

# LAND USE

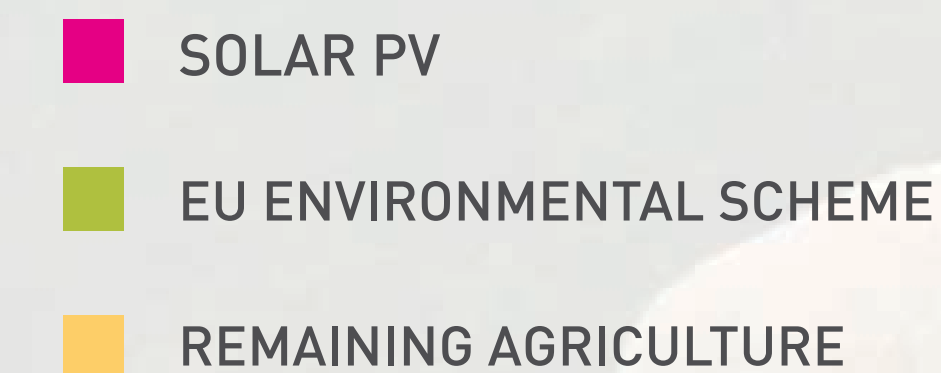
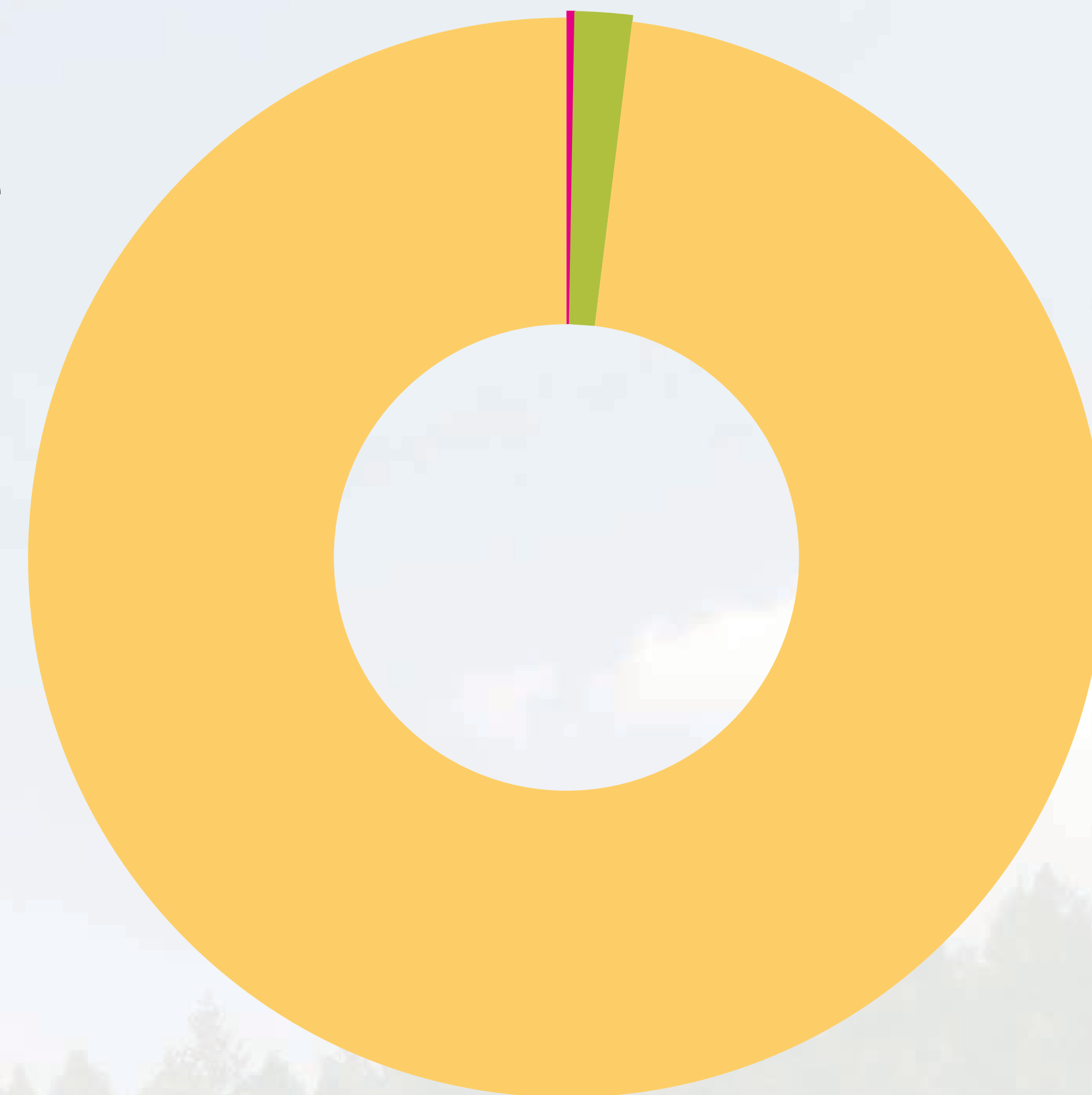
## CONTINUED AGRICULTURAL USAGE

