

WHITESTONE SOLAR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT



HAVE YOUR SAY

Protect Our Countryside

Understand what the proposed Whitestone Solar farm would mean for our fields, lanes and villages

— and how to make your objection count before the 27 August 2026 deadline.

Know the plans. Protect our home. Make your voice count.

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Delivered in partnership with Harthill with Woodall Parish Council.

Welcome — Thank You for Coming

We're glad you're here to learn about the proposed Whitestone Solar farm — and **how you can have your say.**

WHY WE'RE HERE

Whitestone Solar is a proposal to build a large solar farm on farmland near our community. Tonight is your chance to see the plans, ask questions, and understand what it could mean for the place we all call home.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Our team is here to guide you through every step — how to register with the Planning Inspectorate, what the process involves, and how to turn your own experiences and concerns into comments that truly count.

Thank you for taking the time to join us tonight — **your presence and your voice make a real difference.**

Have Your Say on Whitestone Solar

Anyone can register with the Planning Inspectorate to comment on the proposed solar farm. **Here's how to take part — and what to say.**

1 How to register

- Register online during the pre-examination window (open at least 30 days).
- Have your name, address, email and phone number to hand.
- Add your written comments on the project.
- Keep the interested-party reference number you are given.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

27 August 2026 at 23:59PM

2 What to write

Personal experiences count. Tell the inspector how the scheme would affect your daily life — your **walks, time outdoors, peace and quiet, and mental health and wellbeing.**

EXAMPLE COMMENTS

“My morning walk across these fields is how I keep my anxiety in check — losing it would hit hard.”

“We walk the footpaths as a family every weekend; the quiet and open views lift our spirits.”

“Time outdoors here clears my head after work — I fear the fencing and lights will take that calm away.”

SCAN TO REGISTER



Opens the Planning Inspectorate
registration page

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Where We Are in the Process

Whitestone is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. The final decision is made by the Secretary of State — not the local council — following examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

COMPLETE

Pre-application

Community consultation and scheme design.

COMPLETE

Acceptance

Application accepted for examination on 3 July 2026.

WE ARE HERE

Pre-examination

Register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an Interested Party.

NEXT

Examination

Up to six months of formal scrutiny and public hearings.

UPCOMING

Recommendation

The Planning Inspectorate reports to the Secretary of State.

UPCOMING

Decision

The Secretary of State decides whether consent is granted.

Register as an Interested Party by 27 August 2026 (23:59) — this is your window to have a formal say during the Examination.

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How to Register Your Interest

Registering with the Planning Inspectorate takes only a few minutes. Follow these steps before the deadline.

1

Find the project

Go to the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website and open the Whitestone Solar project page.

2

Register to take part

Register online during the pre-examination window, which stays open for at least 30 days.

3

Enter your details

Provide your name, postal address, email address and phone number.

4

Add your comments

Submit your written comments on how the proposed scheme would affect you and your community.

5

Keep your reference

Save the interested-party reference number you are given — you'll need it later.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ✓ Your full name
- ✓ Your postal address
- ✓ Email address
- ✓ Phone number
- ✓ Your written comments on the project

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Personal Comments You Can Make Your Own

Borrow the feeling, not the words. Adapt these to your own life and **write from the heart.**

WALKING & WELLBEING

"My morning walk across these fields keeps my anxiety in check; losing it would hit hard."

FAMILY OUTDOORS

"We walk the footpaths as a family every weekend; the quiet and views lift our spirits."

PEACE IN LATER LIFE

"Since I retired, my daily stroll keeps me active — I fear the fencing will end that peace."

HEALTH & RECOVERY

"Walking these lanes was central to my recovery; fresh air and calm are vital to my health."

HORSE RIDERS

"I ride these bridleways weekly; construction traffic would make them unsafe for horses."

OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

"I want my children to grow up knowing these fields — this landscape should be theirs."

WILDLIFE & NATURE

"We watch owls, hares and skylarks here — I worry what this would mean for the wildlife."

COMMUNITY & BELONGING

"These paths are where neighbours meet and children play — the heart of our village."

NOISE & AIR POLLUTION

"The hum of the inverters would carry to our garden and rob us of the quiet we love."

ROADS & DISRUPTION

"A diversion on our lane would add half an hour to the school run every single day."

