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Glossary

Abbreviation	Term
AC	Alternating Current
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
CRC	Cable Route Corridor
DCO	Development Consent Order
DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
Ha	Hectares
IER	Interim Environmental Report
IGP	Island Green Power
MW	Megawatt
NETS	National Energy Transmission System
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
PV	Photovoltaic
SoS	Secretary of State

Definitions and Frequently Used Terms

The table below provides a short description of terms used in this Statement of Community Consultation.

Term	Definition
The Applicant	The Scheme is being led by the Applicant, Arrow Valley Solar Limited, which is a subsidiary of Island Green Power (IGP). IGP is a leading developer of renewable energy projects, established in 2013.
Associated Development	Elements of the Proposed Development that support the operation of Arrow Valley Solar, including substations, battery storage, underground cabling and other ancillary infrastructure.
BESS	Battery energy storage system facilities capable of storing electricity until it is needed.

DCO	A development consent order is the order which grants development consent when a successful application is made to the Secretary of State. The Planning Inspectorate is responsible for administering the examination of the DCO Application and supporting the Examining Authority that will be appointed to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (ESNZ) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008. The Secretary of State for ESNZ has responsibility for subsequently determining whether to grant development consent for the Proposed Development.
DCO Application	The Application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) submitted by the Applicant to the Planning Inspectorate for the Proposed Development. The formal request submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consent to allow the Proposed Development to be constructed, operated, maintained and decommissioned.
DCO Requirement	A 'condition' set within a Development Consent Order (DCO) that mandates specific actions or standards to ensure the Proposed Development complies with regulations, mitigates potential impacts, and ensures that the effects of the Proposed Development do not exceed those assessed in the ES during its construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning.
Development Consent	Development consent refers to the approval granted by the Secretary of State for the construction and operation of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and any associated development, as outlined in the DCO.
EN-1	The Overarching National Policy Statement (NPS) for Energy (December 2025).
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	A process by which information about environmental effects of a proposed development is collected, assessed and used to inform decision making. For certain projects, EIA is a statutory requirement.
Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations	The Statutory Instrument transposing the EIA Directive into UK law. The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 are relevant for the Proposed Development. The EIA Regulations continue to be applicable and enforceable despite the UK's departure from the EU.
Environmental Statement	A document produced in accordance with the EIA Directive as transposed into UK law by the EIA Regulations to report the results of an EIA.
Mitigation	Measures including any process, activity, or design to avoid, prevent, reduce, or, if possible, offset any identified significant adverse effects on the environment. A hierarchy exists of different

	types of mitigation in order of preference and effectiveness with the most desirable first: avoid, prevent, reduce and, finally, offset.
Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)	NSIPs are large-scale developments which require a type of consent known as 'development consent' under procedures governed by the Planning Act 2008 (and amended by the Localism Act 2011). These projects are only defined as nationally significant if they satisfy a statutory threshold in terms of their scale or effect, and the Proposed Development meets this threshold. Arrow Valley Solar is classed as an NSIP because of its scale and generating capacity.
Interim Environmental Report (IER)	A report which sets out the environmental information available for the project at the consultation stage. This includes information about the baseline conditions of the site collected to date, the methodology for the technical assessments, and some results of surveys where available.
Proposed Development	A solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station and associated development including Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), Ancillary Infrastructure and Substations. The Scheme comprises land across four Sites and seven Cable Route Corridors (CRCs), which would both connect the four Sites together and connect the Scheme to the National Grid. The Scheme would allow for the generation and export of approximately 500 megawatts (MW) Alternating Current (AC) of renewable energy, connecting into the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS).
Programme Document	A document providing a description and explanation of the Applicant's activities and predicted timescales between the Inception Meeting and submission of the DCO Application, in line with the Planning Inspectorate's guidance.
Scoping	The process of identifying the issues to be addressed by an EIA. It is a method of ensuring that an EIA focuses on the important issues and avoids those that are considered to be less significant.
Consultation	Consultation is a process that enables the Applicant to seek feedback from affected stakeholders and the community on the Proposed Development. The consultation process was previously a statutory requirement; however, this has recently changed to enable applicants to identify how best to engage and consult with communities and stakeholders. Recent government guidance stipulates that applicants may choose how to consult and engage to support the evolution of their proposals and the preparation of their DCO application.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Arrow Valley Solar is bringing forward proposals for a new solar and energy storage project across south Warwickshire and east Worcestershire. The project would generate approximately 500 megawatts of clean, renewable energy. In addition, the project includes a battery energy storage system (BESS) capable of storing electricity until it is needed. Alongside solar panels and the BESS, the project will also include substations and an underground cable route that links each of the solar sites with one another and with the National Grid at Feckenham in Worcestershire.

