

Community Update:



November 2024

This newsletter provides an update on our last consultation, the updated project masterplan, and next steps as we prepare to submit our application for development consent.

Our last consultation

From 28 May to 23 July, we held our second consultation for One Earth. We presented our revised masterplan, which had been informed by the first consultation, held last autumn. We also presented our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report, which includes the preliminary results of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

During this period, we held a series of in-person and online information events, visited local properties in the area, and met with parish councils to understand the views of the community. We received written feedback through our paper and online questionnaire, as well as through email and post. We want to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the consultation.

We have read and reviewed all of the feedback we received. Where the feedback applied to the masterplan, we have made a number of changes to address concerns. Where the feedback applied to our environmental assessments, we are considering those topics as we finalise our assessments.



**311 emails, letters
and questionnaires**



**204 local residents
attended events**

Updated Draft Masterplan

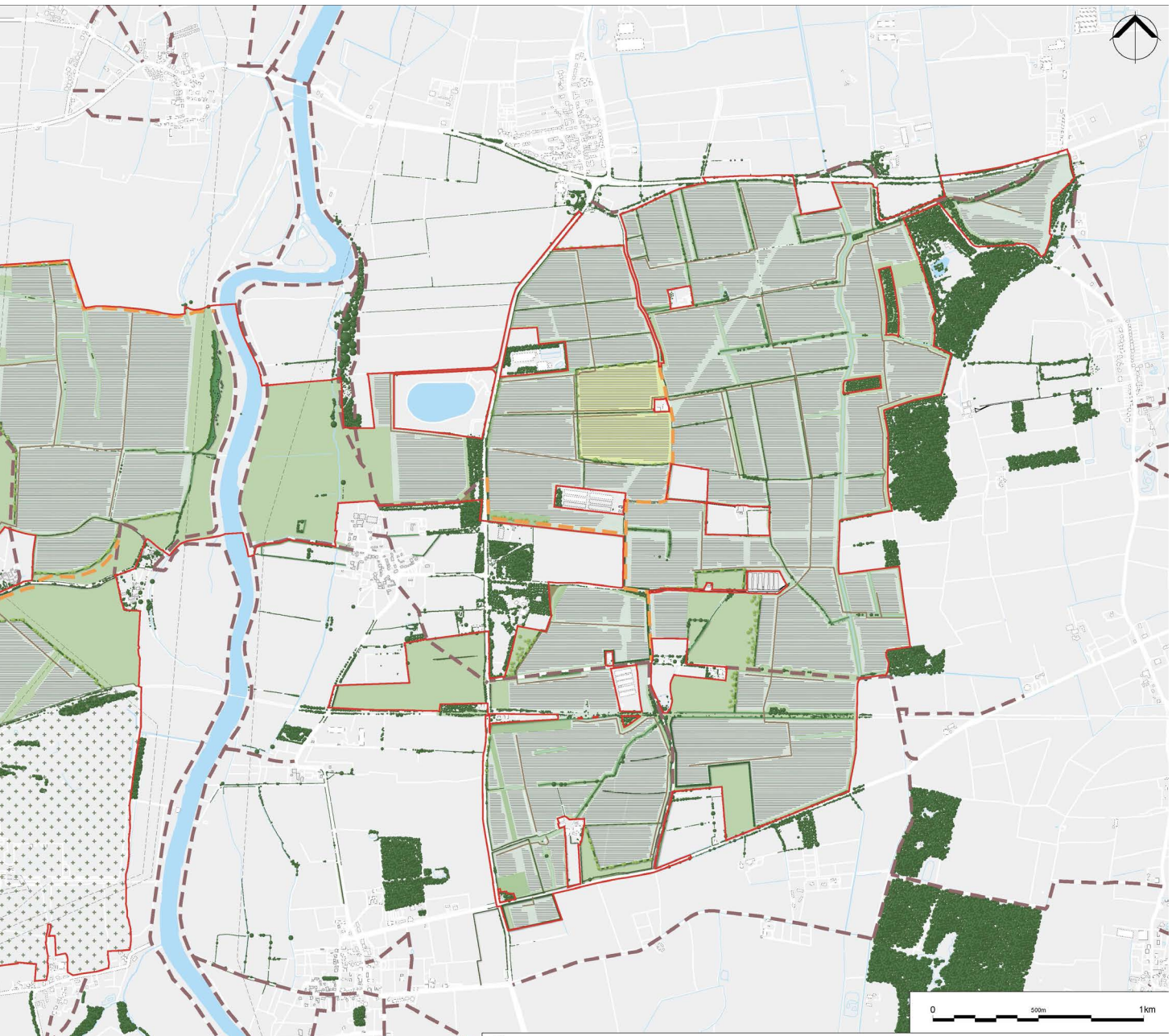
Our initial masterplan that we presented for consultation in Autumn 2023 showed the majority of land within the project boundary as potentially developable, other than areas with known constraints, such as high flood risk or heritage designations.

