

5. Our formal consultation

Since our Phase One community consultation we have been undertaking a series of environmental studies and assessments as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. A draft of this, called the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI), is being consulted on as part of our Phase Two community consultation.

What our events will display

Our consultation events will give you the opportunity to view our full suite of consultation materials on the detailed proposals for Cleve Hill Solar Park. These consultation materials will include:

- Copies of our non-technical PEI to take away
- Copies of our full PEI on display
- Display boards of the latest project information
- Photomontages showing visualisations of the proposals from various viewpoints
- Plans for improved local amenities including additional permissive pathways and a community orchard

We want to hear your views

Our formal consultation period is open from Thursday 31 May until Friday 13 July. During that time we want to gather your feedback on how our proposals are developing. In particular, we want to know what you think about:

- The proposed landscape screening around the site
- The proposed habitat mitigation and enhancement proposals
- Proposals for additional permissive pathways through the site
- An onsite community orchard

All of our consultation materials will be available at our events and can also be accessed online and via our Community Access Points (CAP sites) from 31 May. For a list of our CAP sites please see our Statement of Community Consultation, visit our website or call us using the details at the end of this leaflet.

You can provide your feedback on the proposals by filling out our feedback form sent to you in the post, picked up at our events and CAP sites or accessed online.

You can also provide your feedback via the contact details overleaf including by email, freephone and freepost. If you have any special requirements for attending our events, receiving our materials or providing your feedback, please contact us directly.

Should you require this document in large print, audio or Braille then please call us on 0800 328 2850.

6. Phase Two community consultation events

Our Phase Two consultation period will begin on Thursday 31 May and finish on Friday 13 July. Throughout this period we will be welcoming your comments and feedback via the information channels overleaf.

We encourage you to attend our Phase Two consultation events which will be held in June 2018. These events will be an opportunity to view how our proposals have developed and provide your views.

Wednesday 13 June from 4.30pm to 7.30pm,
at Ferry House Inn, Harty Ferry Road, Harty, ME12 4BQ

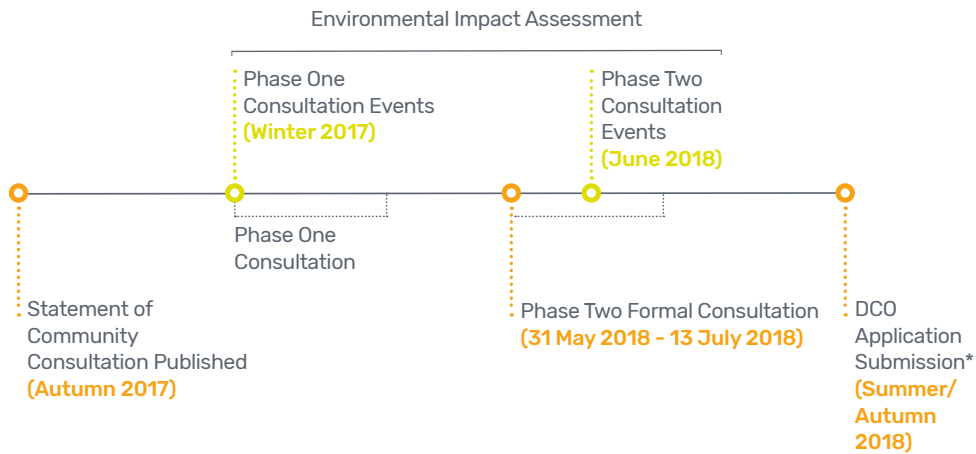
Thursday 14 June from 1.30pm to 8pm,
at Graveney Village Hall, Graveney, Faversham, ME13 9DN

Friday 15 June from 11am to 4pm,
at Seasalter Christian Centre, Seasalter, Faversham Road, Whitstable, CT5 4AX

Saturday 16 June from 11am to 5.30pm,
at Faversham Guildhall, 8 Market Place, Faversham, ME13 7AG



Consultation timeline



* All dates are indicative and may change.

Contact Us

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to find out more information about Cleve Hill Solar Park and our associated consultation programme.

You can contact our Community Relations Team and find out more by using the details below.

To write to us, put your letter in an envelope and address the letter to **Freepost: Cleve Hill Solar. There is no need for a stamp.**

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1. Introduction

Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd is proposing to develop a solar park on the north Kent coast, at a site located roughly one mile northeast of Faversham, three miles west of Whitstable and situated closest to the village of Graveney.

This community consultation leaflet has been produced to inform you of our upcoming Phase Two community consultation period, update you on how our proposals have developed and to invite your feedback on this.

2. Our proposals

Cleve Hill Solar Park could be the lowest cost generator of energy in the UK. At over 350 megawatts (MW), Cleve Hill Solar Park could provide enough affordable and clean electricity to power over 110,000 homes.

This is at a time when a quarter of the UK's energy generating capacity is due to close. More renewable energy generation is needed to achieve the UK's goal of reducing our carbon emissions by 80%.

We also plan to use battery storage to help ensure that energy is supplied into the grid at the time when it is most needed.

Cleve Hill Solar Park will provide the opportunity for dual-use of land, allowing sheep grazing and providing biodiversity benefits to land previously exposed to intensive farming practices.



This project is **non-subsidised** so will not receive government funding.



Over **£1,000,000** income per annum will be generated for local authorities.

