



Stowey Road Solar Farm

As a near neighbour, we wanted to write to let you know that Regener8, a leading renewable energy developer, is working on plans for a solar farm on land to the south of Stowey Road, south of Bishop Sutton and north of Hinton Blewett.

In 2019, Bath and North East Somerset Council declared a climate emergency and committed to become carbon neutral by 2030. They subsequently produced a Renewable Energy Resource Assessment report that highlighted this site as a preferred area for solar development as it sits on 'unconstrained land' with low agricultural land grade and minimal local impact.

Since then, we've been looking at how best to bring the plans forward, including working with neighbours and the landowners. We are now keen to discuss the emerging plans with the wider community, listen to feedback and ensure the impacts are minimised and wider opportunities maximised.

The 49MW development could generate enough clean energy to power over 13,600 homes a year and improve local biodiversity by a large margin, while continuing to contribute towards food production with sheep grazing around the solar panels.

**Details
of public
exhibition
overleaf**



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Some of the key benefits include:



The displacement of over 450,000 tonnes of CO2 from equivalent fossil fuel energy, which equates to taking c.5,500 cars off Somerset's roads per year.



Sheep would continue to graze here.



Significant biodiversity net gain, providing ecological benefit through: re-establishing hedgerow connections, provision of flora margins along field boundaries, enhanced landscape and wildlife corridor running through the scheme, and linking adjacent SSSI's through creation of wildflower grassland.



A community benefit fund will be provided to local causes: please provide suggestions on where these funds can be directed.



Approximately £100k of business rates per annum

Public Exhibition

Please come along to our public exhibition to view our plans and meet the team. We are keen to answer your questions and get your feedback.

Bishop Sutton Village Hall, Wick Road, Bishop Sutton, BS39 5XQ

Monday 22nd July, from 3pm to 6.15pm

After the public exhibition, the information displayed will be uploaded to our website, www.stoweysolarfarm.co.uk, which will be updated at key points during the planning process.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch with the team:

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