CASTLE WAY ENERGY

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Brockwell Energy is proposing to develop Castle Way Energy, a new solar farm and battery energy storage project to the west of Derby.

Once operational, Castle Way Energy could generate up to 300 megawatts (MW) of green energy to the electricity transmission network at the Willington 400kV substation. Castle Way Energy is expected to generate enough clean power in its first year to meet the demand of around 81,000 homes, or almost all of the households in South Derbyshire combined.

PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT

Earlier this year, we held our Phase 1 Engagement period on our early plans. Since then, we've been reviewing the feedback we received and undertaking further technical assessments to allow us to develop our plans further.

We'd like to invite you to take part in Phase 2 Engagement, which will run from Thursday 12th November until Sunday 13th December 2026, where we are keen to hear your views.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

View our updated proposals on our website:

www.castlewayenergy.co.uk/our-proposals

Attend an exhibition event:

Location:
Hilton Village Hall,
Peacroft Lane, Hilton,
DE65 5GH

Dates:
Friday 20th November:
2pm – 5pm
Saturday 21st November:
5pm – 8pm

Attend an online webinar:

The webinars will be topic-focused and led by the relevant technical lead and will explain our approach to different topics, outline how potential impacts will be assessed and mitigated.

Visit our website to register your attendance.

Monday 30th November 6 – 7pm:
General project update

Tuesday 1st December 6 – 7pm:
Emissions (Noise, Air Quality and Climate), Socio-Economic Impacts and Health

Monday 7th December 6 – 7pm:
Transport, Access and Public Rights of Way

Monday 7th December 7 – 8pm:
Landscape, Heritage, Archaeology and Visual Impacts

Tuesday 8th December 6 – 7pm:
Natural Environment (Ecology, Ground Conditions, Agricultural Land, Water and Flood Risk)



WHAT YOU'VE TOLD US SO FAR

Earlier this year, we introduced our initial plans for Castle Way Energy and sought your feedback through our Phase 1 Engagement. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback and attended our online webinar.

There were several recurring themes and topics of discussion in the feedback we received. Some of these points, along with our response to them, are summarised below.

You can read more about the response to Phase 1 Engagement in our Phase 1 Engagement report, which is available to view on our website at **www.castlewayenergy.co.uk**

YOU SAID:

Assess the suitability of the solar development sites and cable route corridors

OUR RESPONSE:

Following community feedback and environmental assessment work, we are no longer considering Site E for solar infrastructure. The solar development area and associated cable corridor have been removed from our proposals, and new site areas added in to replace them.

YOU SAID:

Bury cabling underground

OUR RESPONSE:

We can confirm underground electrical cabling will connect the solar panels to the inverters and transformers within each field and then onto the Castle Way Energy substation. The connection corridor from the Castle Way Energy Substation to the Willington 400kV Substation is being considered for underground cabling (red hatching). We will retain flexibility for both options when approaching the Willington 400kV substation due to the number of crossings [utility, road, rail, canal etc] and constraints and assess the potential environmental effects of each scenario.

YOU SAID:

Protect Hilton Cricket Club

OUR RESPONSE:

The land used by Hilton Cricket Club has been removed from our proposals.

YOU SAID:

Minimise visual impacts from Public Rights of Way north of Church Broughton

OUR RESPONSE:

We've reduced the area considered for solar infrastructure at Site 2 to help protect visual amenity and ensure the open field pattern is retained. We have taken into account adjacent heritage and recreational assets and are proposing new hedgerows and trees to help embed the development into its wider setting.