PRESSURE ON THE A57

"The A57 backs up as it is — adding site traffic would bring it to a standstill."

LOSS OF FARMLAND

"This is good farmland feeding the country — why cover it when poorer sites exist?"

VIEWS FROM HOME

"The open view from our window is why we live here — panels would take that away."

GLINT & GLARE

"On bright days the glare off the panels could flash into our home and across the road."

DARK SKIES AT NIGHT

"We treasure our dark skies and the stars — security lighting would steal that from us."

FLOODING & DRAINAGE

"Our lane already floods; covering these fields with panels worries me about the run-off."

There are no right or wrong words. Write honestly about your own experience — **that is what the Planning Inspectorate values most.**

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Turn a Comment Into an Objection

Start with how you feel, then explain the impact. Here are three worked examples to shape your own.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

"My morning walk across these fields keeps my anxiety in check; losing it would hit hard."

EXAMPLE OBJECTION

I object on health and wellbeing grounds. I have lived beside these fields for over twenty years, and my morning walk here is how I keep my anxiety under control. After a hard year, this quiet green space is the one thing that steadies me. Fencing, security lights and rows of panels would take that away, and there is nowhere else like it near my home.

WILDLIFE & NATURE

"We watch owls, hares and skylarks here — I worry what this would mean for the wildlife."

EXAMPLE OBJECTION

I object because of the harm to wildlife I see with my own eyes. From my garden I watch barn owls hunt at dusk, hares box in spring and skylarks nest in these fields. My children have grown up learning their names here. I am frightened the fencing, works and loss of farmland would drive them out for good, and that the survey overlooks how alive this land is.

TRAFFIC & RURAL ROADS

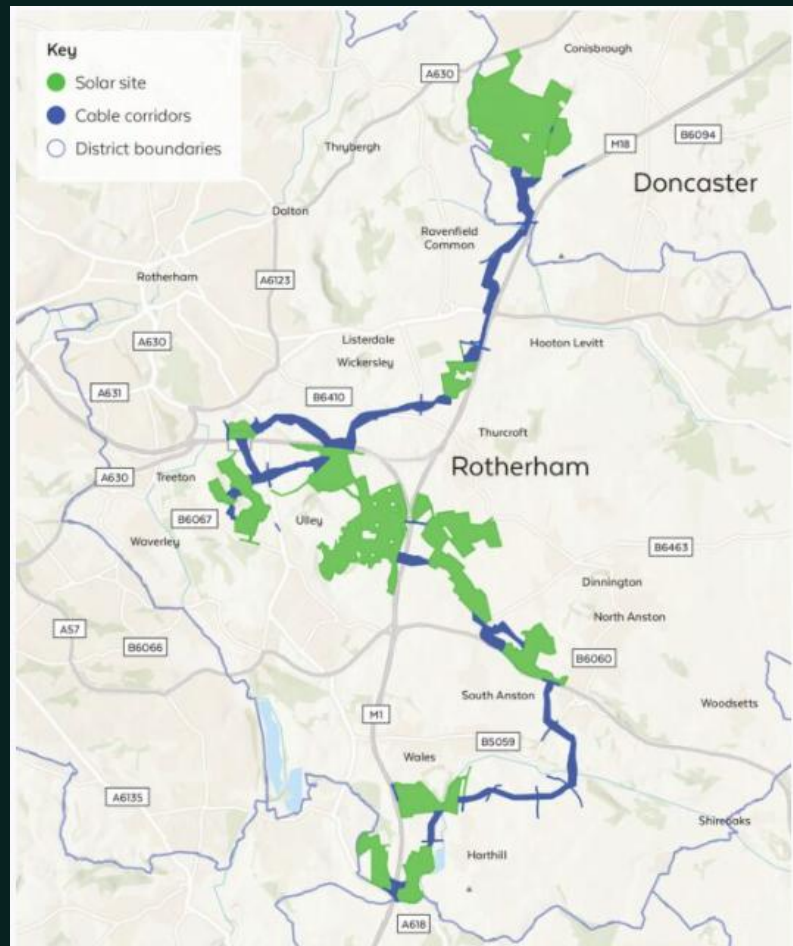
"The A57 backs up as it is — adding site traffic would bring it to a standstill."

EXAMPLE OBJECTION

I object because of traffic and safety. I do the school run along the A57 every morning, and it already crawls to a standstill. Adding construction lorries and diversions to our narrow lanes would make me late for work and, worse, put my children at risk. I genuinely fear for the cyclists, walkers and horse riders I pass on these roads every day.

Keep it personal and specific — the Planning Inspectorate values your own experience most.

The Whitestone Solar Project



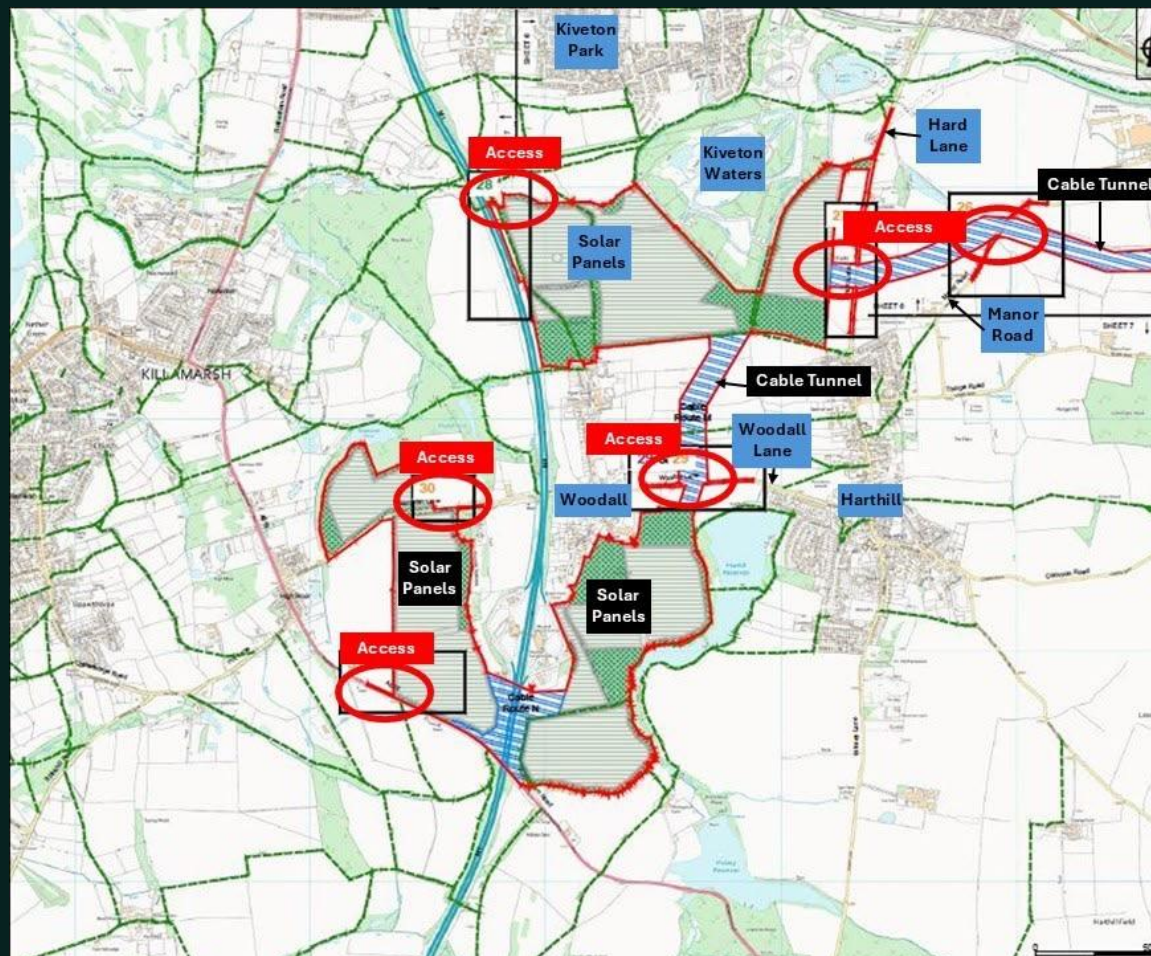
KEY POINTS

- A large-scale solar farm proposed on farmland near our community.
- Spans several parishes across the Rotherham and Doncaster area.
- Examined by the Planning Inspectorate through the national infrastructure planning process.
- Includes underground cable corridors connecting the site to the electricity grid.
- Local people can register to have their say — **registration closes 27 August 2026.**

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WS3 Harthill, Woodall & Kiveton

What the map really shows: solar fields, access points and cable tunnels ringing Kiveton, Woodall and Harthill.



