



Trerice Solar Farm

Cornwall Council

Statement of Community Involvement

Prepared for Trerice Solar Farm Ltd

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared in support of an application for full planning permission submitted to Cornwall Council under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), on behalf of Trerice Solar Farm Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Statkraft UK Ltd (the "Applicant").
- 1.2. The SCI outlines the pre-application public consultation activity undertaken by the Applicant prior to the submission of a planning application, seeking: Full planning permission for the construction and operation of a ground mounted solar array and battery energy storage system (BESS), associated infrastructure, and landscape and biodiversity enhancements on land to the North and South of Trerice Farmhouse, Trerice Dairy Farm and Green Meadows, St Dennis, St. Austell, Cornwall, PL26 8EG.
- 1.3. The site was previously referred to as the Treviscoe solar farm when the project team first started consulting in 2021 and during the most recent round of public consultation. However, at the most recent exhibition in October 2024 (Appendix 8), the applicant received feedback from residents that this is not the most appropriate name given the village of Treviscoe is a distance away from the site. Residents felt it should be called Trerice Solar Farm as that is the name of the closest farm and how residents refer to the area in question.
- 1.4. The Applicant understands the importance of engaging early and throughout the development process with communities and key stakeholders. Traditional and digital forms of engagement were used by the Applicant to ensure comprehensive and meaningful engagement, particularly during the first exhibition during the covid-19 pandemic. Where possible, community feedback has been used to help shape the proposal.
- 1.5. In March 2021, as noted above, when the EIA Screening report was submitted and the project entered the public domain the Applicant launched their dedicated project website, <https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe/> (Appendix 2). Members of the public have and can continue to submit feedback and reach out to the project team at any time via the website. In addition, in March 2021 local stakeholders, including ward councillors, the MP, and the local Parish Councils, were consulted about the project and were asked to share feedback on the proposal.
- 1.6. In March 2021 a public exhibition was held online, due to the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. To ensure as many people knew about the online exhibition in 2021, engagement activity included mailing a letter to 262 local households ahead of the exhibition to invite residents to engage in the pre-application consultation.
- 1.7. External factors outside of the Applicant's control meant that a significant time period elapsed between the initial consultation in 2021 and the anticipated planning application. As such, it was deemed appropriate to re-engage with the community in 2024 to share updates with residents and engage with anyone who may not have attended the previous events or lived in the area previously.
- 1.8. An in-person Information Day was held in October 2024. The Applicant wrote to 1,277 households (Appendix 4) and 22 near neighbours (Appendix 5) and stakeholders were informed about the event. Around 50 people attended the in-person event, and 5 feedback forms were received.
- 1.9. The comments received during the public consultation are detailed in the feedback section of this report. A number of the comments raised during the engagement helped to inform changes to the initial proposal and helped shape the application that has been submitted.
- 1.10. Several notable ways the proposal has changed following the public consultation events include:
 - Change of project name from Treviscoe Solar Farm to Trerice Solar Farm to better reflect the location of the site.
 - Reducing the overall number of solar panels.
 - Increased planting to enhance local biodiversity and visual screening.
 - Potential for improved recreational use throughout the site.
- 1.11. The SCI has been written in line with Cornwall Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2024).
- 1.12. This statement forms part of a suite of documents submitted as part of the planning application for the scheme.

2. Consultation Policy Context

2.1. Effective and meaningful engagement is a key part of the Applicant's approach to planning. By working with communities and having proactive discussions about proposals, the Applicant works to improve the development plans using local input, wherever possible.

2.2. The consultation programme was also carried out in accordance with the Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023. The NPPF encourages proactive community engagement. Paragraph 137 of the NPPF 2023 states that:

"Applicants should work closely with those affected by their proposals to evolve designs that take account of the views of the community. Applications that can demonstrate early, proactive and effective engagement with the community should be looked on more favourably than those that cannot."

2.3. The Applicant followed the guidelines of Cornwall Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2024), which sets out the importance of involving statutory bodies and the community in pre-application consultations and planning applications. Section 1 of the SCI states:

"Planning affects everyone in our communities. The local planning authority is usually responsible for deciding where development takes place and what happens in our towns, villages, open spaces and environment. We seek to involve everyone in our plan making and when determining planning applications. However, we recognise that many people will only get involved in planning when it directly affects them."

3. Pre-application Consultation Activity

3.1. The Applicant has undertaken the process of pre-application consultation in line with national and local guidance and requirements. This provided an important opportunity to engage with Cornwall Council, the local Parish Councils, key stakeholders and the local community to gather feedback and enable issues and concerns to be addressed prior to the submission of the planning application, where reasonably possible.

3.2. The application proposal has benefitted from extensive pre-application discussions with the Council. An initial pre-application meeting was held with Michelle Billing, Senior Development Officer, in January 2021 (Cornwall Council reference: PA20/02744/PREAPP). Further pre-application advice was sought from the County Archaeologist on the scope of the geophysical survey and trenching evaluation in September 2021 (Cornwall Council reference: PA21/03270/PREAPP). Since February 2023 the applicant team have engaged with Cornwall Council on an ad hoc basis via a Planning Performance Agreement (Cornwall Council reference PA23/0199/PREAPP) co-ordinated by Alexander Lawry, Senior Development Officer.

4. Consultation with Local Representatives

4.1. To ensure local representatives had the opportunity to input and learn about the proposals at an early stage, the Applicant first contacted local stakeholders (Appendix 1), including local ward members, Parish Councils and Council cabinet members in March 2021 when an EIA screening request was submitted to the Council.

4.2. The Applicant contacted local stakeholders again in April 2021 to seek feedback on plans for consultation with the wider community.

4.3. The Applicant met online (due to Covid-19 restrictions) with St Dennis Parish Council in April 2021 to discuss the initial proposals, to introduce the project team and gather feedback on the plans for consultation. Point of discussion included:

Cumulative impact.

Some residents were concerned about the development having an impact on farmland and change in the characteristics of the area.

The Parish Council have received concerns from residents in relation to the likely routes that may be taken by construction traffic and deliveries during the construction period.

- 4.4. The Applicant met online (due to Covid-19 restrictions) with St. Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council in July 2021 to discuss the initial proposals, introduce the project team to members and gather feedback on the plans for consultation. Points of discussion included:

Transport routes and construction traffic , particularly HGV movements.

Lifetime of site, members of the Parish Council discussed how long the site would be operational for and what would happen to the solar panels when they needed to be disposed of.

Battery Safety Management.

The community benefit fund for the local area.

- 4.5. St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council provided verbal feedback to the Applicant during their meeting in July 2021.
- 4.6. The Applicant subsequently invited local representatives to the online public consultation and in October 2024, the in-person event, with the option to attend a preview session in the hour before the public exhibition opened to the public.