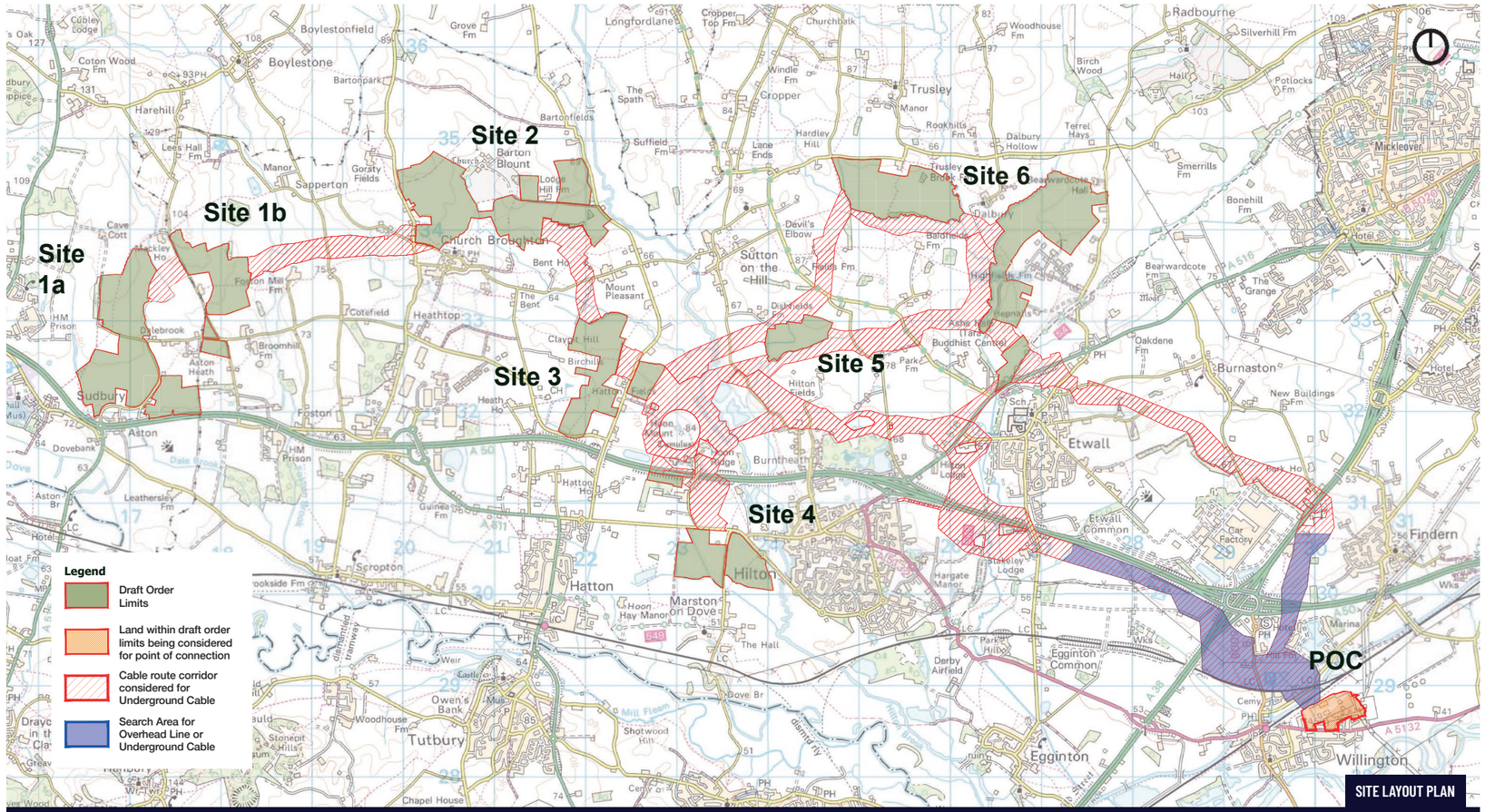
YOU SAID:

Introduce offsets between properties and solar panels.

OUR RESPONSE:

A minimum offset of 50 metres from panels to residential properties has been introduced across all our solar development areas.





SITE LAYOUT PLAN

OUR PHASE 2 PROPOSALS

Since the close of Phase 1 Engagement, we have been developing our proposals further in response to your feedback and the results of ongoing technical assessments. As a result of this work, we are now presenting our refined proposals and seeking your feedback as part of our Phase 2 Engagement.

Castle Way Energy will make a meaningful contribution to the UK's energy security and economic growth ambitions through the delivery of cheap electricity generation at scale, right here in the UK.

At a time of continued volatility in global energy markets, projects such as this can help reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels, improve the resilience of the electricity system, and support long-term affordability for businesses and communities.

The plans for Castle Way Energy will:

- Produce up to 300 MW of electricity for export to the National Grid, providing renewable energy to meet the demand of around 81,000 homes.
- Provide storage for around 200 MW of energy using a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), allowing energy to be efficiently stored for use in periods of high demand.
- Boost the local economy through increased employment opportunities during construction, operation and decommissioning, prioritising local jobs to boost skills and employment.
- Deliver a Legacy Fund to provide long term benefits directly to the community and further support the local transition to Net Zero.
- Boost the UK's renewable energy supply, supporting the transition to Net Zero while helping to deliver a stable, secure, and low-cost energy supply with wider economic benefits across the UK.
- Deliver biodiversity net gain and generous landscaping opportunities.
- Consider continue agricultural use on the land in the form of sheep grazing.

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NEXT STEPS

Our Phase 2 Engagement will run from Thursday 12 November to 23:59, Sunday 13 December.

Your views are important to us, and we will analyse all feedback received during this round of engagement to help further refine our proposals.

You can share your thoughts by submitting feedback online, completing a form at a public exhibition event or by post. We have feedback forms which can be completed at the exhibition events, online at www.castlewayenergy.co.uk, or you may request a printed copy by any of the communication methods outlined below.

How to give your feedback

Visit our website
www.castlewayenergy.co.uk

Attend a public exhibition event and fill in a paper feedback form (details can be found on the front page)

Email us at: **info@castlewayenergy.co.uk**

Write to us at: **FREEPOST CASTLE WAY ENERGY**
(no further address or stamp required)

Complete a feedback form
(available on the project website)

All feedback received will be reviewed by the project team and considered alongside the findings of ongoing technical assessments as we refine our proposals ahead of submitting our DCO application in Spring 2027.

We look forward to hearing from you.

About Castle Way Energy

Castle Way Energy will be classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the Planning Act (2008) because it would generate more than 100MW of power. NSIPs apply through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process, before the final decision is determined by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

About Brockwell Energy

The Applicant for the Castle Way Energy DCO submission to the Planning Inspectorate will be BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd. BSSL Derbyshire 1 Ltd is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) company and wholly owned subsidiary of Brockwell Energy, created to develop Castle Way Energy.

Brockwell Energy is a multi-technology Independent Power Producer (IPP) specialising in renewable energy infrastructure. Since 2017, Brockwell have created a pipeline of 3.5GW of projects in onshore wind, solar and battery storage and are leading the way in setting new standards in the renewable energy industry.

Brockwell Energy is committed to providing innovative energy solutions that drive growth and progress, enabling the UK to meet the demands of a sustainable future. Brockwell's projects prioritise environmental responsibility and focus on building energy solutions that bring lasting value, and support both economic growth and ecological resistance.

