

**NOTIFICATION OF VIRTUAL (VIA ZOOM) COMMUNITY CONSULTATION EXHIBITION
WEBINAR – 14th December 2020 at 7pm:**

Proposed 49.9MW Solar PV Development at South Fambridge

Dear Resident,

British Solar Renewables (BSR) are proposing to develop a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Scheme on land at South Fambridge Farm which is located off Fambridge Road. RSK ADAS are the Planning Consultants helping BSR to prepare the planning application and we would like to hear your views on the proposals.

The proposed scheme involves the installation of up to 49.9 MW of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels that will generate enough renewable energy annually to power over 12,500 domestic homes which will be supplemented by a 20 MW battery storage scheme which will store power when there is reduced demand for the energy generated by the proposal.

This is an exciting opportunity to have your input to the proposal at the early stages of development. BSR are holding a Public Exhibition to ensure the community are fully involved in the proposal and understand the potential benefits that successful implementation of the scheme would bring.

We invite you to a Virtual Zoom Public Consultation Event Webinar. This will be held on the 14th December at 7pm and it will be your chance to learn more about the scheme and ask questions to the developer. The link to the Webinar and for more information on the project can be found at: <https://bsrenergy.com/south-fambridge-solar-park/>

The Webinar will provide an informal, but comprehensive explanation of the proposed development and how the scheme works. Most importantly, the Webinar provides you with the opportunity to comment on the scheme, ask the questions you have and to ensure your opinions have been heard.

The attached flyer and this letter has been delivered to all households within close proximity of the site, however we wish to ensure that you have received a personal invitation to this event and hope that you will be able to attend. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me at southfambridge@adas.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at our Webinar.

Yours sincerely

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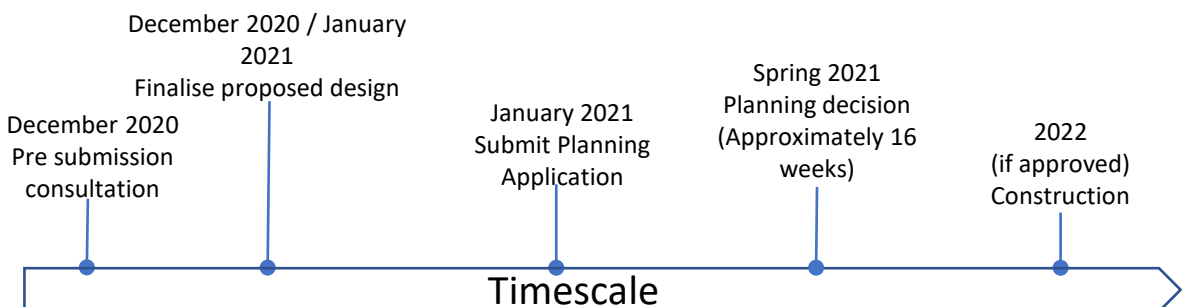
British Solar Renewables (BSR) are preparing to submit a planning application to Rochford District Council for a Solar PV scheme on land off Fambridge Road, due north of Ashingdon at South Fambridge Farm, South Fambridge, Rochford, SS4 3LS. The Solar scheme will have an approximate design capacity of 50 MW and would generate an estimated 47,500 MWh of clean, renewable and sustainable electricity per year. This is equivalent to the annual electrical needs of approx. 12,505 family homes. The anticipated CO2 displacement is around 11,072 tonnes per annum. In addition to this we are proposing 20MW of battery energy storage.

What are the benefits of the Solar Park?

- * It will assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with national targets, in addition to supporting its strategy for the declared Climate Emergency.
- * The proposal will help assist with the provision of a dependable supply of energy to assist with the transition to carbon free travel and heating.
- * The proposed development will contribute towards the security of energy supply in Rochford through the provision of local, renewable energy supply.
- * No public rights of way will be closed during or after construction of the solar park.
- * New hedgerow planting is proposed to contain and screen the solar arrays from its surroundings.
- * This is a temporary development, allowing the land to rest for the period of operation.
- * 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 via the creation of green corridors.
- * No protected landscape, heritage or ecological designations will be affected by the solar farm.
- * The proposed solar farm will not require a Government subsidy.
- * British Solar Renewables is committed to using local suppliers during construction and operation where possible.

Climate Emergency

In July 2019, many authorities declared a Climate Emergency in recognition of the need to take urgent action in respect of climate change. Many local authorities have stated that it is committed to 'achieving carbon neutrality by 2030'. South Fambridge Farm Solar Park can play an important part in support of emerging Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Strategy.





The project is situated off the Fambridge Road and is approximately 0.5 mile north of the village of Ashingdon and 0.5 mile east of the village of South Fambridge. The proposed Solar PV scheme will be located over 3 fields. The red line plan shows the extent of the Solar PV scheme which will be approximately 139 acres (56 Ha) in size. In addition to having solar panels on the site the proposed development would include 20MW of battery energy storage. The proposed scheme is located well away from built up areas and away from residential properties which do not have any connection with the proposal.

The proposal also includes biodiversity and landscape enhancement measures, such as the gapping up of existing hedgerows to ensure there are minimal visual and new green corridors are created for the wildlife.

The proposed scheme will utilise land which is of a poor agricultural grade (ALC Grade 3b), therefore the potential benefits of avoiding large inputs of fertiliser, pesticides and herbicides into the land and into ground water systems will assist in ecological benefits for wildlife and estuary birdlife too.





OUR CONSULTATION APPROACH – HAVE YOUR SAY

In accordance with guidance issued by the UK Government’s Chief Planner, which emphasised that planning applications which positively impact the country and local communities must continue to come forward, we invite you to provide feedback on our draft proposals in the following way:

If you have a paper copy, 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.

Visit the dedicated public consultation website: [South Fambridge Solar Park - BSR Energy](#)
We have set up a dedicated public consultation website, where you can find information about our draft proposals and provide feedback. This will become live prior to the consultation event. Please read through the information on the website and Fill in the feedback form on the website