What the callouts really mean

- **Solar fields on all sides:** The shaded blocks are hundreds of acres of panels wrapping Kiveton Waters, Woodall and Harthill — productive farmland and open views lost for around 60 years.
- **Access points on our lanes:** Every red “Access” marks construction traffic funnelling onto Hard Lane, Manor Road, Woodall Lane and the local network for years of the build.
- **Cable tunnels under our roads:** The marked cable tunnels mean major trenching and boring beneath roads and rail near Woodall and Manor Road, with months of works and disruption.
- **Six decades of impact:** Consent is sought for around 60 years, reshaping the countryside around Harthill, Woodall and Kiveton for generations, not a few years.
- **An industrial landscape:** Panels up to around 3.8m tall, perimeter fencing, CCTV and security lighting would turn tranquil, dark countryside into a fenced industrial site.
- **Make your objection count:** Kiveton, Woodall and Harthill would be encircled by this scheme. Register with the Planning Inspectorate by 27 August 2026 to formally object.

Your Questions — and Why We're Objecting

Why lose productive farmland?

Hundreds of acres of good, food-producing land would be taken out of use for decades. Once panels cover the fields, this land no longer feeds anyone.

Isn't this only temporary?

No. Consent is sought for around 60 years — most of a lifetime. This would reshape our countryside for generations, not a few years.

What about construction traffic?

Years of heavy lorries on narrow country lanes mean congestion, damaged roads and real danger to homes, walkers, cyclists and horse riders. We understand this will be **500 HGV** movements daily including Saturdays!

Will it be noisy?

Inverters, transformers and battery cooling run constantly, producing a hum that carries across open countryside by day and night.

Is it really clean and safe?

Large lithium batteries carry a fire risk, and a fire can release toxic smoke. Construction adds dust and emissions to our rural air.

Isn't there a better option?

Yes. Rooftops, car parks and brownfield land can deliver solar without sacrificing farmland. This is the wrong scheme in the wrong place.

The best way to stop this is to be heard. Register as an Interested Party with the Planning Inspectorate by 27 August 2026 to formally object — the more of us who register, the stronger our voice.

More Reasons to Object

How tall are the panels?

Rows of panels up to around 3.8 metres tall — the height of a double decker bus — would industrialise open fields across the landscape.

What about the A57 and commuting?

Construction traffic and abnormal loads would add to congestion on the A57 and nearby routes, disrupting daily commutes for years.

What about construction compounds?

Large temporary compounds, laydown areas, cabins, generators and lighting would occupy fields near homes throughout the build.

Will there be glint and glare?

Thousands of reflective panels can cause glare that affects drivers on local roads, nearby homes and low-flying aircraft.

Will it feel industrial?

Perimeter fencing, CCTV and security lighting would turn tranquil, dark countryside into a fenced industrial site.

What about the cumulative impact?

Whitestone is one of several large energy schemes in the area — together they risk surrounding our communities with industrial development.

Every one of these concerns is a valid reason to object. Register with the Planning Inspectorate by 27 August 2026 and make your voice count.

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Whitestone is Not the Only One

Whitestone is one part of a fast-growing cluster of solar, battery and grid projects stretching across South Yorkshire and into Derbyshire — an interconnected energy corridor closing in on our countryside.