The solar farm will not be removing land from agricultural use. The land can continue to be used for food production for the lifetime of the solar park, normally with sheep grazing in the wide spaces between and under the panels in autumn and winter and with wild flower meadows in summer creating a biodiversity haven. Planning consent and the landowners' lease both require the land to be returned to its former agricultural use at the end of the 25-year life of the park.

## DID YOU KNOW?

There is plenty of land available for solar development with a negligible impact on food production:

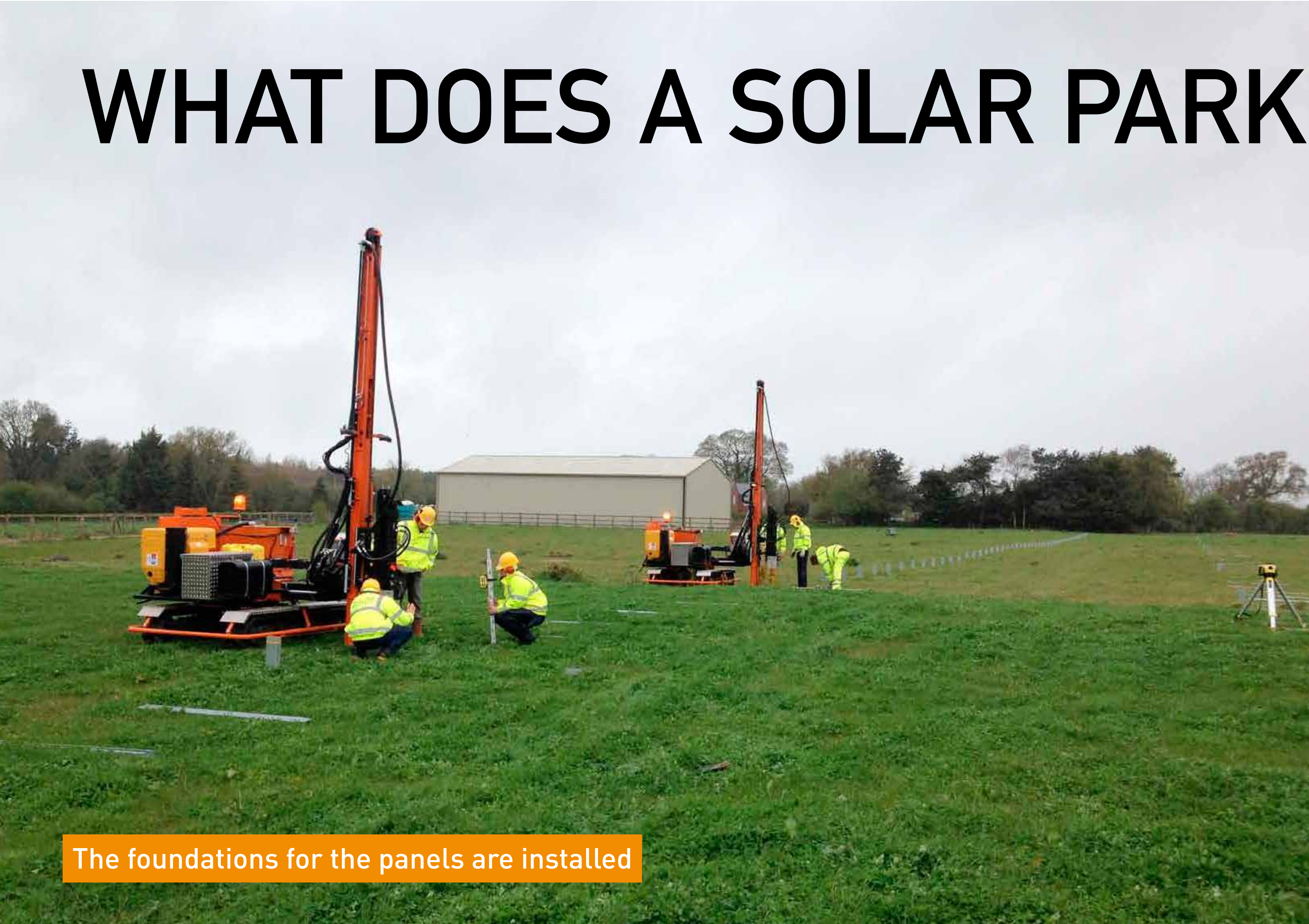
- In England just 2.3% of land is built on (source: UK National Ecosystem Assessment report, 2011)
- Solar farms currently use 0.02% of all UK land.
- 10 times more land is being permanently taken out of agricultural production by EU environmental schemes.
- 100 times more land is taken up by golf courses than solar farms.
- Ground-mounted solar PV yields 6 to 10 times more electricity per acre than the equivalent biofuel crop (such as miscanthus).