5. Local Community Consultation

- 5.1. The Applicant undertook an online consultation in March 2021 (Appendix 3) which included a digital consultation on a project website. 262 local households in the immediate vicinity were notified via a mailing list of the event.
- 5.2. External factors outside of the Applicant's control meant that a significant time period elapsed between the initial consultation in 2021 and the anticipated planning application. As such, it was deemed appropriate to re-engage with the local community in 2024.
- 5.3. An in-person event was held in October 2024 (Appendix 8). The event was attended by members of the project team and included display boards outlining different aspects of the project. The Applicant issued a consultation invitation to over 1,277 addresses within a consultation zone surrounding the proposed development. The invitations reintroduced the proposed development and provided details of the project website and the upcoming information event, as well as ways to get in touch with the project team.
- 5.4. An additional 22 letters were issued to near neighbours in a radius of addresses closest to the site.
- 5.5. This provided near neighbours with a direct line of contact to the project team as well as introducing the updated proposals and advertising the information event.
- 5.6. The public exhibition provided members of the local community to meet the project team and give feedback on the proposals. A total of 50 people attended the public exhibition. There was a dedicated councillor preview session before the general public arrived.
- 5.7. The Applicant took additional steps to ensure as many people as possible had the opportunity to learn about the proposals and give feedback. This included advertising on the project website.
- 5.8. The Applicant worked with St Dennis Parish to share details of the consultation events in 2021 and 2024. An advert for circulation with the community was shared with the Parish ahead of the in-person event in October.
- 5.9. An email address was included in consultation advertisements so that residents could contact the project team to find out more about the proposals (UKProjects@statkraft.com).
- 5.10. Members of the public had the opportunity to contact the project team on freephone number 0800 772 0668 or visit the website to request a call back. No calls were received from the period of the mail drop to the end of the consultation period.

- 5.11. The Applicant ensured that consultees had multiple opportunities to give feedback in person at both the online exhibition and in-person exhibition. This included the use of a freepost reply card (Appendix 9), the opportunity to ask team members questions, or submitting feedback online via the project website. Attendees could also take a two-page hand-out (Appendix 10) about the proposals away with them to read at their convenience. Team members made notes of verbal feedback at both events so that this could also be considered.
- 5.12. The project website (<https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe/>) created in 2021 has been kept up to date throughout the development period and enabled residents to learn more about the proposals, the Applicant and submit feedback. The webpage also detailed how to get in contact with the project team.
- 5.13. To ensure open and ongoing communication with the local community, the Applicant responded to questions and queries from the public consultation, in adherence with GDPR.

6. Feedback Received

- 6.1. At the in person information event in October 2024 members of the project team noted down verbal feedback from the conversations they had with attendees, 2 reply cards were completed at the event and 3 reply cards were sent after the event using the return Freepost address. 2 items of feedback were returned via the website during the exhibition period. 1 person emailed their feedback, and no phone calls were received. All written feedback is available.
- 6.2. Feedback was captured during the online exhibition held in March 2021 and feedback forms were also received by the Applicant following the event.
- 6.3. **Themes from feedback to the 2021 consultation include:**

Concerned about falling house prices:

"You are basically surrounding my property with fields of solar panels. How would you like it surrounding your home. This will dramatically affect the value of my home."

Already an industrialised area:

"Already too much development/loss of environment with China Clay workings, the incinerator and acres of existing solar farms in mid Cornwall."

"St Dennis and Treviscoe are poor Cornish communities that already show the scars of industry the proposed site is in green fields visible to the community."

"Area already has Incinerator and clay works. Heavy traffic and visual blight are already an issue."

"I support the principal but this strong community 'basin' has suffered more than enough with the incinerator and the power plant with huge pylons tearing through the landscape."

"Spoil the landscape as we already have the clay work and the incinerator"

Not received enough information/do not feel informed enough

" I don't feel informed enough."

"Need more information."

There should be a name change

"It's not Treviscoe it is Trerice, the name of the project is incorrect."

Preference for renewable energy over fossil fuels

“As a society we must move away from fossil fuel and projects like this are the only feasible alternative.”

“Although solar farms are a not overly nice to look at they are a better option than fossil fuel.”

Transport and traffic

“ There is currently a worry in the area about the movement of HGVs. The aggregate companies, and incinerator/energy from waste plant all create vehicle movements on local roads. “

Lifetime of the site

“Lifetime of site: How long will the solar panels be there for and what is the lifetime of the site?”

“What plans are there for decommissioning?”

6.4. **Feedback from in-person exhibition in October 2024**

Concerns have been alleviated /positive feedback to consultation approach

“After coming I don't have any concerns, I won't be able to see it so it's fine.”

“I feel better after coming and speaking to the team now.”

“This event was well set up, useful and well informed.”

Too many solar farms in the area

“I am pro solar, but it feels like everything is being dumped in our area.”

“I know we need to get rid of fossil fuels, but this area is full.”

Concerned that the land could be used for other things

“I am worried about land being taken up. Farming and agricultural land.”

“I am really concerned about the effect on biodiversity.”

Other feedback included:

“ I am worried about where the cables will be”

“Will the panels be recycled?”

“What will the local benefit be?”

“I am worried about the effect of solar farms on tourism”

7. **Response to Feedback**

- 7.1. The feedback in section 4 revealed that residents are mostly interested in the site selection and location, landscape, visual and cumulative impact, and the environmental impact.
- 7.2. The Applicant has provided a response to issues raised through feedback summarised in a table (Appendix 11)

8. Conclusion and Next Steps

- 8.1. This SCI outlines the pre-application consultation undertaken with local residents and stakeholders for the development of Trerice Solar Farm by the Applicant.
- 8.2. The initial proposals were designed in accordance with a thorough analysis of the Trerice site, and the surrounding area.
- 8.3. The consultation process allowed the Applicant to further understand local views on the proposals, prior to submitting a planning application to Cornwall County Council.
- 8.4. Feedback indicated that some residents had questions or concerns about site selection and location, impact on house prices, community benefits, and recycling of solar panels.
- 8.5. Feedback from the local community has resulted in a change in site name, additional recreational areas, addition of 1.3km of paths, improved visual screening, and a reduction in the panelled areas of the solar farm compared to the initial design.
- 8.6. The Applicant has reviewed all feedback received during the consultation and, where possible, has responded to this in the final plans.
- 8.7. The Applicant will continue its discussions and engagement with local residents and stakeholders as the application progresses taking into account all views and comments where possible.

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Appendix

Appendix 1: Letter to local councillors introducing the project - March 2021



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			PHONE: [Redacted]
[Redacted]			INTERNET: www.statkraft.co.uk /treviscoesolar
BUSINESS: Statkraft Solar	OUR REF.: Treviscoe	PLACE/DATE: 18 March 2021	E-MAIL: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Introducing Treviscoe solar energy farm

We are writing to introduce ourselves and advise you about a new solar energy farm we are considering in your local community. As the Ward Councillor for St Dennis and Nanpean, we want to inform you about our plans and provide you with information about our company.

Statkraft has been making clean energy possible for over a century. Today, we are Europe's largest renewable energy producer and a global company in energy market operations. We develop and operate renewable energy assets within hydropower, wind, solar, gas and biomass. We supply district heating and buy and sell energy.

In November 2020 we acquired Solarcentury so our highly skilled developer team now operates across 12 countries with a 10GW pipeline. Solarcentury has been developing solar energy schemes in the UK for over 20 years. Treviscoe solar energy farm will be managed by this team.