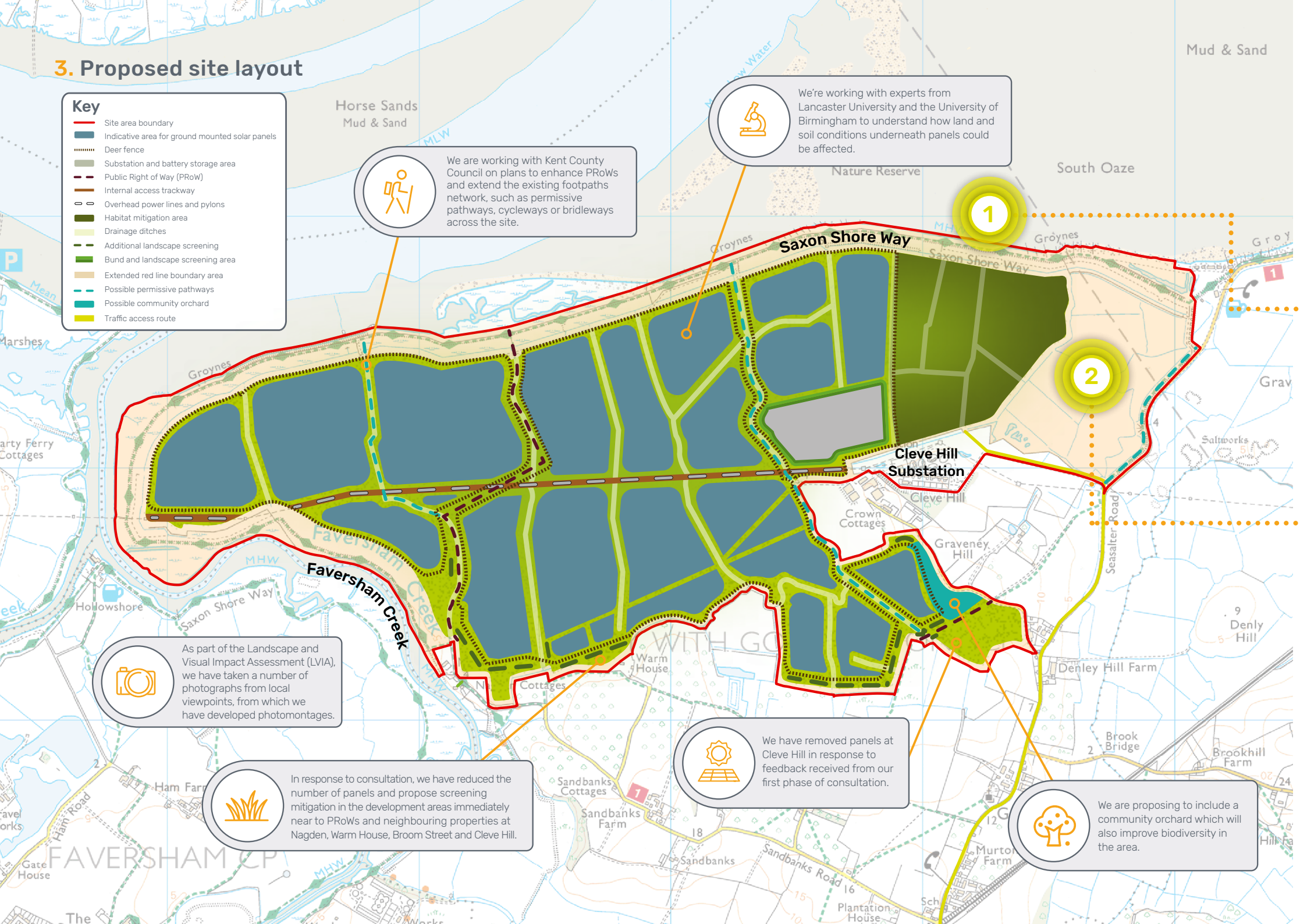


Cleve Hill Solar Park could save **150,500** tonnes of CO2, equivalent to **29,400** cars.



Option for onsite **battery** storage technology.

3. Proposed site layout



4. What has changed with the red line boundary?

The red line boundary shows the area of land to which the powers and rights set out in the Development Consent Order (DCO) will relate. It includes the solar photovoltaic (PV) and battery storage development area as well as land which is not proposed to be developed for energy generating purposes, but instead maintained, for example, for habitat management and flood defences.

Since our Phase One consultation, our red line boundary has changed.

There are two reasons for this change which are listed below:

We have extended our boundary to continue to protect the area from flooding

The revised red line boundary has been extended outwards to include the sea defences. Through our ongoing consultation with the Environment Agency (EA), we are working to ensure that the site can continue to be protected from flooding. This includes the ability to maintain the sea defences, which is why they have been included within the red line boundary.

We are continuing to have regular and detailed discussions with the EA on how the sea defences are maintained, and how we can work together to continue this maintenance.

We have extended our boundary to increase our habitat management area

In response to feedback received through the Habitat Management Steering Group (HMSG) with Kent Wildlife Trust, RSPB and Natural England, the red line boundary has been extended eastwards.

This is to allow for the extension of biodiversity enhancing land management practices over a larger area. This includes a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which could be managed to be of greater benefit to wildlife.



Golden Plover



Brent Goose



Bumblebee



Water Vole

The extended red line boundary will not include any additional solar panels. The area of solar panels has been reduced in response to feedback received through consultation. In total, approximately 55% of the site will be covered by solar panels.