



SENT VIA EMAIL

**Wednesday 17 September 2025**

Dear Parish Clerk,

**Kingsway Solar Farm**

**Stage two (statutory) consultation: Wednesday 17 September to Wednesday 29 October 2025**

We are writing to you regarding the proposed Kingsway Solar project (the “Scheme”), which is a proposed solar farm and overhead line connection, that will generate around 500 megawatts of electricity and connect to the National Electricity Transmission System.

The Scheme is being promoted by Kingsway Solar Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Downing Renewable Developments. The Scheme is proposed to be located on land to the east of Cambridge, between Burwell and Balsham in Cambridgeshire, and is located within the administrative boundaries of Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Scheme would comprise the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and approximately 15 km of overhead line connection into the planned National Grid Burwell South substation (due to be located south of the existing Burwell substation, the exact location yet to be confirmed by National Grid). The Scheme will also include associated infrastructure, including co-located battery energy storage systems (BESS) and inter-array connections to link together the land parcels where the solar panels are located. The BESS is associated development to ensure that energy can be stored when it is generated and not demanded. The BESS will have a direct relationship with the solar PV panels and it will support the operation of this by storing electricity produced during times of peak capacity until it is needed.

The Scheme comprises a generating station of approximately 500 megawatts and could generate enough green electricity to power approximately 175,000 homes. The Scheme qualifies as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008, which means we will submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Scheme to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero via the Planning Inspectorate. An Examining Authority will then be appointed to examine the application on behalf of the Secretary of State. After examination, the Examining Authority will make its recommendation on the Application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to grant the DCO.

We are writing to you as a parish council that may have an interest in our proposals to announce the start of our stage two consultation. The consultation is running from midday on **Wednesday 17 September 2025 until 11:59pm on Wednesday 29 October 2025** (hereafter referred to as “the consultation period”) and we invite responses on or before the closing date.

## How to get involved

During the consultation period, a series of in-person consultation events will be held where you can speak with members of the project team. Printed copies of the consultation materials will be made available at consultation events for attendees to view. Attendees will also be able to take away copies of the consultation information booklet, feedback form and newsletter.

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Balsham Pavilion</b> , Church Lane, Balsham, CB21 4DS	Wednesday 1 October 2025	14:00 – 20:00
<b>The Reading Room</b> , 46 Chapel Road, Weston Colville, Weston Green, CB21 5NX	Thursday 2 October 2025	14:00 – 20:00
<b>West Wratting Village Hall</b> , 79 High Street, West Wratting, CB21 5LU	Friday 10 October 2025	14:00 – 20:00
<b>Swaffham Prior Village Hall</b> , High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD	Saturday 11 October 2025	10:30 – 14:30

*Details are correct at the time of publication and are unlikely to change. Any updates will be reflected on the Scheme website, which we recommend to check for the most current details before attending.*

We will also upload an online information presentation to the Scheme website during the consultation period which will provide an overview of our proposals and where to find out more information, including how to take part in the consultation.

## Consultation materials

We have produced the following consultation materials as part of this statutory consultation, all of which can be viewed on our website during the consultation period [www.kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk):

- Consultation Newsletter, which is being posted to all addresses within a defined Primary Consultation Zone (as described in the Statement of Community Consultation). This document provides introductory information about the Scheme, the consultation and where more detailed information can be found. **Please find an electronic copy of the newsletter enclosed with this letter.**
- Consultation Information Booklet, which provides a more detailed overview of the Scheme, including a summary of some of the potential environmental effects, as explained in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”).
- Consultation Feedback Form, which may be used to provide a response to our consultation on the Scheme.
- Interactive Scheme Map, which is a digital map hosted on the website for users to engage with elements of the Scheme by zooming, dragging and clicking to reveal more information.
- PEIR and Non-Technical Summary (“NTS”) of the PEIR.
- Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”), which has been publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 to explain how we will consult on our proposals.

## Hard copy information

At the start of the consultation period, copies of consultation information booklets, feedback forms and newsletters will be deposited in local information points located in the vicinity of the Scheme. Our SoCC, NTS and full PEIR will be available in printed format for inspection at the local information points. All of the locations and opening times are as follows:

Venue	Opening hours	Materials available
Burwell Library, Village College, The Causeway, Burwell, CB25 0DU	<b>Monday and Friday:</b> 2pm to 5pm <b>Tuesday:</b> 10am to 5pm <b>Thursday:</b> 12pm to 7pm <b>Saturday:</b> 10am to 1pm	<b>To takeaway:</b> Consultation Information Booklet Consultation Feedback Form Consultation Newsletter  <b>For reference only:</b> PEIR NTS SoCC
Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard, Cambridge, CB2 3QD	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:</b> 9:30am to 6pm <b>Wednesday:</b> 9:30am to 7pm <b>Saturday:</b> 10am to 6pm <b>Sunday:</b> 12pm to 4pm	
Linton Library, The Cathodeon Centre, Horseheath Road, Linton, CB21 4LU	<b>Tuesday and Friday:</b> 10am - 5pm <b>Wednesday:</b> 4pm - 7pm <b>Thursday:</b> 2pm - 5pm <b>Saturday:</b> 10am - 1pm	
The Black Bull, 27 High Street, Balsham, CB21 4DJ	<b>Tuesday - Saturday:</b> 9am to 10pm <b>Sunday:</b> 9am to 5pm (Closed on Monday)	

*Venue opening times are correct at the time of publication. We recommend contacting the venue to check the opening times before visiting, especially over bank holidays.*

Paper copies of the consultation materials are available in hard copy for individuals at no extra charge (except the PEIR and NTS, hard copies of which can be requested for a charge of £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs). If you require this information in an alternative format, such as Braille, large print or alternative languages, please contact us using the details in this letter.

## Providing feedback

Your feedback is important in helping us refine our proposals. You can response to the consultation in the following ways:

- Completing an online feedback form, which can be accessed during the consultation period via our website: [www.kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk](http://www.kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk).
- Collecting a feedback form from one of our consultation events, a local information point or on request, and returning your completed feedback form to us by email ([enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk)) or by post (by writing 'FREEPOST DOWNING KINGSWAY' on a blank envelope – no stamp required).
- Providing your free form comments by email or post. Please note that we will not accept comments over the phone but we will assist you wherever possible.

**The deadline for providing feedback is 11:59pm on Wednesday 29 October 2025.**

## Publicity

As a local parish council we kindly ask that you share this information about our consultation more widely. Please find enclosed our Consultation Newsletter and Poster which will help raise awareness of the Scheme and how people can get involved in the consultation.

If you have any questions about this letter, the Scheme or consultation, please do not hesitate to contact [enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk) or 0800 012 9881.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vernon', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

David Vernon  
Head of NSIP Projects  
Downing Renewable Developments

Enc. Consultation Newsletter