

QuintasCleantech
RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPERS

CONSULTATION LEAFLET

River Linnet Solar

You can find out more information on our proposals by visiting our website at **www.riverlinnetsolar.co.uk.**

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Quintas Cleantech is developing plans for a 40MW solar farm on land between Poulters Lane and Whepstead Road near Stonecross Green in West Suffolk. River Linnet Solar will contribute towards the UK's transition to a low carbon economy and will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with local and national targets.

RIVER LINNET SOLAR WILL:

- Generate **40MW** of electricity each year.
- Power the equivalent of circa **12,000 homes** each year.

COME AND MEET US

We would like to give you the opportunity to meet the project team and find out more about the River Linnet Solar at our public consultation event to be held at Whepstead Community Centre.

Where?

Whepstead Community Centre, Bury Road, Whepstead, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 4TA.

When?

Between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 3 April 2025.

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TELL US YOUR VIEWS

You will have the opportunity to submit your feedback throughout our engagement period which will run from Thursday 13 March to Thursday 10 April 2025.

Once we have spoken to the local community and other stakeholders, we will review and update our plans where appropriate in line with comments received. We will then prepare the planning application for submission to West Suffolk Council, anticipated in May 2025.

You can submit your feedback to us via the following methods:

- Fill in a feedback form at our public consultation event.
- Write to us at our Freepost address (no stamp required) – FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION.
- Email your feedback to **info@riverlinnetsolar.co.uk**
- Call and speak with the project team via **0800 699 0081**

We are open to receiving suggestions as to how River Linnet Solar can benefit the local community – if you have specific ideas, or details of community groups or projects we should support, then please provide your suggestions as part of your feedback.

The closing date for feedback is **23:59** on **Thursday 10 April 2025.**

The Proposal

KEY BENEFITS

Shared Ownership

Our Shared Ownership model aims to enable the local community to invest in and own up to 10% of the solar development; contributing to decisions about the project and benefitting directly from its performance.

Fully Reversible

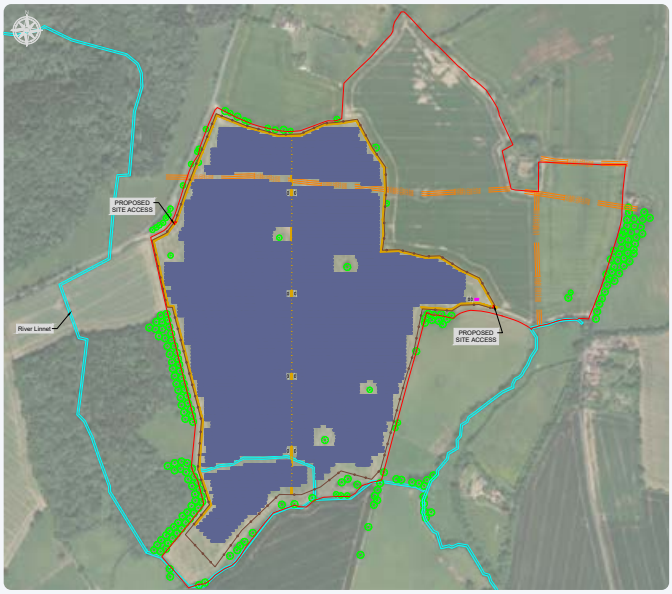
River Linnet Solar would be operational for up to 40 years with temporary planning permission, ensuring that once the solar farm reaches the end of its operational lifespan, all panels, equipment, and ancillary works will be removed. The proposal is fully reversible and the land will revert back to its current use.

Landscape

The solar development will include comprehensive landscaping and areas of enhancement such as introducing new hedgerows and trees. This will provide natural screening around the site to mitigate any potential impacts to the local landscape. The Landscaping plans will enhance ecological corridors and create natural habitats for local species.

Improving biodiversity

Improvements to the site will result in a biodiversity net gain in excess of 10%, delivering enhancements for local wildlife as well as creating new habitats.



SITE PLAN OF THE RIVER LINNET SOLAR FARM

Energy Security

River Linnet Solar will deliver a secure supply of clean sources which is produced locally, powering the equivalent of circa 15,000 homes and reducing Britain's reliance on foreign energy. In time, this will lower energy bills for consumers.

Net Zero

River Linnet Solar will play a vital contribution in the UK's transition to a low carbon economy. Locally, it will support the council's goals of promoting renewable energy needs and reducing carbon emissions.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Communities hosting our projects will benefit from the community benefit fund. We welcome their engagement and feedback to understand their needs and aspirations. As part of our consultation, we want to hear from you and the wider local community about what you would like to see delivered through the fund. Please let us know your ideas for community benefit by completing the feedback form or by contacting the project team via email, phone, or Freepost.

ABOUT QUINTAS CLEANTECH

Quintas Cleantech is a small developer focused on building a small number of good quality, ground mounted solar farms across the UK. It is their intention to remain involved in both the management and ownership of the solar farms throughout the full lifecycle. Their sister company, Quintas Energy is a well-known asset management service provider, responsible for managing over 200 UK solar farms on behalf of its clients.

Quintas Cleantech are experts in understanding what it takes to develop, construct and manage a successful solar farm. This means they place the highest emphasis on good implementation and management, close cooperation with the landowner, local receptors and the local planning authority as well as any other local stakeholders.