

## Bloomfield Hatch Solar Farm Community Consultation Questionnaire

Following the declaration of a climate emergency in 2019, West Berkshire Council has been working hard to reduce the district's green house gas emissions. Following a number of studies, the Council is proposing to develop a solar farm project on their land at Bloomfield Hatch Farm, centred on postcode RG7 3AD (Grid Ref SU 68653 66165).

The proposed solar farm will have an installed capacity of approximately 26.65MWp, and will encompass an area of circa 76.2 acres (including the retained woodland). During its thirty year life, the solar farm will produce over 681 million units of electricity, enough to power 7,828 average UK homes for thirty years. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions will be 145,058 tonnes over thirty years, equivalent to removing 2,000 family cars from the road for 30 years.

The proposed project is the subject to an initial phase of community consultation during the month of April 2022 and early May 2022, with comments invited by Close of Business on Friday 6th May 2022. The results of the consultation will be consolidated, and used to refine the project design before submission of a formal planning application in late May 2022.

Your answers and comments will be consolidated and included in an anonymised report on community opinions, which will be included in a full planning application, which will be in the public domain. We would welcome your feedback on the project by completing this questionnaire, either online via the links at the bottom of this survey, or by completing this paper copy and returning it to the address at the bottom of the survey. Thank you for your time to provide your input.

Question	Your Response
<b>Consent:</b> <i>Do you agree to your answers and comments being included in an anonymised summary report on community opinions, which will be included in a full planning application, which will be in the public domain.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Representing:</b> <i>Are you responding as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I am responding for myself <input type="checkbox"/> I am responding on behalf of my organisation
<b>Name:</b> <i>Please provide the name of your responding organisation, or your own name, if you wish to share this.</i>	.....
<b>Postcode:</b> <i>Please provide the first four digits of your responding residential or business post-code?</i>	.....
<b>Proximity:</b> <i>Approximately how far away do you live, or is your organisation located, from the proposed solar farm site?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 0.5 miles <input type="checkbox"/> 0.5 to 1 mile <input type="checkbox"/> 1 mile to 2 miles <input type="checkbox"/> 2 miles to 5 miles <input type="checkbox"/> Over 5 miles

<b>Age Group:</b> <i>If you are responding as an individual, please indicate your age group.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 51 to 60 years <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 years <input type="checkbox"/> 61 to 70 years <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 30 years <input type="checkbox"/> 71 to 80 years <input type="checkbox"/> 31 to 40 years <input type="checkbox"/> Over 80 years <input type="checkbox"/> 41 to 50 years
<b>How did you first hear about this project?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Local Broadcaster (TV and Radio) <input type="checkbox"/> The Community Engagement Mailing <input type="checkbox"/> The Community Engagement Events <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Internet News or Searches <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Are you concerned about the impacts of climate change?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> I have no concerns <input type="checkbox"/> I am moderately concerned <input type="checkbox"/> I am very concerned <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure
<b>Do you support the generation of renewable electricity in the UK?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes I do <input type="checkbox"/> No I do not <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure
<b>Do you support the development of solar farms in the UK?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes I do <input type="checkbox"/> No I do not <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure
<b>Are there any design suggestions that you would like us to consider?</b>	
<b>Do you have any concerns in respect of the potential impacts of the proposal? If 'yes', please explain</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    
<b>Are you generally supportive of the Bloomfield Hatch solar farm proposals?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure

## Complete this survey online

If you, or other members of your property, wish to complete the above survey online, you can access the survey via the scanning the QR code below, or by entering the domain name below into your web browser <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2FYZ8P>



## What next?

Please return the paper questionnaire by email to [enquiries@horizon-pe.com](mailto:enquiries@horizon-pe.com), or post your response to the address below;

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Deadline for comments: **Close of Business on the Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022**