

Aura Power is proposing a new solar farm between Stambidge and Paglesham 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 we are seeking community feedback to refine the layout, landscaping, biodiversity measures and other aspects of the project.

WHY HERE?

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

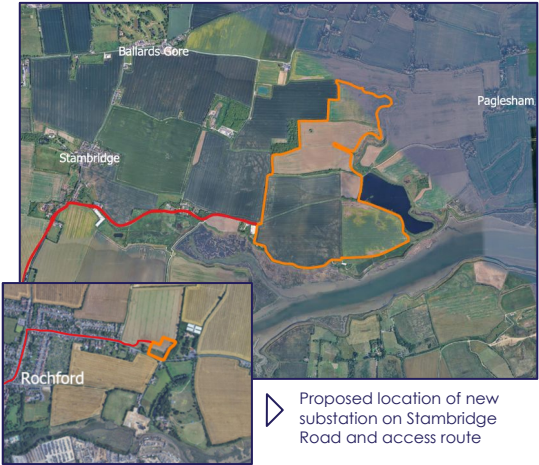
- is close to our secured point of connection into the grid near Stambidge to connect before 2030
- is well separated from residential areas
- is not located on the highest-quality agricultural land
- lies outside of ecological areas

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 strengthen energy security and sovereignty. Well managed solar farms can also support new habitats for wildlife, provide a stable income for landowners to continue farming on other parts of their land and continue food production with sheep grazing. The Government has set a target to significantly increase solar capacity by 2030.

Indicative site area showing the proposed solar area and construction access route



OUR PLANS ARE STILL BEING DEVELOPED

We are working with local landowners to develop this project. Our focus is on developing this project sensitively to allow for maximum local benefits such as clean energy generation and biodiversity enhancements, whilst minimising impacts.

We want your feedback so we can 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.

BENEFITS



£20,000 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**



BARTON HALL 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: Monday 7th September 2026 at 6pm To register to attend the online event please visit: www.aurapower.com/projects/barton-hall
A recording will also be made available.

In person exhibition: Tuesday 8th September 2026 4.30pm - 7.30pm
Stambridge Memorial Hall, Stambridge, Rochford SS4 2AR
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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