

Harp Farm Solar Park

Providing clean, green energy for Kent



British Solar
Renewables



Invitation to public consultation event on:

Thursday 13th February 2025 | 2pm to 7pm

Acorn Room, Beechen Hall, 9 Wildfell Close, Chatham, ME5 9RU

Introducing Harp Farm

British Solar Renewables (BSR) are bringing forward a proposal for a solar farm on land at Harp Farm Road, Boxley, Maidstone, ME14 3ED. The proposal is for a 15MW solar farm on approximately 76.74 acres (31.05 Ha) of land, and would produce enough clean, renewable electricity to power 6,595 homes per year, a saving of 5,841 tonnes of CO₂.

Indicative timeline



What are the benefits of Harp Farm Solar Park?

Maidstone Borough Council declared a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency in May 2019. Our proposal at Harp Farm will contribute towards the security of energy supply in Maidstone Borough through the provision of local, renewable energy supply. It will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to the Government's target of net zero by 2050.

This is a temporary development with a 40-year lifespan, after which the land can be returned to farmland. The site is also committed to enhancing biodiversity, with an anticipated net gain far exceeding the 10% Government threshold for new developments.



Where is the proposed site?

Our proposed solar farm site would sit on approximately 76.74 acres (31.05 Ha) of land at Harp Farm, Harp Farm Road, Boxley, Maidstone, ME14 3ED.

The proposed design has been informed by the site's opportunities and constraints and pre-application consultation with Maidstone Borough Council. The proposed layout has taken advantage of the lay of the land, notably through making use of the existing topography and landscape features including woodlands and hedgerow boundaries.

A number of technical assessments have been carried out over the last few months with regard to the suitability of the site for the proposed development, including a Landscape and Visual Appraisal and a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

The site will be accessed from the existing access point along Harp Farm Road. In addition to the solar PV panels, ancillary development will include transformers dotted throughout the site, private switchgear and a DNO switchgear.



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Who we are

British Solar Renewables

British Solar Renewables (BSR) is a leading renewable energy developer and provider of expert services to the renewable energy industry. The company was founded in 2010, from then it has grown into one of the largest integrated developers in the UK and has developed and built in excess of 700MWp.

BSR manages every stage of the project lifecycle, ensuring detailed design, construction, and long-term success, with full ownership and responsibility from development through to operations and maintenance.



Community benefits

BSR are pleased to announce our intention to provide a Community Benefit Fund alongside our proposals, of up to £75,000, to support local projects and to benefit the local community.

We are keen to hear your ideas for where we might partner for the provision of this fund. Please get in touch with us via the methods outlined in this leaflet, or speak to a team member at our public consultation event.

Have your say

- 1 Attend our public consultation event on:
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- 2 Fill in the feedback form that accompanies this public consultation brochure.
- 3 Visit the dedicated public consultation website:
www.harpfarmsolarpark.com
- 4 Email us at:
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