Oaklands Solar Farm and Battery Storage

Project newsletter: September 2022

Save the Date!

We will be holding a drop in event to discuss the proposals from **3.30pm to 7.30pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022** in **Bonvilston Reading Room, Bonvilston, Vale of Glamorgan, CF5 6TQ**. If you would like to attend, please register your interest at **planningconsultations@thesiriusgroup.com**

In order to address the huge challenge posed by man made climate change and the need for the UK to improve its energy security to ensure both continuity of supply and reduce energy costs, we are exploring the potential to develop a solar farm with an export capacity of circa 50MW and a 50MVA Battery Energy Storage System south of the village of Bonvilston, Vale of Glamorgan.



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Project overview

The proposed site for the Oaklands Solar Farm and Battery Storage project lies approximately 0.7km to the south of the village Bonvilston, Vale of Glamorgan and extends to circa 127ha. The solar farm could produce enough renewable electricity for up to 20,400 homes each year, and offset over 20,200 tonnes of Co2 per year, the equivalent of taking approximately 5,000 petrol and diesel cars off the road.* Further information can be found on the project website www.oaklands-solar.co.uk

About us

Sirius Renewable Energy Ltd is part of the Sirius Group, which offers a wide range of services to the built environment across the UK.

Sirius Renewable Energy Ltd is developing an expanding portfolio of low carbon energy projects throughout the UK, including a growing number of solar farms and battery storage developments.

Specialising in renewable energy developments, the combined expertise of the overall Sirius Group means that the business can fund, develop, own and operate its renewable projects, supplying low cost, green energy and making significant contributions towards meeting Wales' carbon reduction targets.

*Internal calculations using OFGEM Typical Domestic Consumption Values and BEIS Carbon Conversion Factors

Formal pre-application consultation

This project is deemed a Development of National Significance (DNS), meaning that we will need to apply to the Planning and Environment Decisions Wales, which will make a recommendation to Welsh Ministers who will make the final decision.

We would like the opportunity to understand the views of the local community on these proposals before we submit our application. We'd therefore like to invite you to take part in the formal pre-application consultation on the proposals.

The project website **www.oaklands-solar.co.uk** provides an overview of the development proposals, key information, links to copies of the full draft planning application and opportunities to comment on the application directly. Feedback can also be provided via email, freepost, freephone, or through using the online form on the project website. The closing date for comments is midnight on 24 October 2022. As part of the DNS process we are required to prepare and submit a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report detailing the consultation undertaken and how feedback has been taken into account for the project.

Let us know your views

If you have any further questions or comments about the proposals or the consultation process currently underway, you can get in touch with us and provide your feedback via:

Project website – project documents and plans detailing the nature and location of the project are available at: www.oaklands-solar.co.uk/project-documents

Email – written feedback can be provided utilising the following email address: planningconsultations@thesiriusgroup.com

Feedback forms – available online via the project website. Alternatively, get in touch to request a hard copy and we will post it to you

Freepost – written feedback can be provided utilising the project freepost address **FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION** (no further address or stamp required)

Freephone – opportunities to speak with the project team and seek further information or provide verbal feedback is possible via the project freephone number **0800 699 0081** (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays)