

Meridian Solar

Stage two consultation newsletter

Welcome to our stage two (statutory) consultation newsletter for Meridian Solar.

This newsletter details how you can take part in our consultation, find out more information and provide your feedback.

Meridian Solar is a proposed solar farm and overhead line connection to the national grid, located north of Crowland and east of Spalding in Lincolnshire. It would generate around **750 megawatts (MW)** of electricity and could power up to **215,000 homes annually**.

The proposals consist of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and an approximately 12 to 13 km overhead line connection to National Grid's planned Weston Marsh substation (due to be located east of Spalding, the exact location to be confirmed by National Grid). The Scheme also includes associated infrastructure, including co-located battery energy storage systems (BESS) and inter-array connections to link together the land parcels where the solar panels are located.

Meridian Solar is being promoted by Meridian Solar Farm Limited, a subsidiary of Downing Renewable Developments (DRD). DRD was founded to deliver renewable energy which is critical to the transition to a low carbon economy and achieving net zero.

As part of our early engagement for Meridian Solar, we held our stage one consultation between May and July 2024, which introduced the proposals and encouraged feedback on our development areas and principles for development. We are now inviting you to take part in this stage two consultation on our updated proposals for the Scheme.

Our stage two consultation will run for six weeks, from **Thursday 24 April 2025 to Sunday 8 June 2025**. We would like your views on our design proposals, including our preliminary environmental information and how we are planning to reduce any potential impacts of the Scheme.

More information about the consultation can be found on our website www.meridiansolarfarm.co.uk.

A high-level map showing the location of our proposals is shown on the following pages.

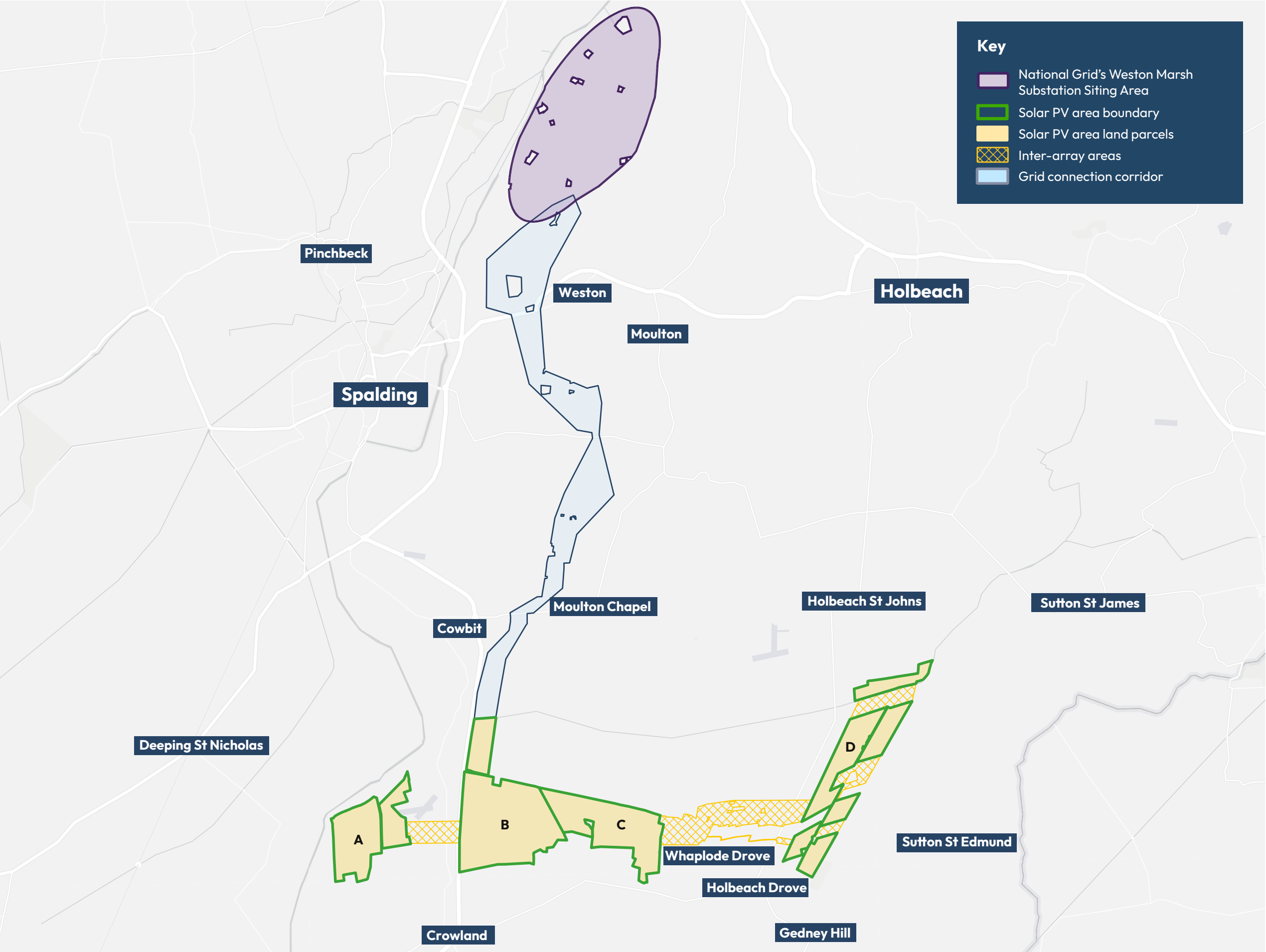
"Since we introduced Meridian Solar last summer, we have been working hard to develop a design based on the early feedback you provided and our ongoing environmental, technical and engineering assessments.

We're inviting you to learn more about our proposals and provide feedback on our developed proposals, which is important to help us shape our final designs."

- David Vernon, Head of NSIP Projects, DRD

The location of our proposals

You can use our Interactive Map on the project website to find locations of interest to you.



Have your say on Meridian Solar

More information is available on our website, including the current Scheme design and our suite of public consultation documents.

We want to hear your views on our proposed design. You can provide feedback by:

- Completing our feedback form online at www.meridiansolarfarm.co.uk
- Completing a hard copy of the feedback form and returning it to **FREEPOST DOWNING MERIDIAN**
- Submitting your comments or completed form by email to enquiries@meridiansolar.co.uk

If you wish to receive our consultation materials in another format, please get in touch by **freephone** on **0800 652 6120**, or by email at enquiries@meridiansolar.co.uk

Please submit your response by **11:59pm on Sunday 8 June 2025**.

Meet the team

As part of our stage two consultation, we are holding three in person consultation events to find out more details about our proposals.

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 10 May 2025	10:30 – 16:30	Sutton St Edmund Village Hall, 273 Broadgate, Spalding PE12 0LR
Wednesday 21 May 2025	14:00 – 20:00	Crowland Snowden Pavilion, Thorney Road, Peterborough PE8 9QR
Thursday 22 May 2025	14:00 – 20:00	Weston Village Hall, Small Drove, Spalding PE12 6HU

We will also upload two online information presentations to the Scheme website during the consultation period. The first presentation will provide an overview of our proposals and where to find out more information. The second presentation will be uploaded after the in person events and will provide a summary of the main questions we were asked and a response to them.



You can find out more online at www.meridiansolarfarm.co.uk

