

What's changed and why?

After consideration of feedback from local residents, councils, and organisations during both the non-statutory and statutory consultations, **RWE has refined the solar farm design** to reduce visual impact, improve efficiency, and respond to technical and environmental findings.

Main project changes include:

- **Adjusted site boundaries (“Order Limits”):**

- Some land parcels near homes and farms have been removed to reduce visual impact on residents after further assessment.
- Land in the south-east, which was originally identified as part of a possible cable connection route to the site of the new National Grid 400kV substation, has now been removed from our current plans so reducing the overall site size and allowing for the refinement of our grid connection plans along with National Grid’s development of their new 400kV substation.
- View a map illustrating the reduction of the site on the next page.
- The project footprint is now smaller and more focused, with fewer associated works areas resulting in less disruption overall.

- **National Grid 400kV Substation and cable grid connection refinement:**

- The cable connection route from the site to the new National Grid 400kV substation was updated. Final details of the cable connection route from the site boundary to the new 400kV substation will be handled separately. The substation is being developed by National Grid and will be covered in a future consent process.

What stayed the same

- The core solar and battery infrastructure design remains largely unchanged.
- Environmental, traffic, and drainage commitments continue as previously outlined.
- The scheme continues to be classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008. The application has now been formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).
- Community benefits, including local investment and engagement opportunities, remain a key part of the proposal.

Overall outcome

Refinements with our submission make it more efficient, less intrusive, and more environmentally responsible.