At present we are in the early stages of the project and are looking for initial feedback and views, but in the long run we hope to secure planning permission for, and build the solar energy farm. The proposal is located in fields to the north-west of Treviscoe and west of St Dennis within the China Clay Area of Cornwall. The enclosed map shows the approximate location.

This site has been carefully chosen for its potential to deliver solar-powered electricity to the grid, helping meet regional and national renewable energy targets. With a solar project of 34.1MWp proposed (and 18MW battery), the 52 hectare site would generate over 33 gigawatt hours of electricity per year. This could power over 9000 homes.

Regarding what happens next, we intend to submit a formal planning application to Cornwall County Council later this year, but before we do we will be sharing information with the local community, giving people the opportunity to feedback their views and help shape the final design ahead of the planning application being submitted.

Under normal circumstances we would host a resident information day about the project in the local community. Because of COVID 19 restrictions we can't do this face to face at the moment so we will be putting the information online so people can read and download it at



home. We will be writing to advise people of that, informing them by leaflet and letter about our plans and providing links to the project website and online community hall space. I enclose a copy of that leaflet for your information.

As part of the pre-application consultation process, we look forward to receiving thoughts on the design, the layout, and the appearance of the proposed solar farm as well as any other questions you might have. We'd also be happy to set up an online meeting with yourself and/or other local Councillors and community groups if this was considered helpful as part of the pre-application discussions.

I hope the information here is a useful introduction to our plans, but if you have further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself using the contact details below or my colleague Nicola Perkin. Her number is 07795 637285.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Banks

Development Manager, UK Solar



Enclosed:
Location Map
Information leaflet

Appendix 2: Project website

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Project Updates

These are the latest project updates for Treviscoe Solar Farm.

Latest news

11 OCT, 2024 ● **Treviscoe Solar Farm Information drop-in event**

We are inviting local residents to our project information drop-in event on **Wednesday 23rd October 2024, 3.00pm – 7.00pm**, at **Pitch Sports Bar Function Room, St Dennis AFC, Boscawen Park, Saint Austell, PL26 8DT**.

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We have created this website to provide information about our emerging proposals and to enable people to contact us with questions and feedback. This webpage will be kept updated as the project develops to keep you informed and to hear your views and ideas.

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- 2 JUL, 2024** • **Solar Energy UK publish Solar Habitat Report**
Solar Energy UK has published its second Solar Habitat report, looking at trends and observations from 87 solar farms in the UK, highlighting how solar farms and their management can interact with local biodiversity. [You can read the Solar Habitat 2024 here.](#)
- 25 NOV, 2021** • **Statkraft releases latest annual Low Emissions Scenario report**
For the sixth consecutive year, Statkraft have released its Low Emissions Scenario - an analysis of the energy world towards 2050. The Scenario covers the energy transition necessary to move towards a low emissions world.
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- 31 JUL, 2021** • **Treviscoe Solar Farm public consultation launched**
In July 2021, we consulted over 1,000 local residents in the Treviscoe and St Dennis area on the plans for the Treviscoe solar farm.
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- 24 NOV, 2020** • **Ecological restoration plan leads to nomination for prestigious renewables award**
Wildfires which devastated much of the Moray countryside in the north of Scotland last year have led to increased environmental benefits being proposed by Europe's largest renewable energy producer.

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Local Suppliers

Our aim is to have the least impact and provide the most benefit to the communities in which we operate. The construction phase is one way we can create economic benefits through inward investment, and many local companies who may not have worked on a solar project before would be suited to get involved in their local solar farm supply chain.

Supplier story and case study

Statkraft is committed to giving back to the local community both through community funds and through working with local suppliers. The relationships we forge with local suppliers

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Supplier story and case study

Statkraft is committed to giving back to the local community both through community funds and through working with local suppliers. The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successes and provide valuable investment in the local area.



Building Strong Relationships with local suppliers: Blargoans Limited

Statkraft is committed to giving back to the local community both through community funds and through working with local suppliers. The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successes and provide valuable investment in the local area. Read the story of our relationship with Blargoans Limited in the construction of Baillie Wind Farm.

[Read the story ->](#)

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Treviscoe Solar Farm Information Day

We are updating the community on our proposals in advance of submitting a planning application for the proposed development.

We have created this area within the project website to share the information available at our information day event, to allow those who are unable to attend in person an alternative way to view the proposals.

Information boards

Below are the information boards displayed at St Dennis AFC.

View the [online exhibition boards](#).

