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Work by SSE Renewables in your area

We would like to make you aware of works starting shortly in your area.

This December we will start construction of a Solar Farm on land shown on the enclosed map to the east of North Littleton. As part of the works, we will also be running a cable to a newly built substation on Buckle Street (at the bottom of the enclosed map). A copy of this letter has been delivered to postal addresses in the local area of the site.

Why are we doing this?

Solar energy is one of the most efficient of the renewable energies and this site is expected to have a 31MW capacity - enough power to supply 10,000 homes with electricity. Solar energy is one of the ways we can meet the country's net zero carbon targets and reduce our dependence on imported fossil fuels and halt climate change. It will also help us to meet the growing demand for electricity both now and into the future.

The project has planning approval and in December 2021 SSE Renewables purchased the rights to develop the site from Stark Energy. The planning permission is for 40 years, after which we must return the site to its original condition.

What should you expect to see happening?

We have appointed a company called Grupotec to lead on the installation of the panels and associated equipment on the site. Starting in December our contractors will be carrying out preparation works such as fencing, welfare facilities and site clearance. In the new year we will then move onto creating the site access road and the main work of installing the frames and panels as well as building the new substation off Buckle Street.

We will keep you updated as things progress, so you know how we are doing and what to expect next.

How much traffic will there be coming and going to the site?

At the peak of activities, you could expect to see no more than 12 Heavy Goods Vehicles arriving and leaving the site through the day, but much of the time it will be quieter. We have defined routes to the site to prevent deliveries coming through built up areas or using narrow roads. The route plans will be given to all our delivery drivers. We are carefully planning the timing of deliveries to avoid multiple deliveries arriving at the same time.

We will ensure that the public roads are kept clear of any debris and dust, implementing wheel wash systems on site and road sweepers to ensure roads are kept safe.

When will we be working?

Work will be happening between 8am and 6pm from Monday to Friday – this includes deliveries. We may carry out some activities on a Saturday morning such as any abnormal load deliveries as this will avoid peak times. We expect to have all work completed by Winter 2024.

What are you doing to protect the environment?

SSE is committed to delivering a minimum of 10 per cent biodiversity net gain (BNG). BNG is a strategy to develop land and contribute to the recovery of nature. It is a way of making sure the habitat for wildlife is in a better state than it was before development. The measures we will be taking on this site includes;

- Maintaining all existing internal hedgerows
- Planting a 2m wildflower buffer zone around hedgerows
- A native replanting scheme
- Leaving a 7m buffer zone around the 3 ponds near the site

We are also currently investigating whether it is safe to allow local sheep to graze on the site.

Alongside this work we also try and source as much of our materials and labour from the local area, both during construction and through the life of the site to ensure it is well maintained.

What are you doing to support our community?

As well as giving an annual benefit payment to one or more of your local Parish Councils, we are also keen to get involved in the community in other ways. This can be both in terms of volunteering our time and skills, but also looking at whether there are any excess site materials that can be repurposed locally. We also like to visit local schools to talk about renewable energy and the career opportunities it brings.

We want to be a good neighbour and will keep in touch with you and some of the organisations in the area so you all know how the work is going.

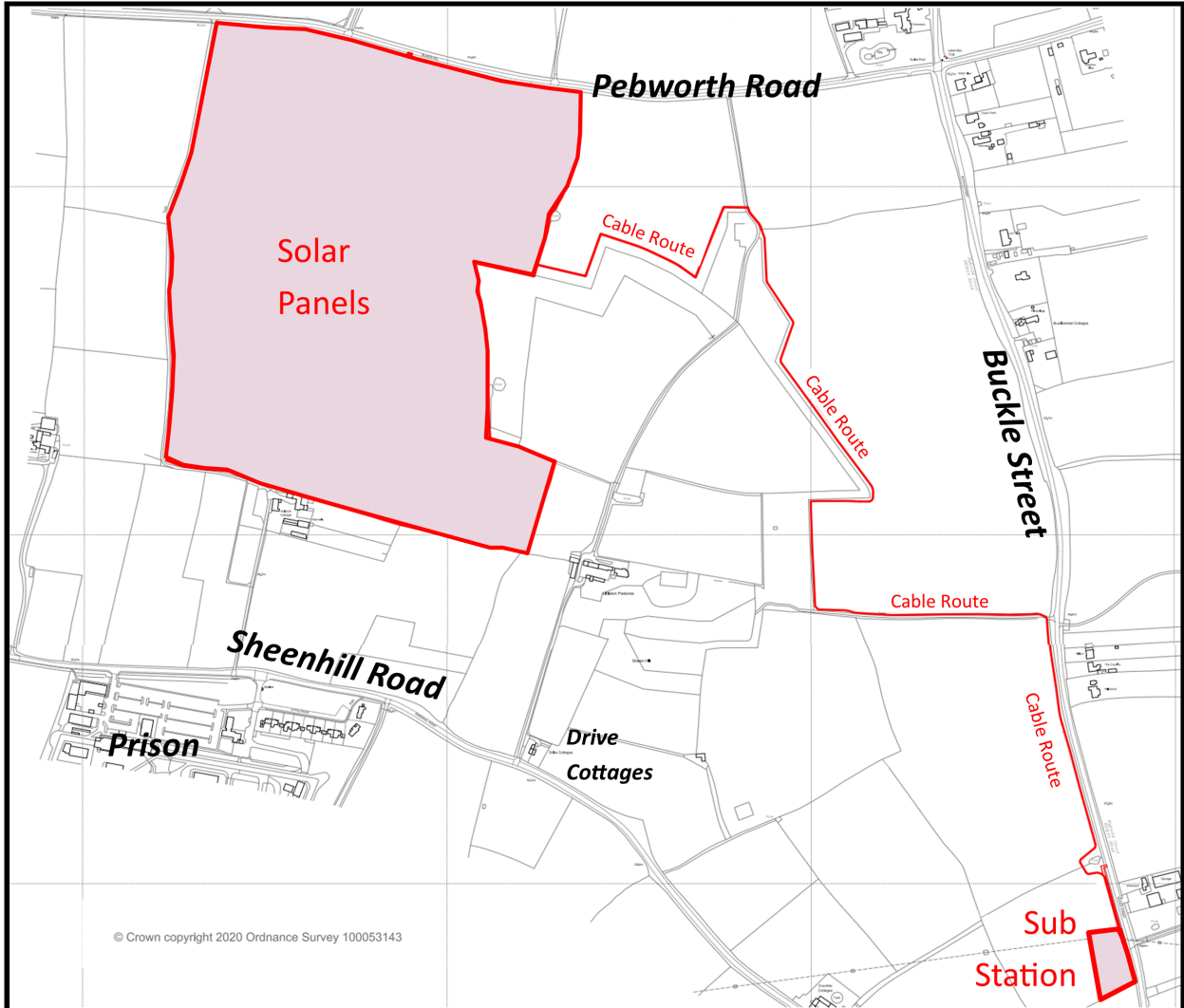
If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to get in touch – charlotte.hewes@sse.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlotte Hewes".

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