

# Steeple Renewables Project

Statutory consultation feedback form



## Have your say

RES is commencing statutory consultation on proposals for Steeple Renewables Project, a new solar farm project with battery storage and ecological mitigation and enhancement areas, located at Sturton-le-Steeple, Nottinghamshire. Set across approximately 1700 acres near the site of the former West Burton Power Station, RES has a grid connection agreement up to 600MW for combined solar and battery energy storage.

In late 2023, we undertook early informal consultation on our initial proposals with the local community. We appreciate the valuable feedback we received from residents and stakeholders, which has informed our emerging proposals.

We are now seeking your views as part of our statutory consultation, where we are presenting more detailed proposals for the Steeple Renewables Project. This feedback form sits alongside our wider suite of consultation materials, including a consultation brochure and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the PEIR Non-Technical Summary. The form also details how you can respond to the proposals set out in the consultation materials. All of our materials can be found on our website [www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk](http://www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk). If you would prefer hard copies, please contact us using the details set out below.

We recommend that you read our consultation brochure for information to help you provide us with your feedback on our proposals. You may wish to refer to the PEIR or Non-Technical Summary for more detailed information.

**The deadline for responses is 11:59pm on Monday 03 March 2025.**

You can respond to this consultation by:

- Completing and submitting this form at an in-person event
- Completing this form online at [www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk](http://www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk)
- Returning a completed hard copy of this form, or writing to the project team at **FREEPOST Steeple Renewables Project**
- Emailing us at: [info@steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk](mailto:info@steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk)

All feedback received will be included in a consultation report, which forms part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application and will be published as part of the submission. Your personal details will not be included.

Please note that it is not our policy to provide individual responses to consultation feedback.

**Thank you for taking part in our consultation.**

**We encourage you to complete this form online.**

## Privacy Statement

By filling in this form you are agreeing that Cavendish Consulting (“Cavendish”) can hold and process your personal data in relation to all public consultation activity.

Cavendish will only share your personal data with the project team for planning evaluation purposes. Your identifiable, personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent. Cavendish and the project team will use your data to:

- Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with your contact details).
- Develop a Consultation Report about this public consultation that will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS); this will be a publicly available document. Your comments will be anonymous.

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Cavendish acts on behalf of RES to run public consultation activities.

## About you

### Personal information

Please provide your name and contact details below in order to authenticate this feedback form. If you are not comfortable providing us with your full contact details nor wish to be kept up to date, please include your postcode as a minimum.

### Your details\*

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other):

First Name or Initial:

Surname:

Postcode:

### Your contact details\*

We will use these details to contact you and update you on the proposals. You don't have to fill in this section if you'd rather we didn't contact you.

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

**\*PLEASE COMPLETE SECTIONS IN BLOCK CAPITALS**

### Data Protection

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## More about you

### Q1. How would you describe your interest?

Local resident  Local representative  Landowner  Local business owner

Regular visitor  Local interest group member (if so, please name)

Statutory Organisation / Other (please specify)

### Q2a. When did you find out about Steeple Renewables Project?

Early informal consultation  Statutory consultation  Other (please specify)

### Q2b. If you found out about the project at the early informal stage, did you provide us with feedback?

Yes  No

## Climate change and renewable energy

### Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the following five statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Climate change is an important issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy security is an important issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moving away from fossil fuel use is important	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The UK needs more renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The UK needs more energy storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## The project

### Q4a. Based on the updated information we have presented as part of our statutory consultation how supportive are you of our emerging renewable energy project?

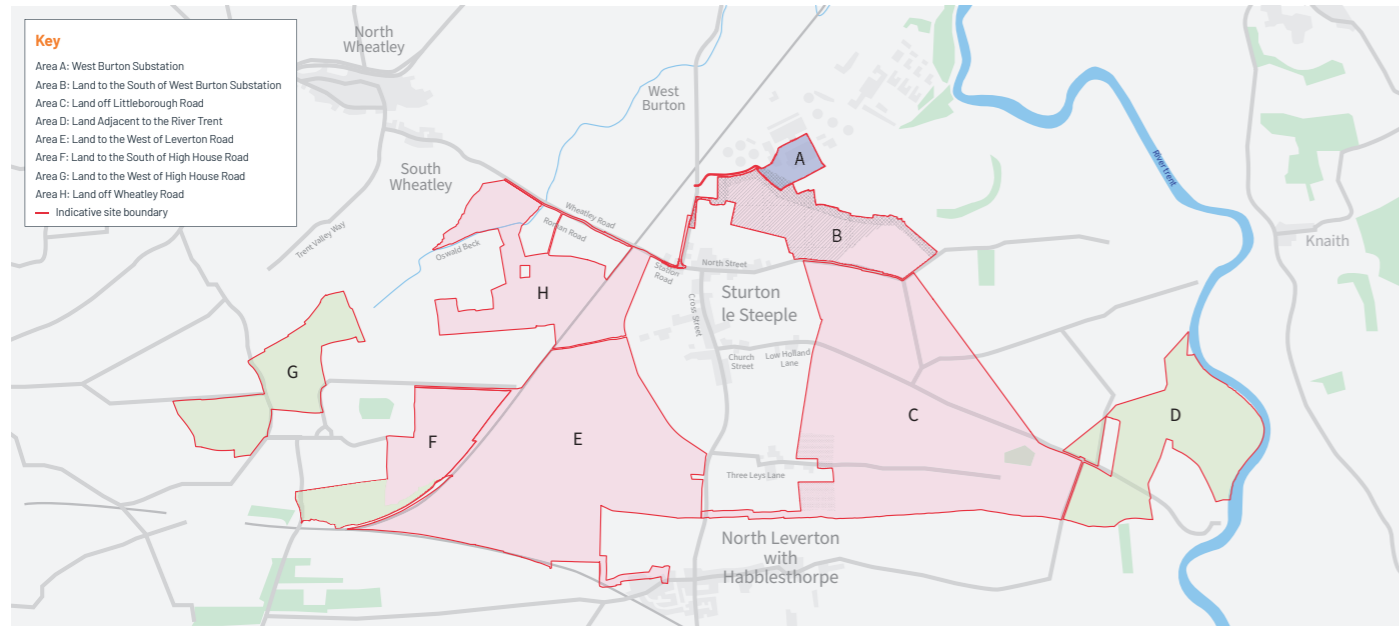
Strongly support  Support  Neutral  Oppose  Strongly oppose  Don't know