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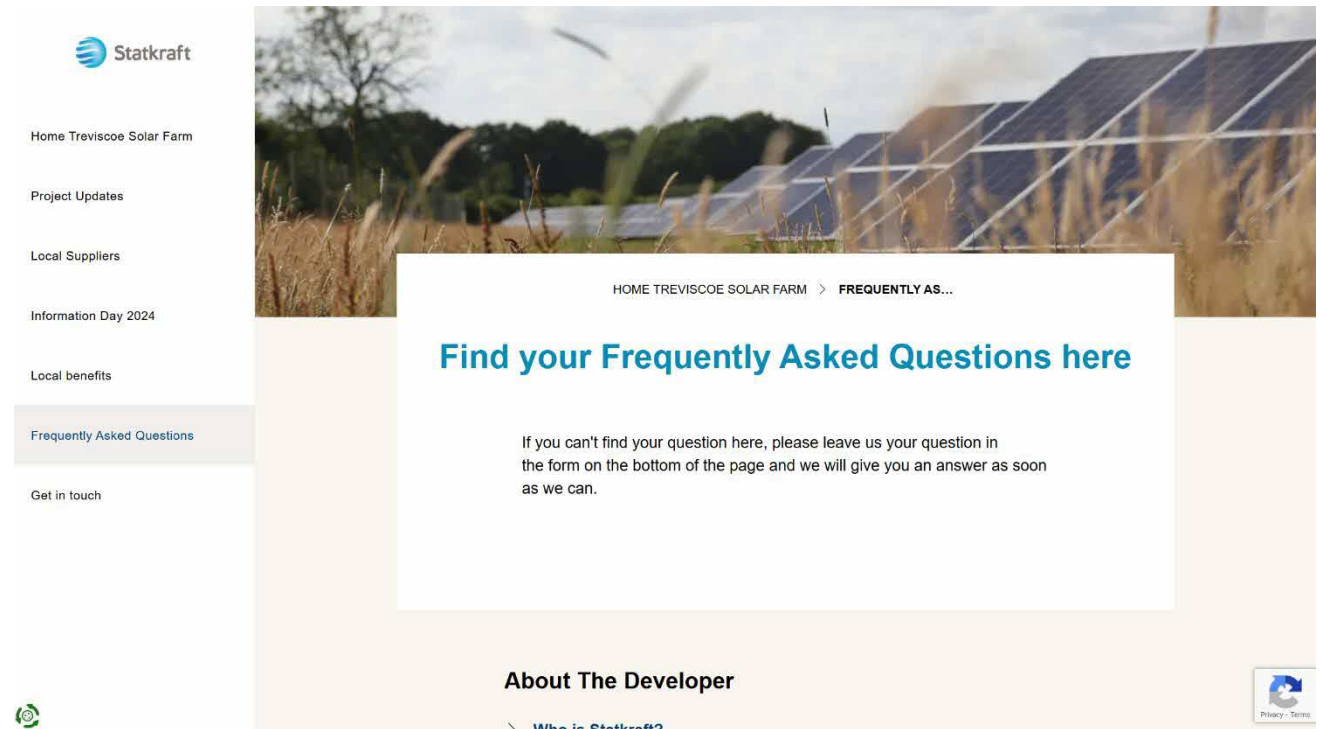
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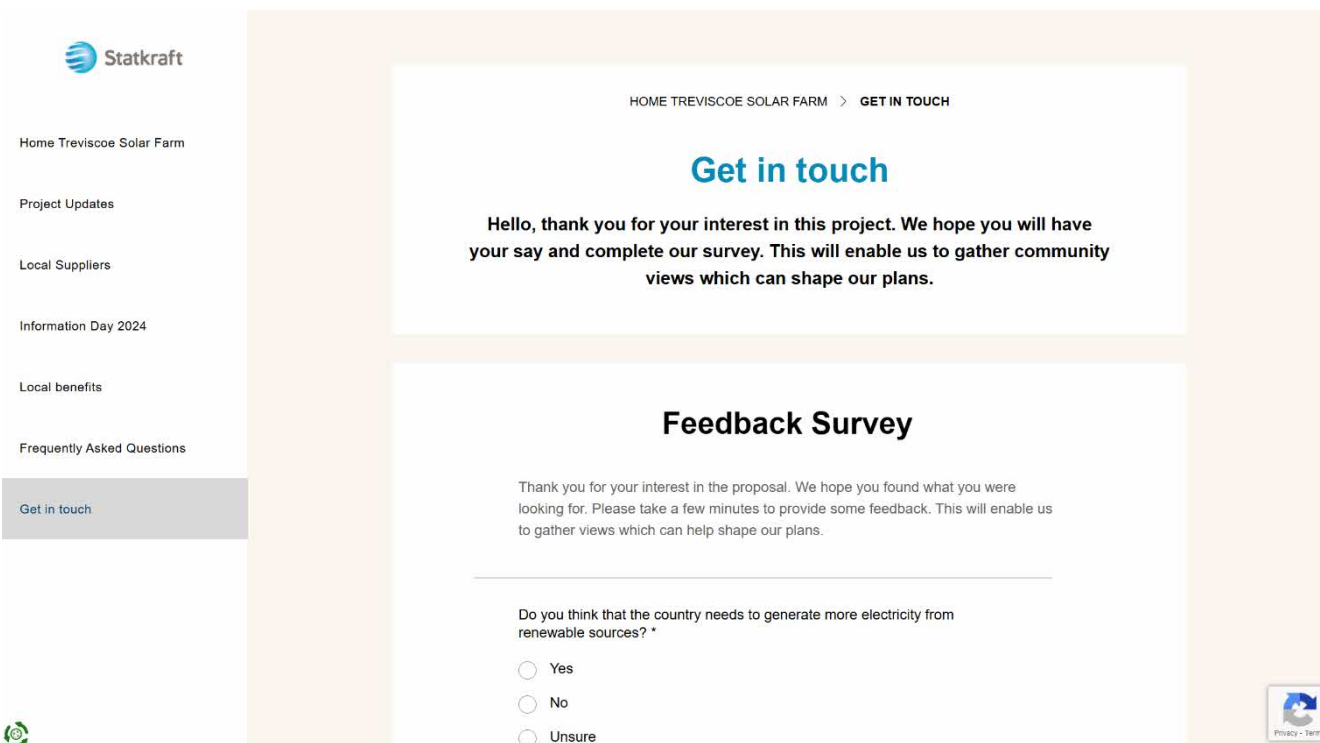
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Local Benefits

Statkraft places a high importance on being a good neighbour. There are many ways in which local communities can benefit from renewable energy projects in their area, and we want to hear your views on how our project can bring new investment to your community.



The screenshot shows a website page for 'Home Treviscoe Solar Farm'. On the left is a navigation menu with the Statkraft logo at the top. The menu items are: Home Treviscoe Solar Farm, Project Updates, Local Suppliers, Information Day 2024, Local benefits, **Frequently Asked Questions** (highlighted), and Get in touch. The main content area features a background image of solar panels in a field. A white box contains the heading 'Find your Frequently Asked Questions here' and a paragraph: 'If you can't find your question here, please leave us your question in the form on the bottom of the page and we will give you an answer as soon as we can.' Below this is a section titled 'About The Developer' with a sub-heading 'Who is Statkraft?'. A 'Privacy - Terms' link is in the bottom right corner.



The screenshot shows two pages from the 'Home Treviscoe Solar Farm' website. The left navigation menu is identical to the previous screenshot, but 'Get in touch' is highlighted. The first page, 'Get in touch', has a heading 'Get in touch' and a message: 'Hello, thank you for your interest in this project. We hope you will have your say and complete our survey. This will enable us to gather community views which can shape our plans.' The second page, 'Feedback Survey', has a heading 'Feedback Survey' and a message: 'Thank you for your interest in the proposal. We hope you found what you were looking for. Please take a few minutes to provide some feedback. This will enable us to gather views which can help shape our plans.' Below the message is a survey question: 'Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources? *' with three radio button options: 'Yes', 'No', and 'Unsure'. A 'Privacy - Terms' link is in the bottom right corner.

Appendix 3: Community leaflet - March 2021



Introducing Treviscoe solar energy farm

Statkraft is proposing to install a solar energy farm on land north-west of Treviscoe and to the west of St Dennis, within the China Clay Area of Cornwall.




We are sharing the proposal details with you before submitting a planning application to Cornwall County Council later this year. This leaflet explains how you can find out more about Treviscoe solar energy farm and have your say if you would like to.

- Under normal circumstances we would host a resident information day about the project in the local community. Because of COVID 19 restrictions we can't do this face to face at the moment so we have put the information online so you can read and download it at home.
- We are still contacting people in the usual ways, through the post, by email and over the telephone. You can contact us that way too. The details are below.

Introductory details about the project can be found at our project website www.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoesolar

Drawings, videos, outline plans and information boards will be available to view in our online community hall from the end of March 2021. Access to our community hall is also via our project website.

If you, or someone you know does not have internet access and would like to see the plans, please call us and we can arrange for copies to be sent via post.

				
Via our project website www.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoesolar Click on the link to the online feedback form	Email us: [Redacted]	Write to us: Treviscoe Solar, Solarcentury, 90 Union Street, London, SE1 0NW	Call us: [Redacted]	Local supplier or contractor? If interested in supporting the project longer term, send your details via our online survey

We look forward to receiving thoughts on the design, the layout, and the appearance of the solar farm as well as any other questions you might have. Send them to us as soon as you can, so we can use them to help inform our plans.

Thank you.

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Appendix 4: Exhibition invite letter to residents – October 2024



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14 October 2024

Dear Resident,

Treviscoe Solar Farm- Drop In Event

I am writing on behalf of Statkraft to invite you to a drop in event to learn more about our updated proposals for a solar farm to the west of St Dennis. You may remember we previously consulted online due to Covid restrictions in July 2021, but we wanted to share our plans with you in person.

The proposals

The proposals are for a solar farm with a capacity of up to 35MW. As part of the development, Statkraft are also considering the option for a battery energy storage system (BESS), which stores electricity and feeds it back into the electricity network at times of high demand.

Since our public consultation in 2021, we have made several updates to the project, taking into account feedback from the community and consultants. The key changes include:

- Reducing the overall number of solar panels
- Increased planting to enhance biodiversity and visual screening
- Potential for improved recreational use throughout the site

If consented, the project is estimated to generate enough renewable electricity to meet the equivalent needs of over 10,000 homes every year, while playing a key role in helping to achieve the Government and Cornwall Council's 2030 renewable energy ambitions.

The project would also deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain and a Community Benefit Fund of over £400,000 over the lifetime of the project.

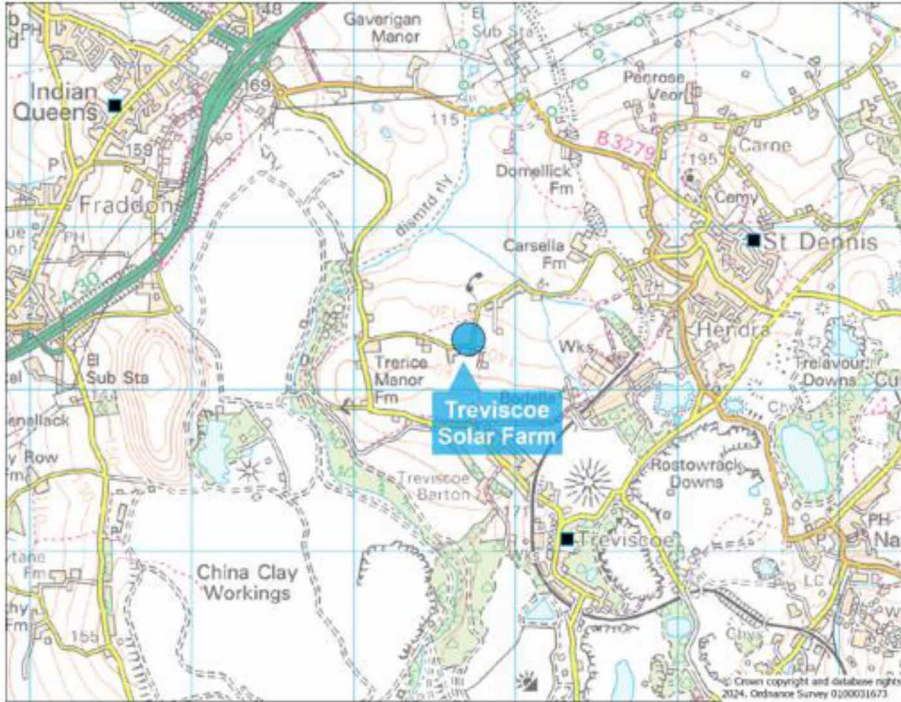
Our information event

Pitch Sports Bar Function Room, St Dennis AFC,
Boscawen Park, Saint Austell, PL26 8DT
23rd October, 3pm – 7pm

The project team will be there to discuss the proposals and answer any questions before the application is submitted to Cornwall Council later this year. If you are unable to attend you can view the information by visiting our project website at <https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe>



Site location



About Statkraft

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back almost 130 years. We now have 6000 employees across 20 countries. In the UK, Statkraft develop, own and operate wind, solar, green hydrogen, hydropower and Greener Grid Park projects. Since 2006, Statkraft has invested over £1.4 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure. In 2020, we acquired Solarcentury, a global solar developer to enhance our solar expertise. We are market leaders in delivering innovative projects that ensure the reliability of our future green electricity supply. Find out more about us by visiting www.statkraft.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please email us [redacted] or phone on [redacted].

Kind regards,

[redacted]	[redacted]
Tim MacKellar Senior Project Manager	Suzanna Kerr Community Liaison Manager

Appendix 5: Near neighbour letter - October 2024



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14 October 2024

Dear Resident,

Treviscoe Solar Farm- Drop In Event

I am writing on behalf of Statkraft to invite you to a drop in event to learn more about our updated proposals for a solar farm to the west of St Dennis. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a near neighbour of the site.

I want to reassure you that we are committed to ensuring we minimise impact on you as a near neighbour and to provide a direct channel of communication, should you wish to speak with us at any time about our proposals.

You may remember we previously consulted online due to Covid restrictions in July 2021, but we wanted to share our plans with you in person.

The proposals

The proposals are for a solar farm with a capacity of up to 35MW. As part of the development, Statkraft are also considering the option for a battery energy storage system (BESS), which stores electricity and feeds it back into the electricity network at times of high demand.

Since our public consultation in 2021, we have made several updates to the project, taking into account feedback from the community and consultants. The key changes include:

- Reducing the overall number of solar panels
- Increased planting to enhance local biodiversity and visual screening
- Potential for improved recreational use throughout the site

If consented, the project is estimated to generate enough renewable electricity to meet the equivalent needs of over 10,000 homes every year, while playing a key role in helping to achieve the UK Government and Cornwall Council's 2030 renewable energy ambitions.

The project would also deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain and a Community Benefit Fund of over £400,000 over the lifetime of the project.

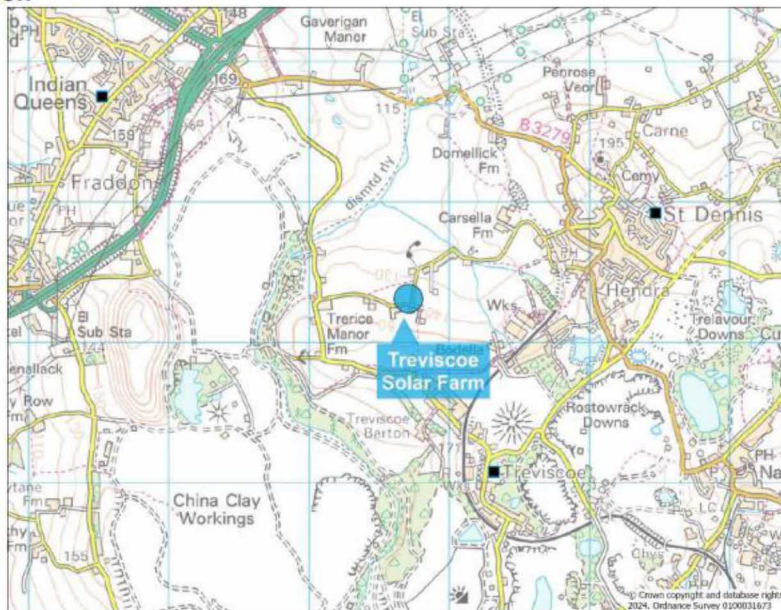
Our information event

Pitch Sports Bar Function Room, St Dennis AFC,
Boscawen Park, Saint Austell, PL26 8DT
23rd October, 3pm – 7pm



The project team will be there to discuss the proposals and answer any questions before the application is submitted to Cornwall Council later this year. If you are unable to attend you can view the information by visiting our project website at <https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe>

Site location



About Statkraft

Statkraft is Europe’s largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back almost 130 years. We now have 6000 employees across 20 countries. In the UK, Statkraft develop, own and operate wind, solar, green hydrogen, hydropower and Greener Grid Park projects. Since 2006, Statkraft has invested over £1.4 billion in the UK’s renewable energy infrastructure. In 2020, we acquired Solarcentry, a global solar developer to enhance our solar expertise. We are market leaders in delivering innovative projects that ensure the reliability of our future green electricity supply. Find out more about us by visiting www.statkraft.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please email us [redacted] or phone on [redacted].

