

# CANON BARNS ROAD SOLAR FARM

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This website provides information related to a planning application for a solar farm on agricultural land at Canon Barns Road, East Hanningfield, approximately 8.9km south east of Chelmsford City Centre.

Interested parties are invited to engage throughout the process and comments can be submitted to the applicant via [canon.barns.solar@enzygo.com](mailto:canon.barns.solar@enzygo.com)

## What is Canon Barns Road Solar Farm?

Bluestone Energy Ltd is proposing a renewable energy scheme on land at Canon Barns Road, East Hanningfield, approximately 8.9km south east of Chelmsford City Centre.

Electricity generated by the solar farm will be transported by a private wire connection directly to Essex & Suffolk Water's Hanningfield Water Treatment Works which is located circa 0.7km to the west of the proposed solar farm. This will support Essex & Suffolk Water's ambition to net zero carbon emissions by 2027.

Our planning application proposes a comprehensive package including landscaping works alongside ecological and biodiversity benefits. Alongside this, the site would also be used for seasonal grazing if approved.

The site is being designed to have a 30-year lifespan. Following construction there will be limited activity on the site amounting to servicing of the equipment and management of biodiversity.

The panels will be laid out in arrays set at an angle of c. 20 degrees, with the top edges of the panels being up to 2.75 metres above ground.

Supplying the water treatment works with clean, green and renewable energy has a significant environmental benefit. In order to deliver these benefits, land nearby the treatment works is needed, creating special circumstances for development on the green belt.

The current Covid-19 restrictions present challenges to the staging of a pre-application public consultation event, so this newsletter invites you to view the proposed plans and supporting documents online at [www.enzygo.com/canonbarnsroadsolarfarm](http://www.enzygo.com/canonbarnsroadsolarfarm)

This consultation period runs from Monday 9th November 2020 to Friday 4th December 2020.

We have made contact with Cllr Paul Clarke and Cllr Lance Millane of Chelmsford City Council, both of which support this project opportunity. East Hanningfield Parish council has also been contacted and we will keep in contact with them to answer all questions or concerns. We will be consulting the public, the Parish Council and land owners of adjoining properties closely as plans proceed.