After the first consultation, we were able to remove fields between North and South Clifton, as well as create buffers around many of the homes near the project boundary based on the feedback we received.

During the second consultation, we received feedback that further changes were needed on the west side of the River Trent, to create a similar setback from the communities in Fledborough, Ragnall and Dunham, as well as other homes near the boundary.

We did not set a standard setback distance from every home, but rather sought to create a bespoke setback around each of the homes, to address each location's unique setting. This updated masterplan has sought to do that, while ensuring that we can still produce enough renewable energy to meet our grid connection agreement.





Key

Proposed Landscape Mitigation	Species-rich meadow rich beneath solar panels	Landscape mitigation comprising species-rich grassland and wildflower meadows	Proposed new hedgerow with trees	Proposed hedgerow	Proposed woodland	Proposed scattered trees	Proposed scrub
Existing Landscape Features	Existing hedgerow	Existing trees and woodland	Solar PV infrastructure	Solar PV panels, power connection network and supporting infrastructure Lowest point of PV panels is 0.7m - 1.0m Highest point of PV panels is 3.5m - 3.8m.	Potential location for solarisation and BESS or solar PV panels	Land for potential cable route	Public Rights of Way
							Existing PRoW Proposed permissive paths

Next Steps



We are currently in the process of preparing our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO), which we plan to submit in February 2025. The DCO application will include the final results of the EIA within an Environmental Statement, as well as a Consultation Report which details how we have considered all of the feedback we received. These documents will all be public on the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) website, as well as our project website – www.oneearthsolarfarm.co.uk.

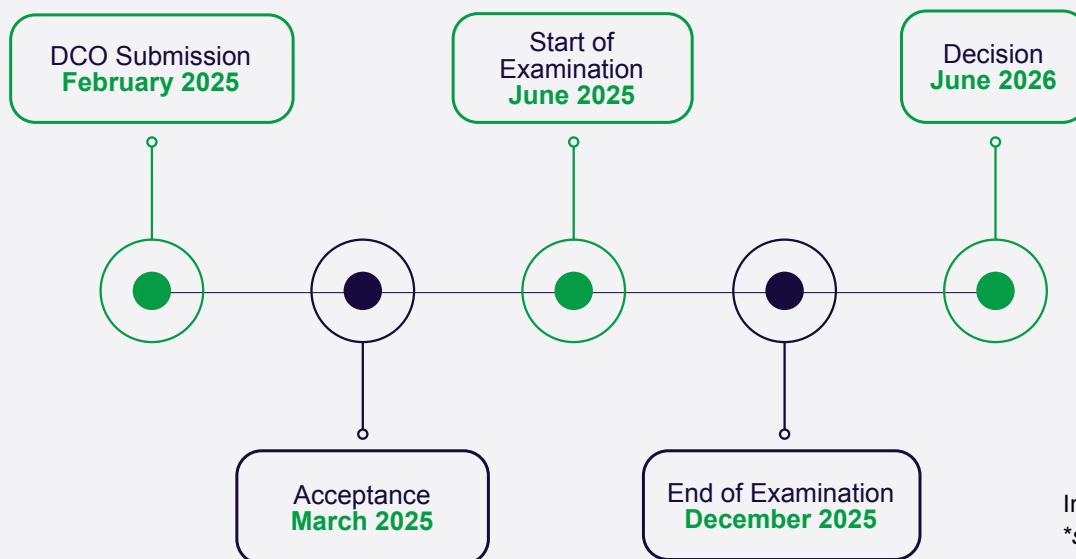
After we submit our DCO application to the PINS, they have 28 days to review the application to assess if it meets the statutory requirements. This is known as ‘acceptance’.

If the application is accepted, then the project enters the ‘pre-examination’ stage. During this period, PINS will appoint an Examining Authority to review our application. Anyone who wants to register as an interested party can do so during this period, which typically lasts around 3 months.

Then the project will enter a 6-month period of examination. During this time, the Examining Authority will ask questions of the project team, and interested parties can submit their feedback. All written questions and answers will be made public on the PINS website, and any examination hearings will be open to the public to attend.

After examination, the Examining Authority will have three months to make a recommendation. Then, the Secretary of State will have another three months to make a final decision.

As always, our communications lines remain open for any questions you may have.



Indicative timeline*
*subject to change

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