### Q4b. Please explain why.

Comments



**For more information on each Land Area, please see pages 12-19 of our consultation brochure.**



**Q5. Do you have any comments on the specific Land Areas? (please tick which Land Area you would like to comment on)**

- All Areas  Area A: West Burton Substation  Area B: Land to the South of West Burton Power Station
- Area C: Land off Littleborough Road  Area D: Land Adjacent to the River Trent
- Area E: Land to West of Leverton Road  Area F: Land to South of High House Road
- Area H: Land to South of Wheatley Road  Area G: Land to West of High House Road

Comments

## Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

As part of the ongoing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) we have been undertaking a number of surveys across several environmental topic areas including: Landscape and Visual, Water and Flood Risk, Ecology and Biodiversity, Heritage and Archaeology.

On pages 21 of the consultation brochure we provide information about PEIR and NTS. More information can be found in the PEIR and the Non-Technical Summary.

**Q6. Do you have any comments on the methodology and/or preliminary assessments in the PEIR? Where possible, please specify the environmental topic area(s) you are commenting on:**

Comments

**Q7. We have presented to you the findings of our environmental and technical work and assessments, including our proposed measures for mitigation and enhancement. Do you have any comments on the information that we have presented? Please make your comments in relation to each of the topics below where applicable.**

Landscape and visual

Comments

Biodiversity

Comments

Public Rights of Way

Comments

Heritage

Comments

Construction impacts

Comments

Cumulative impacts

Comments

Transport and access

Comments

Water and flood risk

Comments

Agricultural land classification

Comments

Proposed environmental mitigation measures

Comments

Other

Comments

## Community benefits and LEDS

RES believes that our renewable energy schemes should provide meaningful benefits locally and we continue to invite input on priority aims and projects for the area which Steeple Renewables Project may be able to support, if consented. Please refer to page 28 of the consultation brochure where we have provided more information on RES' Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) which could potentially provide homes and businesses within 1km of the built project with a minimum annual discount of £350\* on their electricity bills for the lifetime of the project.

Please note: The provision of community benefits as part of Steeple Renewables Project is not treated as a material consideration in the DCO application. As such, it will not influence the recommendation of the Planning Inspectorate or the decision of the Secretary of State regarding consent for the project. Further, any support expressed for community benefit will be considered separately to your views on the planning application.

\*Final discount level and extent of eligible area will be determined following consultation with the local community and will depend on the installed capacity of the final constructed project.

### Q8a. If Steeple Renewables Project is consented, do you think LEDS should form part of the tailored community benefits package that will become available?

Yes – but the full amount of available funding should be allocated to LEDS

Yes – but other projects should also be considered for funding (please note your ideas in response to Q9 below)

No – I do not think LEDS should be delivered as part of the tailored community benefits package

Comments

### Q8b. If you think LEDS is a good use of the community benefits package, do you agree with the proposed 1km eligible area which would provide a minimum annual discount of £350 per property?

Yes

No – I think the eligible area should be increased (this would mean the amount per property would decrease)

No – I think the eligible area should be decreased (this would mean the amount per property would increase)

Comments

### Q9. Are there any other types of community benefits or initiatives would you like to see us explore as part of our proposals for Steeple Renewables Project to help meet local needs and provide benefits for the wider community?

Funding to local organisations to help them to reduce their own carbon emissions

Including recreational improvements such as new footpaths and bridleways in our design, to improve the local community's access the countryside

Providing a community fund to support local groups and projects (please specify the group)

Educational areas in proximity to the site

Other (please specify)

Comments

## Consultation

### Q10. How did you find out about this consultation?

Social media  Word of mouth  Media (newspaper, radio, TV)  Through a local group/organisation

Receipt of project newsletter  Other (please specify)

### Q11a. Have you attended one of our statutory consultation public information events?

Yes  No

### Q11b. If yes, did you find the event useful and informative?

Very informative  Somewhat informative  Not informative  Don't know

### Q11c. If yes which event did you attend?

Sturton-le-Steeple: Saturday 01 February  South Leverton: Wednesday 05 February

Sturton-le-Steeple: Wednesday 19 February  Online webinar - Wednesday 19 February

### Q11d. If no, what was the reason?

Unable to attend  Not interested  Events have not yet been held  Other, please state below

Comments

### Q11e. Did you visit our virtual exhibition?

Yes  No

### Q11f. If yes, did you find it useful and informative?

Very informative  Somewhat informative  Not informative  Don't know

**Q12. How informative have you found our consultation?**

Very informative

Somewhat informative

Not informative

Don't know

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**Q13. Please provide any overall comments you have on this consultation?**

Comments

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**What happens next?**

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. We will review all of the feedback we have received once the consultation closes at **11:59pm** on **Monday 03 March 2025**. We encourage you to provide your feedback during this period to ensure that your comments are considered as we finalise our proposals for Steeple Renewables Project.

After our statutory consultation we will use your comments together with the findings from our environmental and technical studies to finalise our proposals for Steeple Renewables Project that we submit to the Planning Inspectorate.