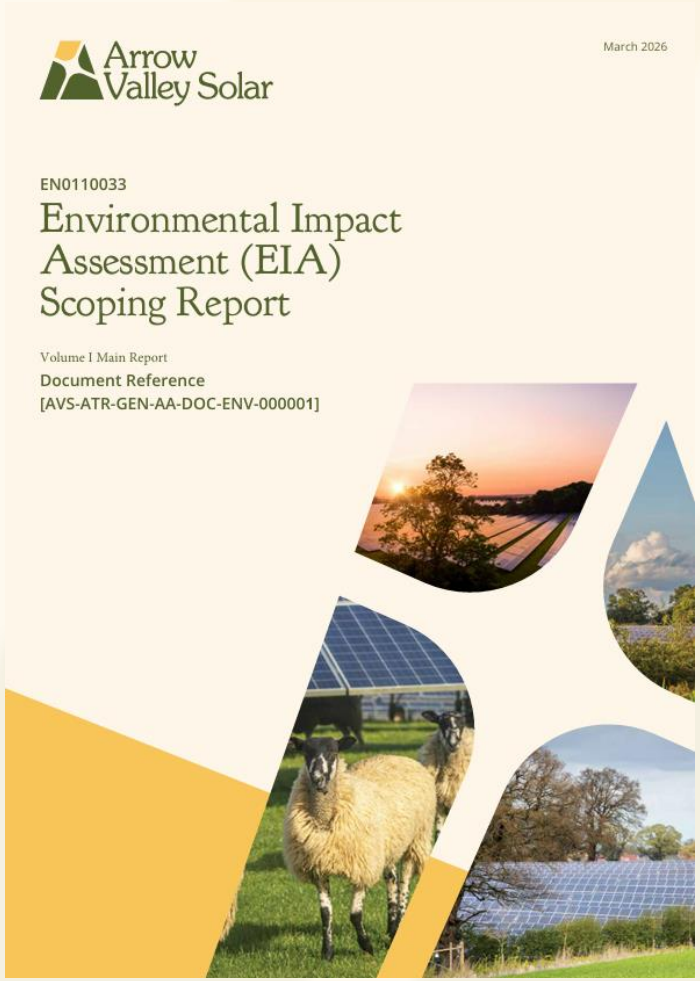
Scoping Report

- The EIA Scoping Report was submitted to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 27th March 2026.
- The purpose of the EIA Scoping Report is to identify key environmental issues which will need to be assessed as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- Local authorities are statutory consultees to the EIA Scoping process, and their consultation responses will be submitted to PINS for inclusion within the Scoping Opinion.
- We are expecting the Scoping Opinion to be published on Thursday 7 May.
- This will set out what PINS considers to be the key environmental issues for assessment.
- A copy of the Arrow Valley Solar Scoping Report is available on the Planning Inspectorate website.



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Construction and Operation

Construction

If consent is granted, we expect that the construction could take place over two years.

How the project is constructed will be controlled as part of our application. For example, we will need to agree HGV routes and environmental mitigation measures to ensure that impacts on local communities and roads are kept to a minimum.

Operation

We will apply for consent for an operational period of up to 60 years.

Once the Scheme is operational, there will be very little regular traffic which will be limited to normal maintenance.

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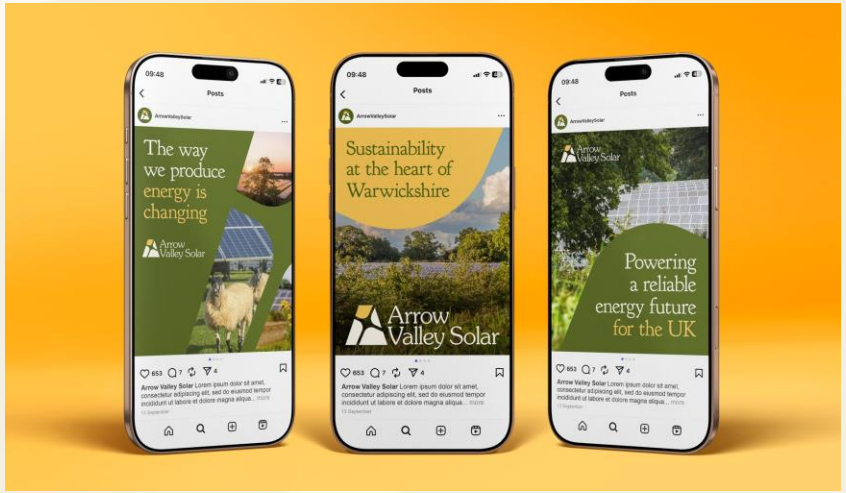
Proposed Consultation Approach

Pre-consultation: activity prior to consultation is to inform key political stakeholders, landowners and the broader public of proposals as they develop.

This will include engagement with host Parish Councils on the proposed consultation approach.

Consultation: Six-week Consultation (Q4 2026)

- Mailing to stakeholders
- Mailing to nearest properties
- In-person consultation events
- Online webinar and pre-recorded video
- Feedback mechanisms (online and hard copy)
- Press notices
- Press release
- Website updates
- Hard to reach engagement
- Hard copies of consultation materials available at community access points.



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Project Highlights

1. Delivery of clean and secure electricity for the West Midlands
2. Environmental enhancement and delivery of significant biodiversity net gain
3. Community Benefit Fund with annual payments to go to local communities
4. Business Rates (paid each year by the project)
5. Job creation during construction and operation
6. Income to landowners to support wider operations

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