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Statutory Consultation

Steeple Renewables Project Newsletter

Welcome to our statutory consultation on plans for a new solar and battery storage project at the former West Burton Power Station and Sturton-le-Steeple, Nottinghamshire.

20 January - 03 March 2025



RES is commencing statutory consultation on proposals for Steeple Renewables Project, a new solar farm project with battery storage located at Sturton-le-Steeple, Nottinghamshire.

Located near the former West Burton Power Station, RES has a grid connection agreement up to 600MW, for combined solar and battery energy storage. The project will include solar panels, battery storage units, and essential infrastructure and designated areas for ecological mitigation and enhancement.

The decommissioning of West Burton Power Station has unlocked an opportunity to utilise the existing grid infrastructure and grid capacity at West Burton Substation. This proximity to the grid will also help to reduce the impact of the project on the surrounding area, limiting the amount of new infrastructure that would otherwise be required.

Our vision for Steeple Renewables Project is to deliver cleaner, greener, and lower-cost energy, presenting an opportunity for this part of Nottinghamshire to continue its historic role of helping to power the UK.

The project could deliver:

-  A renewables project that will support the UK's transition to net zero;
 -  Clean, low-cost solar generated electricity for more than 180,000 homes, enough to power 50% of homes in Nottinghamshire;
 -  £224 million investment into the construction of the scheme, providing a boost to the local construction sector;
 -  400 jobs created over the 24-month build programme, supporting skills and employment in the local community.
-  £320,000 a year in community benefits, equating to approximately £13 million over the lifetime of the project. This could include RES' unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) which is proposed to provide a minimum discount of £350* on the electricity bills of the closest homes and businesses every year. Visit our website or read the consultation brochure to learn more!

Seeking your views

We were pleased that so many local residents and stakeholders took part in our non-statutory consultation in 2023. The feedback we received alongside the emerging findings from environmental and technical assessments has helped to shape the proposals we are presenting at this stage of consultation.

We now want to hear your thoughts on the emerging proposals for Steeple Renewables Project. Turn to the back page for information on how to get involved.

The statutory consultation will run for six weeks from **Monday 20 January 2025** until **11:59pm on Monday 03 March 2025**.

Your feedback is important to us and we look forward to your participation in our statutory consultation which will help to shape our proposals further ahead of us submitting our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.



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www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk

*Based on an indicative scenario of 400MW of installed solar capacity and example eligible area extending 1km from the edge of the built project. The final LEDS discount per property, 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.

Why solar?

The UK, along with the rest of the world, faces an undeniable climate emergency. To address this, the UK has committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050, with renewables having a critical role in meeting this target. Under the new Government, this vision has taken bold shape with an accelerated renewable energy plan designed to reduce energy costs for households and businesses while fast-tracking a transition to a zero-carbon electricity system by 2030.

At the heart of this ambitious strategy is a substantial increase in solar power capacity. The Government has pledged to more than triple the UK's solar energy capacity, aiming to reach 50GW by the end of the decade. Scaling up ground-mounted solar projects is critical to the Government's commitment to building a cheaper, zero-carbon electricity system that ensures a cleaner, brighter future for all.



What has changed?

Since our non-statutory consultation, we have refined the land that is under consideration for the project, reducing the total area of the project.

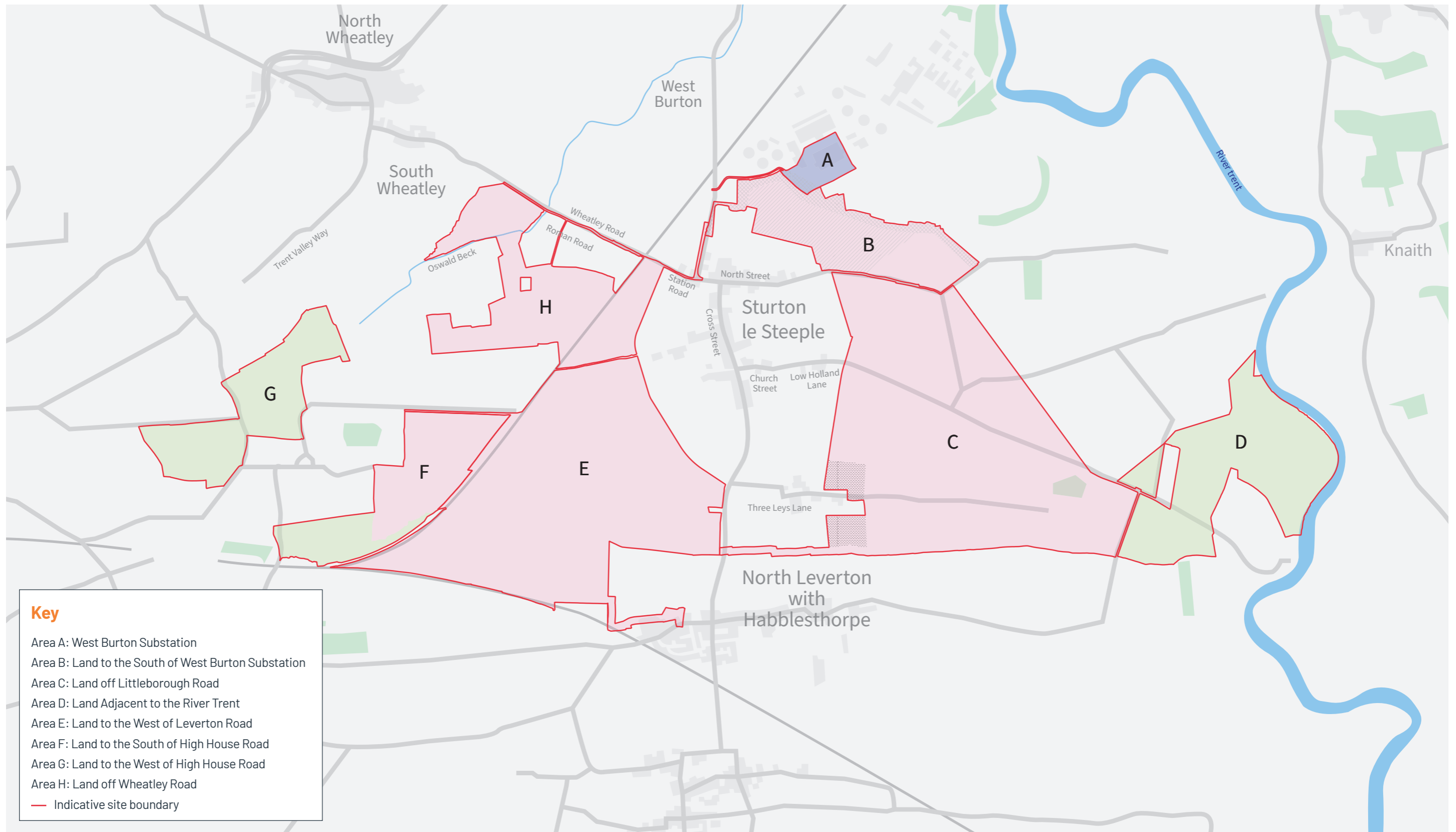
Not all of the land shown on the site plan below will be used for project infrastructure.