1.1.2 The project is being developed by Arrow Valley Solar Limited, which is part of Island Green Power. Established in 2013, IGP is a leading developer of utility-scale solar projects and battery storage systems.

1.1.3 This Consultation Strategy explains how the Applicant intends to consult on the Scheme, and how people living in the vicinity of the land required for the Proposed Development will be able to engage and provide feedback during the public consultation. This Consultation Strategy has been refined with regard to representations made by the host authorities on a draft version, issued for comment in August 2026.

1.1.4 At the time of publishing this Consultation Strategy, Arrow Valley Solar is continuing to develop its proposals and undertake environmental and technical surveys to inform the DCO application. The Proposed Development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and is therefore an 'EIA development' for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

1.1.5 Arrow Valley Solar is seeking the views of the community and stakeholders to help shape its proposals for the Proposed Development. This will allow the Application to develop responsibly and in a manner that is considerate towards local community interests.

The Proposed Development

1.1.6 The Proposed Development includes solar panels, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), substations and an underground cable route linking the solar sites to one another and to the National Grid Point of Connection at Feckenham in Worcestershire.

1.1.7 As part of the design process, Arrow Valley Solar is continuing to undertake environmental and technical surveys and refine the layout of the project, including the cable route corridor and associated infrastructure. Landowners within the cable route corridor area of search have already begun to be contacted as part of early scoping work.

1.1.8 The design of the Proposed Development will continue to evolve ahead of the consultation, informed by surveys, technical assessments and engagement with local authorities, stakeholders and landowners. Refined proposals will be presented as part of the consultation, with feedback informing design changes before the DCO application is submitted.

Benefits of the Proposed Scheme

1.1.9 The following benefits of the Proposed Development have been identified:

- Approximately 500 megawatts of clean, renewable electricity generation.
- Battery storage capable of storing electricity until it is needed.
- Clean, domestic energy that can help reduce reliance on imports and support more stable energy costs.
- Environmental enhancements including landscaping, planting, grassland beneath panels, wildflower meadows and additional trees and hedgerows, to be refined as the design develops.
- Commitment to a community benefit fund.

The Planning Process

1.1.10 As the Proposed Development would generate over 100MW (AC) of electricity, it is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project and will be subject to the Development Consent Order planning process.

1.1.11 Effective consultation is an important element of the DCO process, offering an opportunity for community and stakeholder input into the evolving proposals.

1.2 The Consultation Programme

What will we consult on?

1.2.1 Arrow Valley Solar will be seeking feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development. For example, feedback will be invited on:

- The baseline conditions, survey methodologies and assessment methodologies to be used as part of the environmental assessment of the Proposed Development.
- The embedded mitigation measures proposed as part of the Proposed Development.
- The design of the Scheme, including the solar, battery storage, substations, cable route and landscaping, planting and enhancement elements of the Proposed Development.
- How construction, operation and maintenance can be managed to reduce effects on local communities and the environment.
- How local communities use the Public Rights of Way network.
- The types of projects or initiatives that could be supported through the proposed community benefit fund.

1.2.2 The Applicant is seeking feedback to help shape aspects of the Proposed Development where there is scope for influence. Consultation materials will set out the key design parameters that are fixed and identify areas where feedback may inform design development, mitigation and community benefits.

Who will we consult?

1.2.3 This consultation is open to anyone who may be interested in, or affected by, the Proposed Development. We will also engage the following groups and individuals:

- Parish/Town councils representing parishes within the consultation zone, are host to the Proposed Development or are a neighbouring authority to it.
- Local Authority Councillors representing wards within and bordering the consultation zone.
- Members of Parliament (MPs) representing constituencies within and bordering the consultation zone.
- Seldom heard and hard-to-reach groups within the consultation zone.
- Local interest groups, such as residents' associations, community groups and groups representing special interests. These could include the Ramblers Association, flying clubs or other similar groups.

