

10th October 2020

Dear Councillor

Consultation for proposed solar farm at Leigh Delamere, south of the M4

I am writing to let you know about Eden Renewables' proposals to submit a planning application for a solar farm on land south of the M4 at Leigh Delamere and invite you to a public consultation about our plans.

Public consultation is very important to us and we value your feedback. Because of the current COVID-19 restrictions, we will be offering this in the format of a virtual online event. If you are unable to attend 'live' it will also be pre-recorded and available to view afterwards on our website.

The webinar will take place on: **THURSDAY OCTOBER 22nd at 6 pm**. It is essential to sign up in advance via our website: uk.edenrenewables.com/leigh-delamere

If you would like to meet the team in person in a COVID-secure environment and view the proposals in large-scale format, we have booked the Grittleton Village Hall as a meeting space on Wednesday 21st October from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. Please let us know in advance by email what time you would like to attend so we can ensure social distancing is implemented.

Site Location

The proposed site is located at Leigh Delamere, on land immediately south of the M4. Please see the enclosed site location map.

Key facts

- Installed capacity: 49.9 MW
- Electricity generated equivalent to the consumption of approximately 14,000 homes
- Approximately 15,000 tonnes CO2 saved each year
- Solar panels would use the latest technology with battery storage so power can be distributed when it's needed most
- Continued agricultural use with sheep grazing and substantial biodiversity improvements
- Community and educational benefit fund for local people

Why solar?

- The UK government has a target of Net Zero emissions by 2050
- Wiltshire has declared a Climate Emergency and there is an urgent need to decarbonise our power supplies
- Solar is the cheapest form of new power generation and can help reduce bills for everyone
- Technological advances mean that solar can now be developed subsidy free

Why here?

- With appropriate mitigation a solar farm here will have relatively low impact on the area
- The site is reasonably well screened due to its topography and the presence of existing hedgerows
- There is good access to the site
- Proximity to the Motorway Services which can benefit from clean energy
- Eden Renewables has secured a grid connection nearby
- There are good levels of sunlight (solar irradiation) in Wiltshire

About us

Eden Renewables was founded in 2017 by the team behind the highly successful, award-winning UK solar company, Solstice Renewables, which became known for its innovative, unique, sustainable approach.

Eden is an international developer of solar and energy storage projects with a pipeline of sites across the UK, East Coast USA and in sub-Saharan Africa through our partner, GridX Africa.

Based at our UK offices near Marlborough, Wiltshire, and in London, we are working on several utility-scale solar projects; commercial & industrial such as rooftops, EV charging and solar carports; and battery storage.

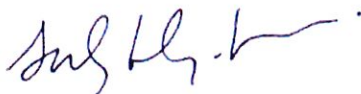
Eden is known for setting industry-leading standards on our solar farms for:

- Biodiversity and ecological enhancement
- Continuing agricultural use
- Community and educational benefits
- Shared or community ownership

We value any feedback you may have in relation to this proposal, and will take any concerns into account with design changes where technically feasible. If you would like any more information before the consultation event, please contact me on the details below.

As well as local residents, we are also inviting members of Wiltshire Council, Grittleton, Kington St. Michael and Yatton Keynell Parish Councils.

Yours sincerely,



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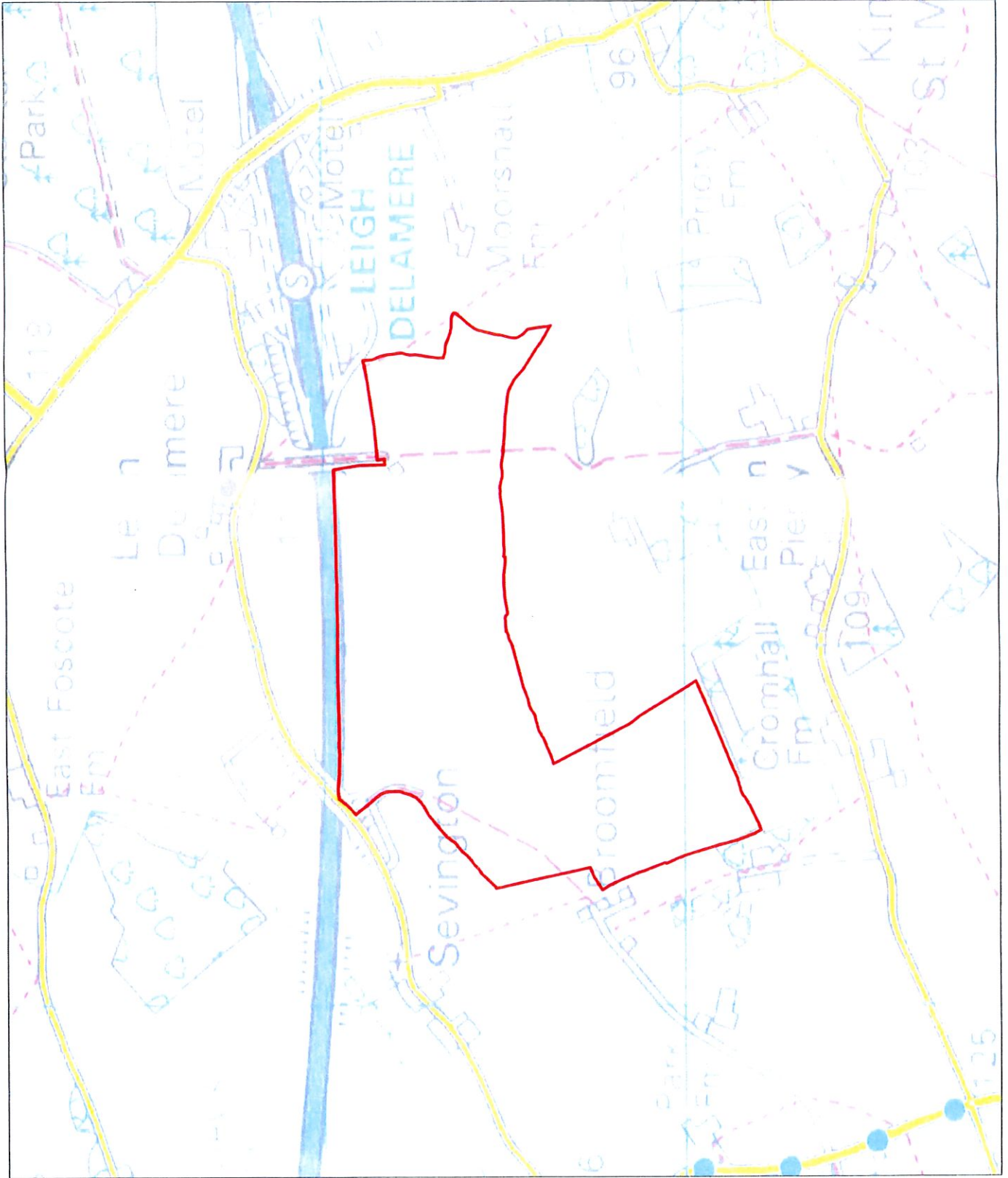
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□ Site boundary



Leigh Delamere Solar Farm
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Figure 1: Site location

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