Kind regards,

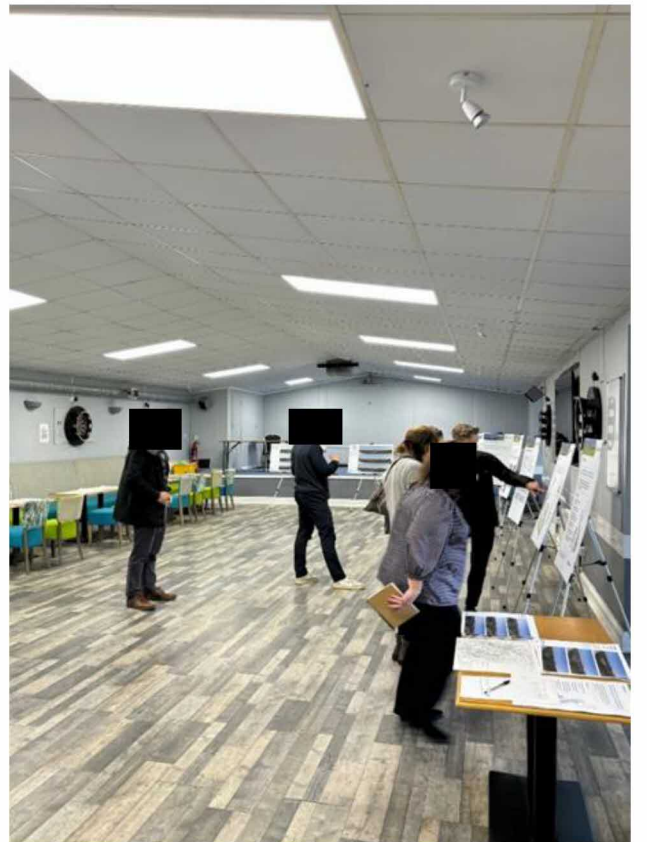
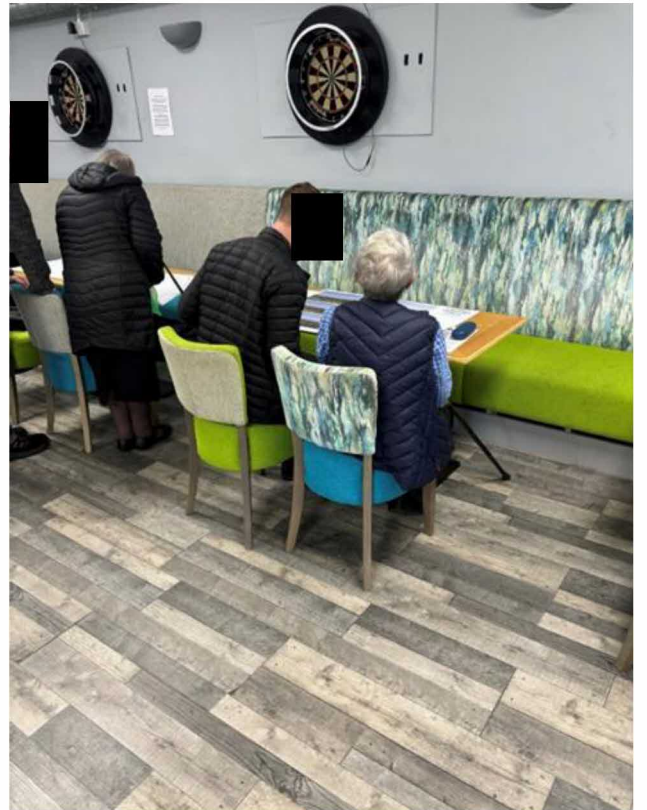
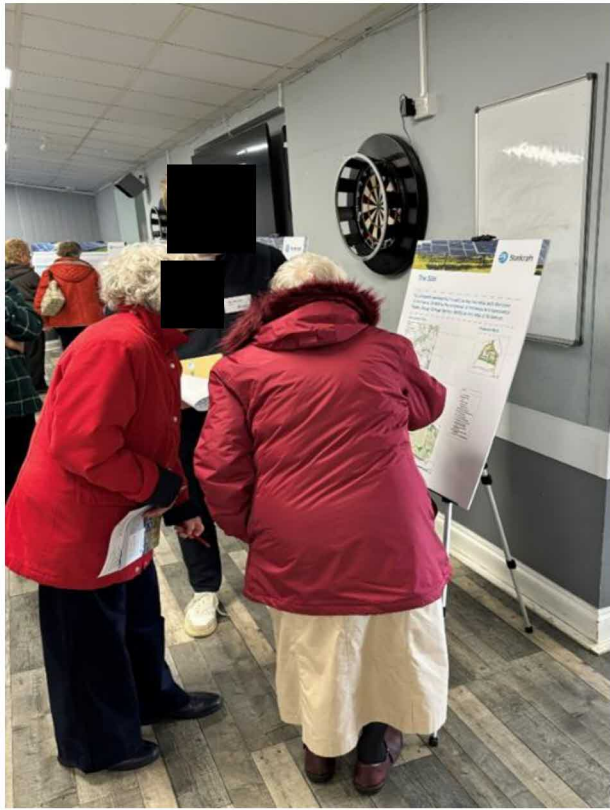
[redacted]
Tim MacKellar
Senior Project Manager

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Suzanna Kerr
Community Liaison Manager

Appendix 6: Mailing zone for the exhibition invite letter – October 2024



Appendix 7: Exhibition photos - October 2024



Appendix 8: Exhibition boards - October 2024



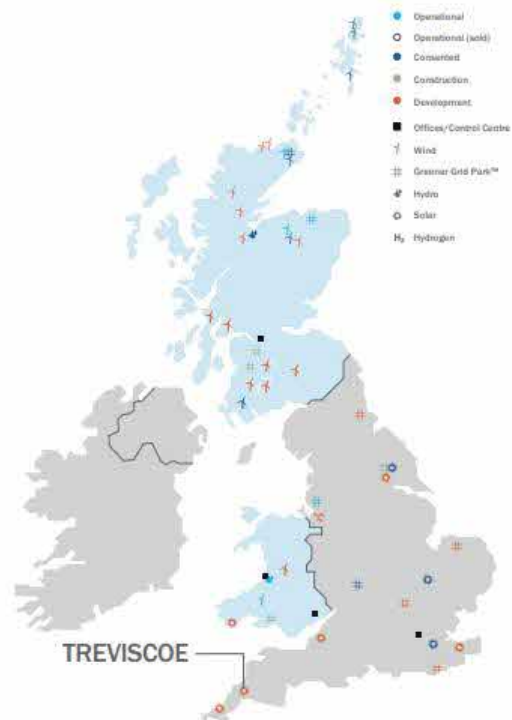
Welcome

We are updating the community on our proposals in advance of submitting a planning application for a proposed development.

