

Dear Resident,

Ridge Clean Energy are pleased to inform you that the Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park planning application has been submitted to East Cambridgeshire (solar and battery site) and South Cambridgeshire (part of access track) District Councils. It consists of a solar farm with battery energy storage on land to the south of the A14 and west of the A11, about 1.4km southeast of Bottisham.

The Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park

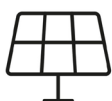
- The Energy Park would have a capacity of 49.9MW, generating an **equivalent amount of power each year as is used by approximately 10,700 East Cambridgeshire homes**, whilst helping to secure new domestic and renewable energy supply.
- Working with consultants, we have prepared a landscape and biodiversity enhancement package which would **result in a net gain in habitat on the site of 66%**.
- The construction period would be approximately 9 months, with a peak average of 16 HGV movements (8 deliveries) per day.
- Access would be from Wilbraham Road, using an existing farm entrance and farm tracks.

Key Information

- We held public exhibitions on 28th March in the village of Great Wilbraham and 29th March in the village of Bottisham.
- Our application became a 'live' planning application on 18th November 2022.
- East Cambridgeshire District Council has provided a target determination date of 10th March 2023.
- The application reference is 22/01291/ESF.

Key Websites

- The East Cambridgeshire District Council planning website (enter the above application reference to view the submission) - <https://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/>
- Dedicated project website (also hosting the application documents) - <https://ridgecleanenergy.com/sixoaks/>



49.9
MW Solar farm
capacity

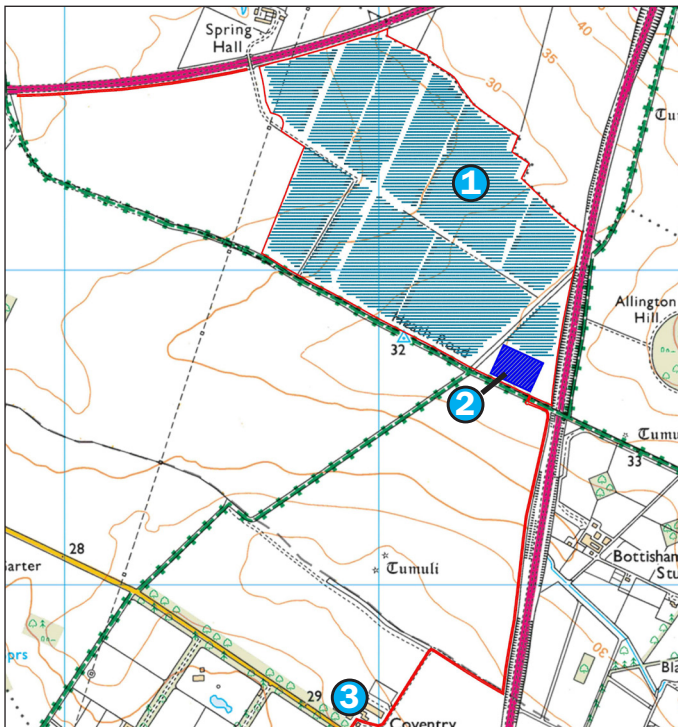


50
MW Battery size



~10,700
Equivalent amount of
power as is used by
~10,700 homes

Six Oaks Renewable Energy Park Site Design



Legend

- ① The Solar Site
- ② Battery and Substation Area
- ③ Wilbraham Road Access Point

How have we engaged with the local community and how is the community partnership developing?

We thank the community for comments received to date. These comments have been taken into consideration and passed to our environmental specialists, therefore informing the scheme design and assessment work. The Statement of Community Involvement submitted with the planning application provides further details on community engagement.



We have met with parish councillors to discuss the project and related community benefits. We are also working with a local group to improve biodiversity on the site. The proposed development would support a community benefit fund of £500 per MW, equating to £25,000 per year for the 49.9MW site. This fund would be used to support local initiatives in the area.

How has the Energy Park evolved since our public exhibition?

- Solar panels have been removed from an area of grade 2 (higher quality) land to the west of the site.
- Removal of panels from the western part of the site has the added benefit of reducing the visual effects from the A14 and Heath Road right of way.
- Additional planting and restoration of hedgerows on land to the west of the solar arrays.
- Two strips of land amongst the solar arrays, totalling more than 3 acres, will be used to provide seeded plants for ground nesting birds.
- Provision of bird and bat boxes to enhance nesting/roosting opportunities, and wood piles provided for invertebrates.

Learn more about the project:

<https://ridgecleanenergy.com/sixoaks>

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