

Aura Power is proposing a new 65 MW solar farm on land near Scriven and we are inviting local people to help us shape the project before we submit a planning application.

We are developing plans as we progress towards a full planning application and have deliberately retained flexibility within the proposed site area. This means we can explore changes to the layout, landscaping, biodiversity measures and other aspects of the project in response to local feedback.

WHY HERE?

We have carefully considered the location of the proposed solar farm, and have identified this site as a suitable location because it:

- is close to the Knaresborough substation, where we have a secured connection to connect before 2030
- is well separated from residential areas
- is not located on highest-quality agricultural land
- is outside designated environmental and landscape areas

We know that there are already proposals for energy infrastructure in the local area, and we understand that this may raise questions and concerns for local people. It is our intention to develop this site sensitively with minimal impact. **We want to hear from you about what you think we should consider as we develop the project further.**

WHY SOLAR?

Solar power is an important part of increasing the UK's supply of homegrown, low-carbon electricity, helping to lower bills for consumers and strengthening energy security. The Government has set a target to significantly increase solar capacity by 2030.

The area shown is the land available for development



OUR PLANS ARE STILL BEING DEVELOPED

We are working with local landowners to develop this project. We are considering a wider area of land than will ultimately be required for the solar farm. This gives us flexibility to explore different options for the layout and consider how we can:

- minimise impacts on nearby communities and the surrounding landscape
- protect and enhance biodiversity and create new habitats
- maximise benefits to the local area
- meaningfully respond to feedback from local people

We have already undertaken a number of technical studies and further work is ongoing. We expect to have more information available at our next consultation event, when we will share a more developed Proposal.

Our focus is on developing this project sensitively, minimising impacts and maximising local benefits.

BENEFITS



£26,000 a year community fund



Net gains in biodiversity with new habitats created



Contributes to **local & national carbon reduction targets**



Generation of clean energy to support ever increasing demand for electricity



Supports **lower energy bills** and **strengthens energy security & sovereignty**



BAR LANE SOLAR FARM - HELP SHAPE OUR PLANS

We are holding a two stage consultation to listen to your feedback and help shape our plans.

STAGE 1

Online event: Thursday 27th August 2026 at 6pm To register to attend the online event please visit: www.aurapower.com/projects/bar-lane
A recording will also be made available.

In person exhibition: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 4pm - 7pm

Stockwell Wellbeing Hub, Community Centre, 79 Stockwell Ave,
Knaresborough HG5 0LG - No need to register, just turn up

STAGE 2

We will use feedback from this consultation, alongside ongoing technical and environmental studies, to develop a more detailed proposal.

We will return later this year to share our updated plans and show how your feedback has helped shape the project.

If neither event is convenient for you and you would like to speak to us in person, please contact us using the contact details below.

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