





Evolving Concept
Design of Bramley
Frith Solar Farm

What are the Benefits of the Solar Farm and Battery Storage Facility?

The main benefits of the development proposed are summarised below.

Energy benefits

- It will assist Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with local, national and international targets and its declared Climate Emergency.
- Contribute towards the security of energy supply in the Hampshire area through the provision of local, competitive renewable energy supply.
- The project will support the UK's urgent need to transition to a net zero carbon future, producing significant amounts of renewable energy.
- The proposed development's panels will utilise bifacial modules which absorb irradiation from the front and rear side, generating c. 4% higher energy yield than mono-facial modules.

Ecological and economic benefits

- The proposals for Bramley Frith solar farm include the reconnection of ancient woodlands through new planting, this will create a woodland bridge between habitats that can be enjoyed by the local community and help nature adapt to climate change
- Compared to intensive arable farming, a solar farm gives land the opportunity for multiple uses.
 In addition to energy production, solar farms support biodiversity by encouraging small animals access to the land, with bird and pollinator insect friendly plants and wildflowers sown around the modules (visit www.solar-trade.org.uk/solar-farms).
- There is the potential for a new nature conservation area, betterment of public footpaths, low intensity sheep grazing and overall biodiversity net gain.

- No designated landscape, heritage or ecological designations will be unacceptably affected by the solar farm.
- The land use will be reversed to agriculture at the end of the project life (c. 40 years).
- Enso Energy is committed to using local business suppliers during construction and operation where possible.

Getting to Net Zero

The UK Government has signed up to a Renewable Energy Directive to provide 15 per cent of energy from renewables by 2020 (based on a 2008 baseline). In addition to this, the Government has made a legal commitment to cutting carbon emissions to net zero by 2050 (Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019). To achieve net zero by 2050 will require a rapid and expanded deployment of low carbon power, including solar.

In July 2019 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council joined a growing number of local authorities who have declared a climate emergency. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has pledged to enable Basingstoke and Deane to become carbon neutral by 2030. The Bramley Solar Farm will help to support the Horizon 2050 vision of the borough that highlights a local desire to reduce carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels.

Our Vision

At Enso Energy we are making the idea of a country run on net zero energy a reality. We are one of the UK's most experienced net zero energy developers.

Our ambition is to use the latest solar technology to make a positive impact on our country and the communities we work with. We are firm advocates for renewable, net zero, efficient, secure and sustainable energy that can be generated, stored and utilised locally. We are passionate about creating positive change for the UK's energy requirements and carbon commitments.

Our innovative and entrepreneurial approach to subsidy-free renewable energy is assisting the country's move towards a more secure renewable energy supply and accelerating our combined progress to net zero.



Our approach to consultation during the Coronavirus crisis

Enso Energy agree with the guidance issued by the UK Government's Chief Planner, which emphasised that planning applications that positively impact the country and local communities must continue to come forward.

Enso Energy believes that it is vital that local communities are able to see and shape planning applications that may have an impact on them. We therefore invite you to provide feedback on our draft proposals in the following ways:



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

This consultation brochure contains the same information that would have been displayed at a typical public consultation event.

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



Attend our public consultation webinar and O&A session on

Tuesday 8th September from 5pm – 7pm

You are invited to attend our online public consultation webinar and O&A session event. The webinar will be a ten-minute presentation by the project team where they will outline the draft proposals. During the Q&A session which will follow the webinar you'll have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the draft proposals with members of the project team.

The webinar will be recorded and hosted on our public consultation website so that you can watch it again or see it if you are unable to watch it live.

You can of course get in contact with the project team at any time, through our public consultation website: www. ensoenergy.co.uk/proposed-projects/ bramlev/.

You can register to attend our online public consultation event by visiting our website www.ensoenergy.co.uk/ proposed-projects/bramley/ and completing the webinar registration form. You will then receive an email with details on how to join the public consultation webinar.



Visit the dedicated public consultation website:

> www.ensoenergy.co.uk/ proposed-projects/bramley/

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



About Us

Enso Energy is a successful energy developer, focussed on delivering the right results for our clients, the environment and the local community.

We all care about our climate, and we all care about where we live. We believe that considerate solar energy development can make both better. That's why our holistic approach to solar energy development includes working with all our stakeholders throughout the development process.

Our team has a proven track record in developing large scale energy projects, totalling in excess of 1,500MW of distributed generation. As an independent developer we have worked across the full spectrum of energy generation and storage technologies, deploying solutions that suit each site.

Have your say

This brochure forms part of our pre-planning application process at which we are asking for your opinion on a proposed solar farm and battery storage facility on land off Bramley Frith, RG26 5DG.

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**.



Register for Updates

Please visit www.ensoenergy.co.uk/proposed-projects/bramley/ where information about our proposals will be updated, and where you can register to be receive updates.





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Should you require this document in large print, audio or braille then please contact us at the details provided. Enso Energy working in partnership with Macquarie's Green Investment Group for the delivery of large scale solar projects.



Green Investment Group

Feedback form

To return your completed feedback form please tear it from the brochure, insert into the enclosed pre-paid envelope and pop it in the post by **Tuesday 22nd September**. Alternatively, you can return your form via email to **feedback@alpacacommunications.com**.

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 We would welcome your feedback on all aspects of the emerging design shown in the brochure, including: Are you supportive of the provision of a nature conservation area within the site with permissive access rights? We are considering removing solar panels in the central area and replacing with new ecological habitat to connect the Ancient Woodlands of Davnage Copse and Withy Copse. Would you be supportive of this? Please advise at which locations you would prefer to see interpretation and information boards. Would you welcome information boards on the archaeological potential of the site and the wider area? 			
Your views are important to us, if you'd like us to keep in touch how would you like us to contact you? Website Email Newsletter SMS			
Any other comments?			
apply you for taking the time to fill out our feedback form your personal details including your name, address and			

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our feedback form, your personal details including your name, address and contact details may be included as part of a consultation report submitted with this application to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. If you prefer your details do not be shared, please tick here \Box .