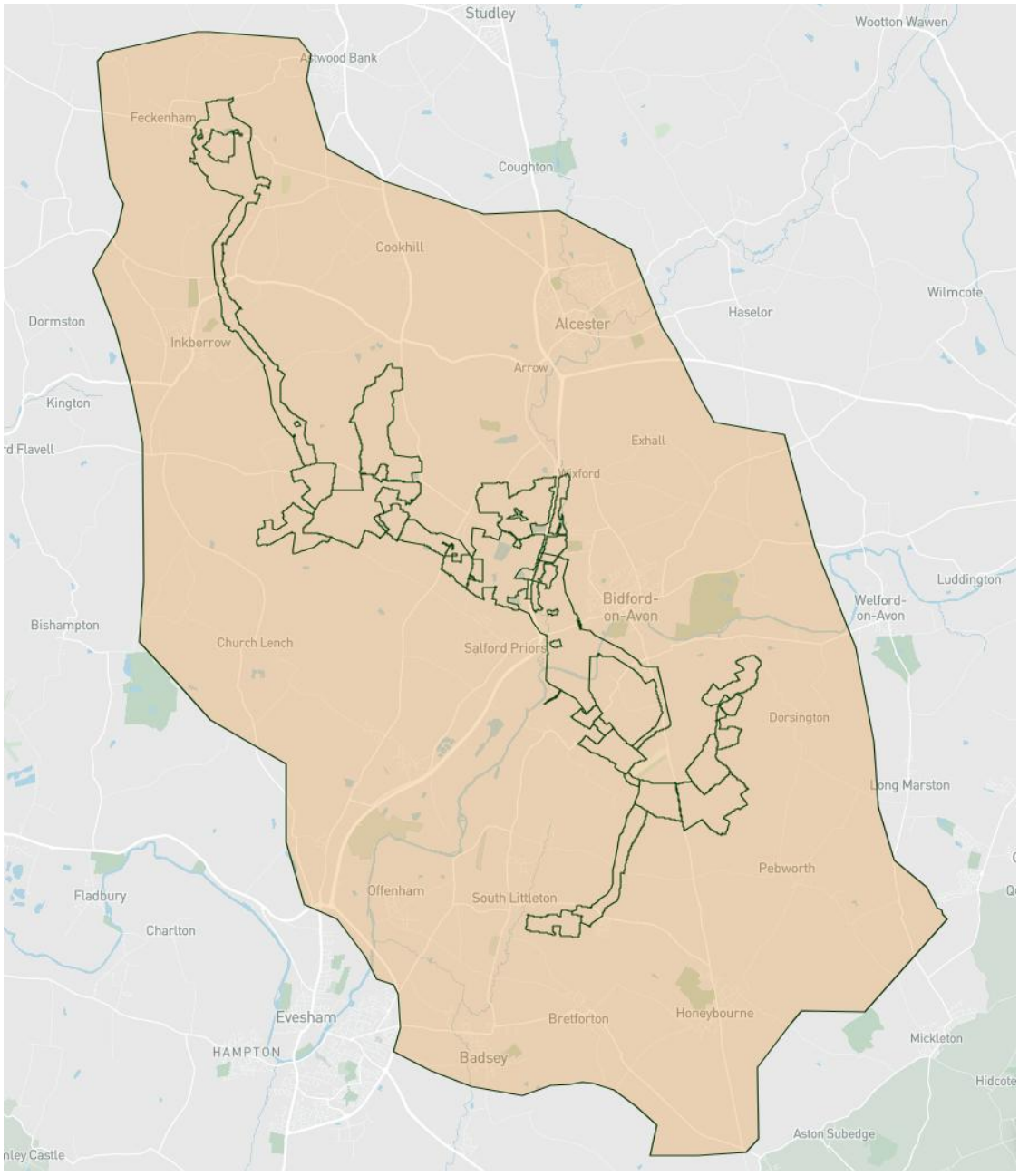
1.2.4 We have commenced engagement with landowners and persons with interests in land as identified in Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008 as well

as Statutory Bodies. This engagement will continue throughout the formal consultation period.