For more detailed information on each of the Land Areas please pick up a statutory consultation brochure or attend one of our events. An interactive version of this map is available on our project website www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk.

Project milestones

-  **October – December 2023**
Early stage (non-statutory) consultation
-  **Spring 2024**
Review of all consultation feedback and develop initial design
-  **Spring 2024**
Ongoing Environmental Impact Assessment and design refinement
-  **Autumn/Winter 2024**
Development of Statement of Community Consultation and formal consultation with local authorities
-  **January – March 2025**
Statutory public consultation on our progressed proposals and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
-  **Spring 2025**
Review all consultation feedback and assessments and refine the design
-  **Summer 2025**
Development Consent Order (DCO) application submitted
-  **2026**
Examination of the DCO application
-  **Late 2026**
Determination of DCO application by Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

The proposed site



How to get involved!

We hope that you will take the opportunity to learn more about Steeple Renewables Project and help shape the proposals. The deadline for responses is **11:59pm on Monday 03 March 2025**.




Here is how you can get involved:

Visit our website: View our proposals, interactive maps, virtual exhibition and provide us with your feedback by visiting our consultation website at www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk

Attend our events: Come along to one of our in-person consultation events. Members of the project team will be on hand to discuss the proposals with you and answer questions. These events are detailed below.

Contact us: If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to provide feedback on our proposals, our communications team is here to assist you.

You can reach us via:

-  **0115 718 2070**
-  **info@steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk**
-  **Freepost Steeple Renewables Project**

Unable to get online?

If you are unable to access the internet and unable to attend one of our in-person events, you can contact the Freephone line on **0115 718 2070**. A member of our team will be happy to arrange for copies of the consultation materials and printed feedback form to be sent in the post. If you would like this document in large print, audio, braille, please let us know.

Consultation events

We hope that you will be able to attend one of the following events to learn more about Steeple Renewables Project, speak with the project team and share your thoughts:

Date	Location or join our webinar	Time
Saturday 01 February 2025	Sturton Hall and Conference Centre, Brickings Way Sturton-le-Steeple DN22 9HY	10:00 - 15:00
Wednesday 05 February 2025	Memorial Institute, South Leverton Town St, South Leverton, Retford DN22 0BT	14:00 - 19:00
Wednesday 12 February 2025	Online webinar - you can register to attend via the project website at www.steeplerenewablesproject.co.uk	18:30 - 20:00
Wednesday 19 February 2025	Sturton Hall and Conference Centre, Brickings Way Sturton-le-Steeple DN22 9HY	14:00 - 19:00

Deposit locations

A physical copy of the consultation documents, along with feedback forms and Freepost envelopes, will be available to view throughout the consultation period at the deposit locations detailed below. A hard copy of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report can be requested for a charge £0.35 per page to cover printing and posting costs.

Location	Opening times
Retford Library 17 Churchgate, Retford DN22 6PE	Mon: 9AM - 6PM, Tue: 9AM - 6PM, Wed: 9AM - 6PM, Thu: 9AM - 6PM, Fri: 9AM - 6PM, Sat: 9AM - 3:30PM, Sun: Closed
Gainsborough Library Cobden St, Gainsborough DN21 2NG	Mon: 9AM - 5PM, Tue: 9AM - 5PM, Wed: 9AM - 5PM, Thu: 9AM - 6PM, Fri: 9AM - 6PM, Sat: 9AM - 1PM, Sun: Closed

Materials are also available for viewing and collection at Sturton Hall and Conference Centre, Brickings Way, Sturton-le-Steeple, DN22 9HY. However, please be aware that the venue does not have regular opening hours.



RES, a British company with headquarters in Hertfordshire, is the world's largest independent renewable energy company.

We have been at the forefront of the industry for over 40 years, have developed and/or built more than 27GW of renewable energy projects across the globe, and support an operational asset portfolio exceeding 41GW worldwide for a large client base. We employ more than 4,500 passionate people working across 24 countries and are active in wind, solar, energy storage, green hydrogen, transmission and distribution.



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Get in touch

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