

Dear Resident,

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PROPOSED 25MW SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ON LAND NORTH OF BROCKHILL LANE, REDDITCH, B97 6RB.

We are writing to you on behalf of Brockhill Solar Ltd to introduce the proposals for a solar farm on land north of Brockhill Lane, Redditch, B97 6RB. Please find enclosed, a leaflet providing further information on the proposal, and the forthcoming event. We look forward to welcoming you at the event.

ADAS Planning is an environmental planning consultancy, which specialises in bringing forward renewable and low carbon development. Brockhill Solar Ltd will be developed by RE Projects Development (REPD), which is an experienced developer of renewable and low carbon energy projects across the UK. REPD has successfully delivered more than 100MWs of utility scale ground mounted PV installations and over 50MWs of flexible generation projects across the country. REPD has over 750MWs of utility scale ground mounted PV installations and over 950MWs of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) under development. Renewable and low carbon energy generation is at the heart of their ethos, as well as combatting climate change and air pollution. REPD aims to deliver over 1GW of subsidy free renewable energy projects in the UK over the next three years.

At this early stage in the project programme, we are seeking to engage with local residents and key stakeholders as part of a comprehensive Public Consultation. A formal Pre-Application Enquiry was submitted to the Local Planning Authority, with formal advice being received on the 12th of December 2022, which has informed the on-going design of this scheme. In parallel to this, an EIA Screening request was also submitted, with the Council confirming on the 6th of September 2023 that an EIA would not be required for the forthcoming Planning Application.

The Climate Change Act commits the UK government by law to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels (or 'net zero') by the year 2050. More locally, Bromsgrove District Council also declared its own climate emergency in 2019, setting out local targets to reduce carbon emissions by 50% in 2030 and to achieve net zero by 2040. It will not be possible to meet either local or national targets, without expanding our current renewable energy capabilities and transitioning away from the use of imported fossil fuels. The proposed development will have an export capacity of 25MWs, which is enough to provide clean renewable electricity to approximately 12,500 homes per annum.

The Brockhill Solar Farm is an exciting opportunity to make a significant contribution to the renewable energy landscape in this District, as well as the wider UK, aiding in the transition away from harmful fossil fuels, and promoting energy security.

Further information on the scheme will be available during the in-person event, which is due to be held on the 12th of July 2024 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm at the Tardebigge Community Hall, Bromsgrove, B60 3AQ. Should you wish to attend this event, please confirm your attendance by emailing us at info@brockhillsolar.co.uk or for more information visit the following website https://brockhillsolar.co.uk/.

We look forward on working in collaboration with the local community over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

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