

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Project website (landing page)

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Westhide Solar Power Project

Welcome to the Westhide Solar Power Project website.

Here you will find information about our work on the solar power scheme being developed on land owned by Westhide Estate in Herefordshire.



For further details about the project, please visit the relevant pages.

If any of your queries haven't been answered here, please do not hesitate to [get in touch](#) and let us know.

Appendix 2 – Announcement letter (text)

21st April 2021

Re: Westhide Estate solar power project

Dear resident,

TEKSS is a renewable energy developer working together with landowners across the UK to assess the potential for generating renewable energy on their land and to develop high-quality renewable energy schemes in suitable locations.

We are currently working with Westhide Estate on assessing the potential for a solar power scheme on estate land.

Careful analysis to date has identified a potential site to the north-west of the village. The area under investigation consists of nine adjoining arable fields and has the potential to host a solar power project of up to 40 megawatts (MW) of installed capacity. A site of this size could generate enough green electricity to power 14,000 homes per annum – this is more than 40% of all the households in the entire Hereford locality.

The area under investigation has been selected because it has an excellent solar resource and offers an unusual opportunity to generate a substantial amount of renewable electricity without a significant visual impact, as well as to improve habitat biodiversity on Westhide Estate.

The site is already quite well screened due to the presence of hedgerows and trees along most of its boundaries. As such, any development here will be largely hidden from view. Additional planting will also be added to screen the site further.

We are currently carrying out a number of technical and environmental assessments to investigate the suitability of the site. This includes assessments of ecology, cultural heritage, flood risk, landscape and visual impact and topography.

The results collated to date are proving to be positive and we hope to be in a position to submit a planning application for a solar power proposal to Herefordshire Council in the summer of 2021.

In the meantime, we have submitted a request for Pre-App Advice and a Screening Request to Herefordshire Council to get further guidance on how best to assess the site.

We also want to make sure that any future planning application fully incorporates feedback from local stakeholders and residents living near the site. Also to ensure that moving forward the project is designed to the highest standard offering the minimum level of inconvenience for local residents during development and construction phases.

Statement of Community Involvement

We would welcome your input and the opportunity to discuss our proposals with you, as well as to answer any queries you may have at this stage.

I have enclosed some project information which provides further detail on the site, how it is being assessed and how it fits within the wider biodiversity strategy of Westhide Estate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to find out more or want to discuss the proposal further.

Yours sincerely,

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