Consultation Zone

1.2.5 The proposed consultation zone covers the parished areas defined below and has been finalised following discussions with the host authorities. The zone is designed to capture communities and elected representatives closest to the Proposed Development and likely to be affected by it, including the following host parish councils:

- Abbots Morton Parish Council
- Arrow and Weethley Parish Council
- Bickmarsh Parish Council
- Bidford-on-Avon Parish Council
- Bretforton Parish Council
- Cleeve Prior Parish Council
- Dorsington Parish Council
- Feckenham Parish Council
- Inkberrow Parish Council
- North and Middle Littleton Parish Council
- Pebworth Parish Council
- Salford Priors Parish Council
- South Littleton Parish Council
- Wixford Parish Council



The above image shows the draft Order Limits alongside the zone of consultation.

How we will publicise the consultation

1.2.6 The following methods will be employed to publicise the consultation:

- Distributing consultation materials to addresses within the consultation zone.
- Updating the project website so people can find out more information and provide feedback on the Proposed Development.
- Issuing press releases to regional and local media outlets.
- Publishing statutory notices in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008, including local and national press notices.

- Sending targeted communications to councillors, MPs, local interest groups, statutory bodies and other stakeholders, as appropriate.
- Targeted briefings to local stakeholders including councillors, parish and town councils, and members of parliament, where practicable.
- Making consultation information available at key community locations and deposit points, where deemed appropriate.

How we will consult

1.2.7 We will consult via the following methods:

- A 35-day consultation beginning in late September 2026.
- In-person consultation events where residents and community members can view information, speak with members of the project team and provide formal feedback.
- Two dedicated in-person cable route landowner events by invitation, with a focus on how land will be used.
- Consultation leaflets mailed to residents notifying of the upcoming consultation and where to access more information.
- Letters to seldom-heard groups and other outreach methods as recommended to us by host authorities and community organisations.
- Website with virtual exhibition for the community to review and provide comments on the Proposed Development via an online or hard copy response form.
- A Community Information Line will be available for people who are interested in providing feedback via: 0808 189 1786, Monday – Friday 9am to 5:30pm.
- Details of the Community Information Line will be included on consultation material provided to the public.
- A consultation email address will also be available for people to ask questions and send their comments: info@arrowvalleysolar.co.uk
- Up to six public exhibition events (including at least one weekend event).
- One online webinar will be advertised on the website and in all consultation material. Interested parties will be able to sign up to attend the webinars free of charge. A recorded version of the webinar will also be available on the website for any interested parties.
- All consultation materials, such as the newsletter, consultation brochure, feedback form and postage-paid envelopes, will be available for viewing at accessible deposit locations.
- Paper copies of the consultation material can be made available and may be subject to a charge to cover printing and postage costs.

- Arrow Valley Solar will consider requests for copies of the documents in alternative formats on a case-by-basis, taking into account individual circumstances.
- If anyone needs information about the Proposed Development in a different format, such as accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording, another language or braille, they can contact Arrow Valley Solar, and the request will be considered as part of the consultation process.

What are we consulting on?

1.2.8 Arrow Valley Solar will undertake an EIA of the Proposed Development. This will include identifying environmental receptors that may be affected by the Proposed Development, assessing likely significant effects and proposing mitigation where appropriate. A full Environmental Statement will be submitted with the DCO application, and interim environmental information will be published during the consultation. The environmental information shared at consultation will mainly include information about the baseline conditions of the site, the methodology for the technical assessments, and results of surveys where available. Technical environmental assessments will continue throughout the year and where possible the results of these technical assessments will be shared with regulators and other stakeholders for review and comment before submission.

1.2.9 The EIA for the Proposed Development has already begun. Following submission of the Scheme's EIA Scoping Report, a Scoping Opinion has been received from the Planning Inspectorate, setting out what must be included within the Environmental Statement. The project website also makes the scoping report publicly available on an online document library.

The Consultation

1.2.10 The consultation will run for 35 days and is expected to begin on Monday 28 September. It will give the local community and other stakeholders the opportunity to review the refined proposals, attend consultation events, access environmental information and provide formal feedback.

1.2.11 Up to six consultation events will be held, and subject to venue availability, Arrow Valley Solar will include two weekend events. Where possible, the weekend events will likely run from 11am to 4pm. Weekday events will run until approximately 7 pm, where the availability of the venues permits, to allow those working during the daytime the opportunity to attend an event. A webinar will be held during the consultation for those who cannot attend the events in person.

1.2.12 Consultation venues and methods have been selected regarding accessibility, proximity to the proposed development areas and cable route corridor, and the need to provide opportunities for local communities across the project area to participate.