We previously consulted the community in July 2021, this was online due to Covid restrictions. Following further studies of the site and feedback from the wider community, we are here today to discuss our plans, and answer your questions.

About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- More than 40 projects in operation or development across the UK
- Acquired SolarCentury in 2020, bringing onboard a strong record of solar development in the UK and Europe
- Operating in the UK since 2006 with offices across the UK
- Develop, build and operate wind, solar, hydrogen and grid stability services
- Distributed over £4 million to communities near renewable energy projects



For more information and to register for updates, visit projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe

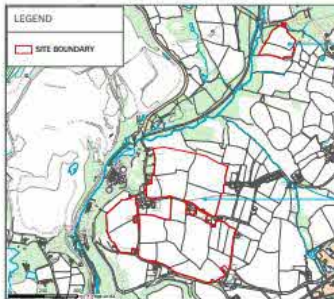




The Site

Our proposed development is split across two sites, with the solar farm of up to 35 MW to the northwest of Treviscoe and associated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to the west of St Dennis.

Site Location Plan



Proposed BESS



Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan





Our Considerations and Aims

To ensure a careful design of the proposed project a number of surveys and assessments have been undertaken by a team of specialist consultants.

The planning application will include assessments on:



Landscape and Visual Impact



Noise and Vibration



Ecology and Biodiversity



Cultural Heritage and Archaeology



Transport and Access



Glint and Glare



Agricultural Land and Soil

Our plans include:

Aiming to achieve the 15% canopy cover target across the site



Retaining the view to St. Denys Church, with potential for benches at this viewpoint



Tree and hedgerow planting, including sections of new Cornish hedgerow, to enhance or create habitats while providing additional screening



New permissive rights of way throughout the site to help improve connectivity within the existing PRow network



Two biodiversity areas within the site with the opportunity for enhanced woodland or wildflower areas

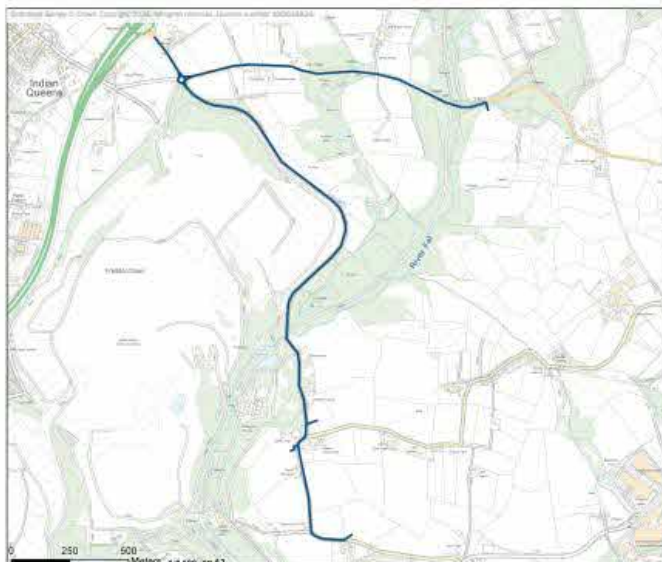




Site Access and Construction

We have completed a detailed assessment of the potential construction and operational traffic routes and access points. Our focus is on minimising the impacts on the local road network, particularly during the construction period.

Route map



During Construction

If consented, construction traffic would be routed to the site along the B3279 from the A30. Construction traffic will not be coming through Treviscoe or St Dennis.

As part of the planning application, we are preparing a Construction and Traffic Management Plan (CTMP). We work with the local authority, emergency services, the local community and other relevant bodies to produce this. The CTMP will include details of managing deliveries to site, estimated number of movements and full details of the prescribed route which construction vehicles and deliveries must follow.

Traffic movements will be limited to avoid morning and evening peak times, wherever possible.

During Operation

Once operational, it is expected that the solar farm will attract very little traffic as it does not require a permanent on-site presence. Any vehicles requiring access to the site will follow the same route as during construction.



Community Benefits

We strive to be a good neighbour and maximise benefits to communities. We welcome your ideas on how we can deliver for the community.

Community Benefit Fund

Over the operational lifetime of 40 years the fund is estimated to be worth over **£400,000***.

This would be for the benefit of local organisations and projects and index-linked to account for inflation. Our community funds typically support improving community facilities, community led initiatives, education, energy efficiency and environmental projects. We will work with the community to ensure this fund is spent in the most appropriate way and your suggestions are welcomed.

* Final amount determined by the installed MW capacity.

Local Suppliers

The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successful and provide valuable investment in the local area.

We work with local business groups to increase awareness of opportunities to get involved in construction and operation of our projects.



Scan the QR Code to register your interest in getting involved with the project.

Community Ownership

We are looking into community ownership opportunities for Treviscoe. There are a range of models that could allow shared ownership of renewable energy projects. If you have any suggestions around shared or community ownership or whether you think the local community would be interested in investing in a scheme, please let us know what you think that might look like for this project.

Environmental Enhancements

We look at actively improving the environment around our projects. We will achieve, at the very least a 10% net gain in biodiversity. A full assessment of biodiversity measures we are proposing has been made and included as part of our application.



Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to visit our drop in event today.

We are committed to engaging with the local community and would like to keep you informed. Contact us with your questions, comments or to subscribe for project updates.

There will be an opportunity to formally comment on the application when a proposal is submitted. All of the information will be available to view on the websites of both the consenting authority and our project at the time of submission.

INDICATIVE TIMELINE

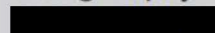
- **Autumn/Winter 2024**
Planning Submission
- **Winter 2024 - Autumn 2025**
Planning Determination period
- **Autumn 2025**
Planning decision
- **Spring 2027**
Construction commences (if consented)
- **Spring 2028**
Fully Operational



Returning the freepost reply card provided to Freepost **STATKRAFT**



Calling the project hotline:



Emailing:



Visit the project website:
projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe



Member




Company Member

Appendix 9: Reply form - October 2024

TREVISCOE SOLAR FARM

**We want to hear from you.
You can use this form to let us
know your views on the proposals
and ask any questions, we will
respond to all queries as quickly
as possible.**



**PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK -
complete and return in the envelope provided**

1. Do you think that the country needs to generate more electricity from renewable sources?

YES NO UNSURE

2. Do you agree that solar farms are a good way to achieve this?

YES NO UNSURE

3. We are looking into the potential to offer Community Ownership on our project. If the Treviscoe Solar Farm went ahead, would this type of investment be of interest to you?

