

Rayleigh Solar Farm Public Consultation Webinar

Presented on Tuesday 14th September 6pm





Introduction to Aura Power

- Bristol based Founded in 2013
- Numerous utility-scale solar farms and battery storage projects in development
- UK, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Canada and US
- Partner with ib Vogt an engineering company with over a gigawatt of solar farms

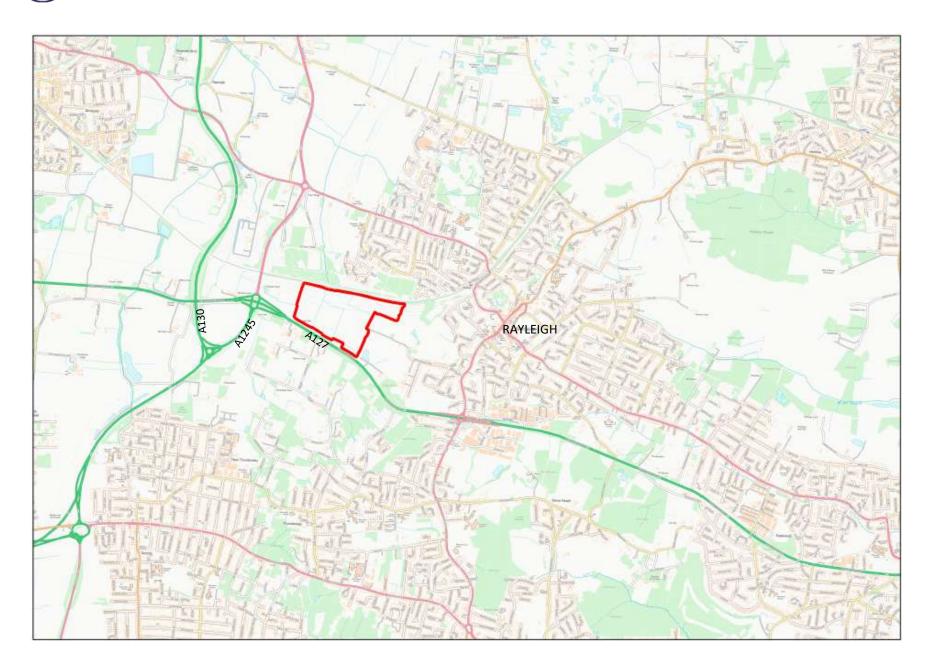




Why Solar?

- Climate and Ecological Emergency!
- Net Zero by 2050
- Lowest cost of electricity
- Subsidy free
- Up to 30 MW capacity =
 - Over 9,000 homes powered annually with electricity
 - 10,000 tonnes of CO2 saved annually







Why this site?

- Between railway and busy A road
- Good existing screening with an ability to screen further through tree and hedgerow planting
- Onsite powerlines
- Next to Rayleigh's electricity substation where we have a grid connection
- Opportunity to boost biodiversity
- Close to the town which can benefit from clean renewable energy
- Excellent levels of solar irradiation in this part of the country
- Good access off the A127





What makes up a solar farm?

- Photo Voltaic (PV) arrays
- Security Fencing
- New Access Tracks
- Transformers
- Inverters
- Underground cable and connection into electricity grid

- Storage Units
- Temporary construction compounds
- Substation
- CCTV (infrared)





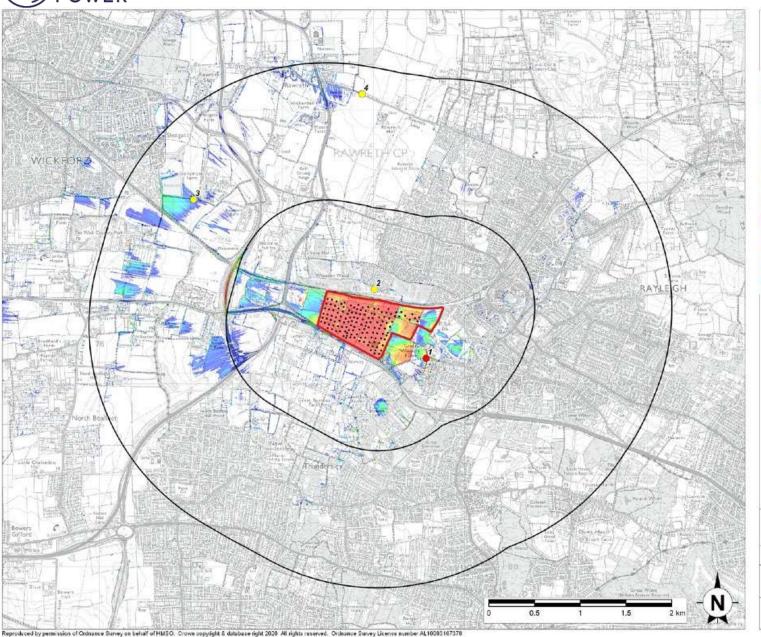




Indicative Site Layout Buffers and field margins included fo Existing electrica infrastructure existing ponds and onsite hedgerows Solar pv panels laid out in rows with space between Michelins Farm Oak Farm Existing hedges grown and maintained / new trees planted around Grassland substation beneath panels The Bushes suitable for sheep grazing Improved habitats ttract much needed pollinators Bird and bat Homestead Farm



AURA Viewpoints



axis

- Site Boundary
- Distance from Site boundary at 1km and 2.5km intervals
- Photomontage Location (Viewpoint 1)
- Other Viewpoint Locations
- ZTV of Proposed Solar Panels
- Approx 1%-17% of
- development visible
- Approx 16%-34% of development visible
- Approx 35% to 51% of
- development visible
- Approx 52%-68% of development visible Approx 69%-85% of
- development visible
- Approx 86%-100% of development visible

VIEWPOINTS

- 1: Public footpath, near Great Wheatley Farm
- 2: Wheatley Wood
- 3: Public bridleway, Doublegate Lane
- 4: Rawreth Lane

NOTES

- 1. Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) has been generated using BlueSky Mapping 2m photogrammetry Digital Surface Model (DGM) data, which reflects the presence of vegetation, buildings and other structures.
- 2. ZTV generation has allowed for the curvature of the earth, and for light
- 3. ZTV has been generated based upon an observer eye height of 1.7m above ground level

RAYLEIGH SOLAR FARM

ZTV and Viewpoint Locations

Scale 1:25,000@A3

Date September 2021 North of proposed site and railway near Langham Drive, approx. 190m from edge of panels



 Screened entirely by existing vegetation either side of railway line



Northwest of site at Wickford, Doublegate Lane, approx. 1.7km from nearest panel



Existing vegetation and topography offer good screening

