

Yelvertoft Parish Council

12 June 2023

Yelvertoft Solar Farm - Construction Update



Construction progress

- Electrical work to connect the solar panels is progressing well.
- Work on the substation is underway and progressing as expected.
- Monitoring equipment is arriving to site for installation.
- The transformer for the substation is due to come in early July. This will be managed with Highways and the route agreed as it is likely to be classed as an abnormal load.
- Construction of the swales is scheduled to start at the end of June.



Progress on other matters

Community Benefit Fund

- The latest version of the draft Community Benefit Agreement is currently with the Parish Council representatives for final comments.

Yelvertoft Primary School

- Members of the project team will be attending Yelvertoft Primary School's assembly on Tuesday 27th June. The aim is to give all 90 pupils aged 4-12 a high-level understanding of what a solar farm is and why we are building one here, and answer any questions that the children may have. The use of site photography, a full set of PPE site work gear and some solar farm devices will create a visual experience for the pupils. A classroom session for years 5-6 will be planned for the Autumn term.

Community engagement

- During the course of May, one question was received and answered. All communications channels remain available for the duration of the construction phase.
- The team is looking forward to attending the Residents' Meeting on 24th June, answering residents' questions and gathering their ideas for local initiatives and projects that the Community Benefit Fund might be spent on. Any suggestions received will be passed on to the clerk of the Parish Council as agreed.



Next steps – indicative timeline*

- **June – Sept 2023** Deliveries of further infrastructure to site for the substation and connection works
- **End of June 2023** Start swale construction
- **Summer 2023** Infrastructure installation and cabling
- **Late Summer 2023** Testing and commissioning
- **Late Autumn 2023** Expected contractor demobilisation

** Progress is dependent on many factors, for example weather conditions*