YES NO UNSURE

Yes please, I would like to receive project updates (mainly by email)

No thank you, I do not want project updates

Your questions and comments

Title:

Name:


Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

PRIVACY STATEMENT
Respect for privacy and personal data protection is part of Statkraft's corporate culture. This enables us to maintain an environment where our customers, vendors and other stakeholders can trust Statkraft to process their personal data. Our online privacy statement explains how, why and for how long Statkraft processes your personal data. Scan here for more information.



Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. An application is expected to be submitted in 2024. If an application is submitted, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the consenting authority.

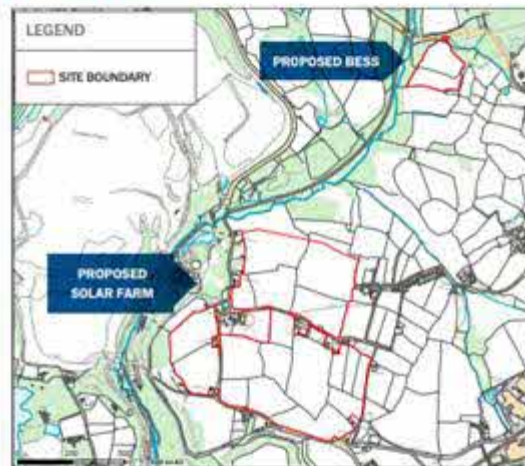
Appendix 10- Information leaflet - October 2024



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Site Location Plan



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Proposed Green Infrastructure Plan



Our Updated Proposals

Since 2021, we have made several updates to the project, taking into account feedback from the community. The key changes include:

- **Approximately 1.2 hectare reduction** in total panelled area
- **Improved planting and visual screening**
- **Potential for 1.3km of new permissive paths**
- **Additional recreational features**

Why here?

- **Higher than average solar irradiation levels** for the UK
- **Low flood risk zone**
- **Opportunities for landscape planting, increasing planting and significant biodiversity enhancement**
- **Near to the national grid connection with a connection date before 2030**



Clean, renewable electricity to power the equivalent of over **10,000 HOMES** annually*

* Based on annual household electricity consumption of 3,820kWh (2019-2020)



Delivering a minimum of **10% BIODIVERSITY** net gain



Extensive landscape planting to minimise visual impact



Potential for BESS to capture and store energy for future use



OVER £400,000 COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND over the lifetime of the project



Over 1.3km of new permissive paths to improve connectivity



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Contact us:



Freephone: [REDACTED]



Email: [REDACTED]



Website: projects.statkraft.co.uk/treviscoe

Appendix 11- Summarised response to feedback

Issue	Response
Site Selection	<p>The site has undergone a thorough site selection process and was carefully selected, including for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Site is adjacent to the National Grid substation, where a connection is available before 2030; - The Site is in an area with higher than average solar irradiation levels for the UK; - The Site has a topography that is suitable for solar energy generation; - The Site is in a low flood risk zone; - The Site is located outside of the National Landscape which covers a large area of Cornwall; - The Site is not on the highest grades of agricultural land (Grade 1 or 2); and - The Site presents opportunities for landscape planting and significant biodiversity enhancement. - Land availability/landowner desire to host the Applicant.
The area has already been industrialised e.g. clay works and other energy schemes	<p>The proposal has been designed to minimise visual impacts onto local residents and users of public footpaths. The intention is that the site is well integrated into the existing landscape and does not further exacerbate perceived feelings of industrialising the area.</p> <p>As part of our proposals, we also look to significantly increase the biodiversity of the area and create habitats and betterment for local species.</p> <p>We are also incorporating recreation areas for use by the public and proposing the addition of 1.3km of permissive paths.</p>
Residents felt that they did not have information	<p>Statkraft held two exhibitions during the pre-submission process, one was held online due to Covid restrictions and the other was held in person. Statkraft also presented to St Dennis Parish Council and St Stephen in Brannel Parish Council in 2021. At both exhibitions, there were Statkraft team members who were able to answer resident's questions and give more information.</p> <p>There was also a website for residents to gain more information and a freephone number in addition to a project email address. Residents who attended the second exhibition commented that they now had enough information.</p>
Are solar panels recyclable	<p>In most cases, 99% of a solar panel is recyclable, and there are well-established routes to do this through. A solar panel is made of a frame (typically aluminium), glass, crystalline silicon solar cells, and copper wiring, all of which can be extracted, separated, and recycled or reused. The remaining one percent is an encapsulant material which bonds the layers of a panel together.</p> <p>There are specific organisations, such as PV Cycle and the European Recycling Platform, which work with solar developers to minimise electronic waste and maximise solar recycling in line with the Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations.</p> <p>Source: <i>SEUK Briefing - Everything Under the Sun, The Facts About Solar Energy, 2022</i></p>
There needs to be a more appropriate name for the site	<p>Statkraft welcome residents feedback and have changed the name of the site to a more appropriate name that reflects the location. Going forwards the site will now be called Trerice solar farm.</p>
Concerns about cabling	<p>A cable route will be submitted as part of our planning application that joins together the two sections of the solar farm. We will work closely with Cornwall Council and Highways regarding the timeframe for the cabling works. We expect disruption to be minimal.</p>
Community benefits	<p>Statkraft are committed to providing a Community Benefit Fund calculated at £400 per MW per year (the equivalent of over £400,000 in today's terms, over the operational life of the project), with the fund being subject to the installed capacity of the scheme. This</p>

	<p>would be index linked over the project lifetime to maintain value and would be available once the solar farm has commenced operation.</p> <p>This would be for the benefit of local organisations and projects, the distribution of which is dealt with via a third party provider. Our community funds typically support improving community facilities, community led initiatives, education, energy efficiency and environmental projects. We will work with the community to ensure this fund is spent in the most appropriate way to meet local community needs and your suggestions are welcomed.</p> <p>we will also work with local businesses to give them opportunities to get involved in the construction and operation of projects with the aim of helping create and sustain jobs in the local economy.</p> <p>Moreover, the solar farm will generate substantial business rates that will be payable to Cornwall Council, helping to deliver vital public services across the county.</p>
House prices falling	<p>We cannot comment on individuals house prices, but house prices are subject to a range of factors.</p> <p>We are not aware of any material evidence that house prices have fallen in areas that host solar farms.</p>
Traffic concerns	<p>As part of the planning application, Statkraft will be submitting a construction traffic management plan which will detail where the construction traffic will pass through. This will be discussed and agreed with Cornwall Council prior to any works starting. There is no intention for any traffic to pass through the centre of St Dennis village. The current plan is for construction vehicles to come off the A30 at the B3279 junction and then follow the road down to the crossing of the River Fal, entering fields near Trerice.</p> <p>Once operational, the solar farm will generate very little traffic, typically only one van movement per month.</p>
Lifetime of the site	<p>The expected lifetime of the site is 40 years, after which a new planning application will need to be submitted if Statkraft wish to extend the lifetime of the site. Decommissioning of the site will occur in line with a Decommissioning Management Plan, to be submitted to the Council at a later date.</p>