Where we will consult

1.2.13 The Applicant has identified a range of venues across and around the Proposed Development area to ensure consultation events are accessible to local communities, including those most likely to be affected by the proposals. The selected venues are well-established community facilities with appropriate capacity, accessibility, and car parking provision, and are located close to key areas of the Proposed Development.

1.2.14 A rationale is provided on the selection of each of the proposed locations:

- **Cleeve Prior Village Hall** – Selected to provide a convenient consultation venue for residents in the southern part of the Project area, with good local accessibility and parking.
- **Salford Priors Memorial Hall** – Chosen due to its central location, proximity to Dunnington and its suitability to accommodate community consultation events.
- **Broom Village Hall** – Selected as a venue close to the Proposed Development, which is centrally located on the eastern side of the A46, in the parish of Bidford-on-Avon.
- **Inkberrow Village Hall** – Chosen to ensure coverage for communities to the north-west of the Proposed Development including Inkberrow, Abbots Morton & Feckenham.
- **The Littletons Village Hall** – Selected to provide an accessible venue for residents in the southern part of the consultation area.
- **Eric Payne Community Centre** – Chosen due to its good public transport links, accessibility, and ability to serve communities in Alcester and the surrounding area.

1.2.15 The Applicant also considered a number of alternative areas to host consultation events, including in Dunnington and Abbots Morton. However, these were not taken forward due to factors such as no suitable venue in Dunnington and limited parking provision and suitability for the anticipated scale of consultation events in Abbots Morton. Bidford-on-Avon was also considered; however, it was concluded that Broom Village Hall provides a more appropriate location as it is within the same parish area and is located closer to the proposed infrastructure, making it more accessible to those communities most likely to be affected by the Proposed Development.

Consultation accessibility

If anyone needs information about the Proposed Development in a different format, such as accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording, another language or braille, they can contact Arrow Valley Solar, and the request will be considered as part of the consultation process.

1.3 Responses to the Consultation

Methods of responding

1.3.1 Respondents will be able to share their feedback on the Proposed Development by:

- Submitting an online feedback form
- Filling in a hard copy feedback form (via the consultation events or deposit locations)
- Sending a written letter
- Sending an email

1.3.2 Consultation responses received by any method other than those listed above, such as through social media, will not be formally recorded as part of the consultation.

1.3.3 The option to respond by telephone will be offered where someone would not otherwise be able to respond. Otherwise, responses given orally will not be considered.

1.3.4 Those without access to the internet can request hard copies of the consultation material, including a copy of the feedback form asking for feedback to help influence key elements of the design, with a postage paid envelope.

1.3.5 The feedback form will ask for feedback to help influence key elements of the design, as well as provide space for general feedback.

Engagement Report

1.3.6 Following the close of the consultation, the feedback will be reviewed and analysed to understand key themes and concerns. An Engagement Report will be produced as part of the application for development consent. The report will set out how the feedback from the consultation and ongoing engagement process has shaped and influenced the final proposals. Responses to the consultation and extracts of responses may be published as part of the report unless specifically stated in the response. Any responses that are published will have all personal details redacted.

Further Consultation

1.3.7 If, following the consultation, Arrow Valley Solar considers it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be carried out where relevant and proportionate to the scale of any changes made.

1.4 Indicative Project Timeline

March 2026: EIA Scoping Report submitted

- Arrow Valley Solar submitted its EIA Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the early stages of the pre-application process. The scoping report is available to view through the project's document library.

28 September 2026: Consultation launch

- Arrow Valley Solar will launch its 35-day consultation, during which residents, community members and stakeholders will be able to review the proposals and provide feedback.

2027: Submission of Application for Development Consent

- Once consultation feedback has been reviewed and any required changes incorporated, Arrow Valley Solar will finalise its proposals and submit its DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration.

2027–2028: Formal Examination

- The Planning Inspectorate will examine and assess the application in public, and stakeholders and members of the public will be able to take part in the examination process.

2028: Decision

- The Planning Inspectorate will prepare a report for the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, including a recommendation on whether the application should be approved. The Secretary of State will make the final decision on whether to grant development consent for the Scheme.

Contact us

You can get in touch by:

- Email: info@arrowvalleysolar.co.uk
- Phone: 0808 189 1786
- Visiting the Arrow Valley Solar website for updates, consultation information and access to project documents.

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