# WHAT DOES A SOLAR PARK LOOK LIKE?

Solstice  
Renewables



The foundations for the panels are installed



Sheep grazing between the panels at a solar park in Norfolk



Wildflower meadows can grow between the panels  
(Photo credit: Adam Twine)



A 10MW site in Wiltshire blends into the surrounding landscape



Appendix 6  
Feedback form



## Solar Farm Proposals Feedback Form

Now that you've had a chance to view the consultation information, please take a few moments to complete this feedback form. We value your opinion and will take your comments into account before we submit the planning application.

If you wish to give your personal details, they will remain confidential.

Name .....

Address.....

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Telephone ..... Email .....

I am (please tick box): ☐ Local resident ☐ Local business ☐ Visitor  
☐ Local Government ☐ Other

Would you like us to keep you informed about the progress of the solar farm proposal?  
(please tick box): ☐ No thanks ☐ Yes please, by post ☐ Yes please, by email

For each of the following statements, please tell us if you agree or disagree:

	Strongly agree	Agree	No opinion/ Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. Climate change is an important issue					
2. I support solar energy					
3. In principle, I support solar energy projects in my area					
4. The local community will benefit from renewable energy					
5. This is an appropriate site for a solar farm					
6. I support the solar farm project					



The solar farm proposals include a community benefit fund of £1,000 per MW annually for 25 years. Please let us know if there are any specific local community projects you think could benefit from this funding:

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We hope there will be an opportunity for the community to invest directly in the solar farm. Please let us know here if you would like to be contacted about this when the investment offer is launched:

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Please write any further comments in the space below:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this feedback form – your opinion is important to us.

If you would like to return this form at a later date, please return by post to:

The Barn  
Ford Farm  
Aldbourn  
Marlborough  
Wilts  
SN8 2DP

Or email to: [info@solsticerenewables.com](mailto:info@solsticerenewables.com)

For further information, please visit [www.SolsticeRenewables.com](http://www.SolsticeRenewables.com) or call 01672 550565

Appendix 7  
Photographs of the public exhibition

