

## Solar Farm Planning Application - Are you aware?

A proposal for a very large solar farm, one of the largest in the country at 113 ha/279 acres or approx. 169 football pitches to generate 49.9MW, located at the edge of Scotton has been submitted to Harrogate Borough Council (Planning ref 20/04124).

The proposed site is land at Lawrence House Farm, Low Moor Lane, Scotton. The main site would run to the north west of Chantry Lane (behind Scotton Old Hall), to the Nursery and beyond Lingerfield School and includes both of the footpaths to Brearton, one running along the western boundary of Lawrence House Farm to Brearton and the other being the Knaresborough Round bridleway from Lingerfield to Brearton. It is intended that both public rights of way will remain in place, albeit through the solar farm itself.

The solar farm would comprise a series of 3m high solar panels and the infrastructure would include a 2m high wire mesh perimeter fence along with additional security paraphernalia and would feed direct into the sub-station at Lingerfield.

At this stage, the application is at a very early stage. Harrogate Borough Council has undertaken consultation with various authorities including Historic England and has decided, due to the scale and nature of the development and the potential impact on adjacent heritage assets, that a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is required. This will involve a public consultation process.

A number of residents of Scotton have already expressed their opposition to the proposal and whilst the formal planning application has not yet been submitted, we feel it is appropriate to inform all residents of Scotton, Lingerfield, Brearton and Farnham of this proposal now.



If you are in favour of the proposal then thank you for reading this and no action is required.

However, if you are opposed to the proposal and want to receive more information, please email your name and address to: [solarfarminfo.scotton@gmail.com](mailto:solarfarminfo.scotton@gmail.com).

*Your name and address will not be shared with any third party and will be used solely for the purpose of keeping you informed about plans for the proposed solar farm.*

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