

Community Update

May 2025

Thank you for taking the time to read our community newsletter for Rosefield Solar Farm. In this update we set out how we have refined the proposed layout of Rosefield based on feedback we received during the latest consultation. We also highlight the key next steps for the project as we prepare to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application in Summer/Autumn 2025.

Project update:

Between 18 September - 5 December 2024, we held a second consultation on our proposals for Rosefield. This invited comments on our operational layout which had been refined since our first consultation. We also shared the results of our early environmental assessments in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR').

Following the consultation, we read and reviewed all of the feedback that we received. We also continued to engage with key stakeholders and carry out additional environmental surveys. This included further ecology surveys, residential visual amenity assessments and archaeological trial trenching.

186



emails, letters
and questionnaires

239



attendees at our
in-person events

We are very grateful for all the feedback we have received to date from all stakeholders and the local community across the two phases of consultation, which has fed into our refined proposals detailed overleaf.

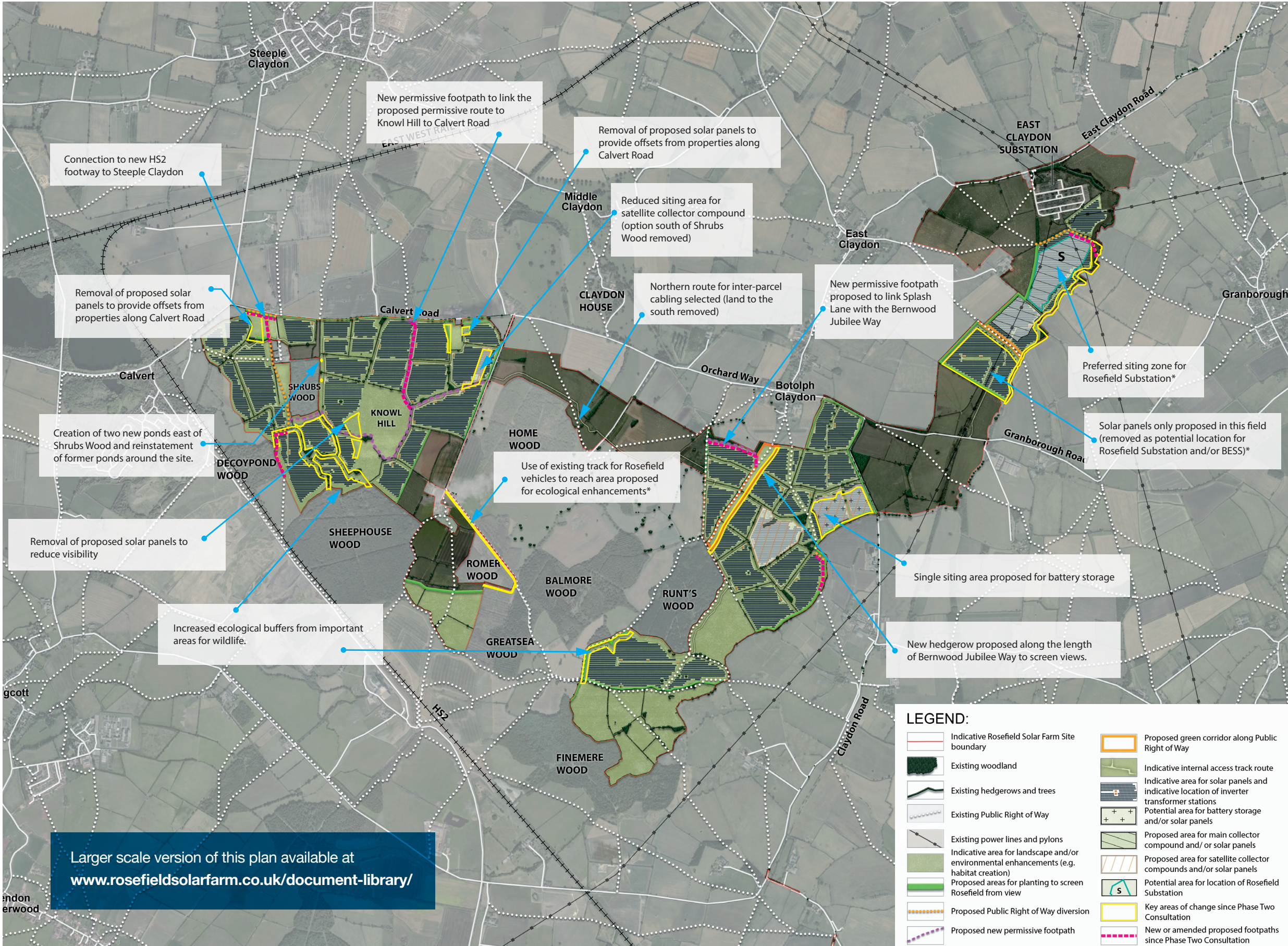
Our operational layout

Our early design presented in September 2023 showed most of the site as potentially suitable for development, aside from areas with known planning constraints.

After feedback from the first consultation, we reduced our site boundary by 14% (2,209 to 1,906 acres), and the proposed area for solar panels by 40% (1,108 to 689 acres). This included providing larger offsets from Botolph Claydon village and areas important to ecology. We also proposed a new 1.9km walking route to open access to Knowl Hill. This was presented as part of our second consultation at the end of last year.

Feedback received during the second consultation has allowed us to further reduce our site boundary by 11% (1,906 to 1,689 acres). As well as creating bespoke offsets from properties and woodlands, we have also refined the potential locations of elements like the battery storage and Rosefield Substation. This is the layout (right) will form the basis of our DCO application.

We are continuing to engage with relevant stakeholders as we finalise our plans, including consulting with relevant statutory consultees such as your parish and local councils on some of these changes (marked *). No further significant environmental effects are anticipated as a result of the changes made.



Next steps



Submission and
acceptance window
for examination
Summer/Autumn 2025

Once we submit the Application, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to determine whether the application meets the required standard for examination. If accepted, all the application documents will be published on the Planning Inspectorate website.



Pre-examination
Autumn 2025

Within this three-month period, the Planning Inspectorate will appoint an 'Examining Authority' to examine the application. Individuals and groups can register to be an 'Interested Party' during this period, which means you will be given further opportunities to put forward your views.



Examination
Winter 2025 -
Summer 2026

During this six month stage, interested parties can submit their views in writing and may also be invited to speak at public hearings, which take place in local venues.



Recommendation
Autumn 2026

The Examining Authority has up to three months to make a recommendation for approval or refusal to the Secretary of State.



Decision
Winter 2026

The Secretary of State will usually take three months to review the recommendation and make a final decision.

Contact us

Should the application be accepted, we will be back in touch to share information about how you can read the application and register as an Interested Party. In the meantime, you can get in touch using our details below:



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