ROTHER VALLEY SOLAR

Whitestone Solar Farm NSIP — in examination

Thurcroft Energy Park solar + battery — awaiting RMBC

Piper Lane Solar Farm Aston / Ulley — awaiting RMBC

Common Farm Solar Laughton — under construction

Foredoles Farm Rotherham Solar 1 — pre-construction

Stainton / Maltby Solar solar + battery — under review

MORE SOLAR & DERBYSHIRE

Yorkshire Water, Aughton Green Belt solar — early stage

Beechtree Junction Solar Exagen — South Yorkshire

Castle Way Energy S. Derbyshire — 300MW solar + 200MW battery

Arleston Solar Farm S. Derbyshire — pending decision

BATTERY & GRID

Hard Lane BESS Kiveton / Harthill — awaiting RMBC

Swallownest BESS Chesterfield Rd — decision pending

Moat Lane BESS Wickersley — refused, now appealed (x2)

Aven Estate BESS Maltby — approved

Brinsworth Substation National Grid — awaiting approval

Thurcroft Substation grid upgrades for new solar

One scheme is bad enough — but the combined impact on our roads, landscape and communities must be judged together. This cumulative pressure is a powerful reason to object.

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Our Roads. Our Health. Our Future.

The construction impact behind the campaign — key messages for the meeting.

STOP WHITESTONE SOLAR

**500 HGV MOVEMENTS
EVERY DAY FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS**
TO CONSTRUCT THE WHITESTONE SOLAR PROJECTS
(WS1, WS2 & WS3)

OUR VILLAGES. OUR ROADS. OUR HEALTH. OUR FUTURE.



**THAT'S UP TO
500
HGV MOVEMENTS
EVERY SINGLE DAY**

- For at least **3 YEARS** of construction traffic
- Bringing materials in. Taking waste out. Non-stop.
- 7 DAYS A WEEK** From early morning until late evening.

THE EFFECT ON AIR QUALITY

500 HGV movements a day means **MORE DIESEL EMISSIONS, MORE POLLUTION and WORSE AIR QUALITY** for our communities.

- Increased risk of respiratory problems, asthma and long term health issues.
- Harmful NOx and particulate emissions affect children, the elderly and vulnerable people the most.
- Pollution doesn't stop at the site boundary – it spreads across the Rother Valley.



CONGESTION, CLOSED ROADS & DIVERSIONS

Road closures, diversions and hundreds of extra HGVs will cause **MAJOR DISRUPTION** across our villages and the wider area.

- Severe congestion on the A57 and surrounding roads.
- Longer journey times for commuters, school runs and businesses.
- More congestion = more emissions = poor air quality.
- Emergency services and local buses delayed.



THE A57 IS ALREADY UNDER PRESSURE. THIS PROJECT WILL MAKE IT WORSE.

- ALREADY BUSY** A major route for thousands of vehicles every day.
- ROUTE DIVERSIONS** Local roads not designed for large volumes of HGVs.
- MORE CONGESTION** Large traffic, more delays, more frustration.
- MORE POLLUTION** More idling, more emissions, worse air quality.

IT'S NOT JUST WHITESTONE – IT'S A WAVE OF INDUSTRIALISATION
MULTIPLE LARGE PROJECTS = MULTIPLE HGV MOVEMENTS

- COMMON SOLAR FARM** (OnPath Energy)
 - Up to 500 acres
 - Hundreds of HGV movements PER DAY during construction
 - Construction traffic on our doorstep
- BRINSWORTH B SUBSTATION** (Northern Powergrid)
 - 230 vehicle movements PER DAY during construction
 - Whiston, Long Lane
- EXAGEN THURCROFT INTERCHANGE ENERGY PARK**
 - Large scale energy storage development
 - Increased traffic and industrial activity

THE COMBINED IMPACT IS HUGE

- More HGVs
- More congestion
- More pollution
- More damage to our roads
- More disruption to daily life.

OUR ROADS. OUR HEALTH. OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR FUTURE.

DON'T LET OUR VILLAGES BECOME AN INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION ROUTE.
SPEAK UP. REGISTER YOUR INTEREST. SUBMIT PERSONAL COMMENTS.

 Whitestone Warriors
Ordinary people doing extraordinary things

REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED PARTY TODAY
YOU HAVE 28 DAYS – DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE



500 LORRIES A DAY

Around 500 HGV movements every day, 6 days a week, for at least 2-3 years across WS1, WS2 and WS3.

AIR QUALITY

Diesel HGVs release harmful NOx and particulates — a real concern for children, older and vulnerable residents.

GRIDLOCK ON THE A57

Road closures, diversions and heavy congestion for commuters, the school run, businesses and emergency services.

A WAVE OF INDUSTRIALISATION

Whitestone is one of several major projects at once — the combined impact on our roads is far greater.

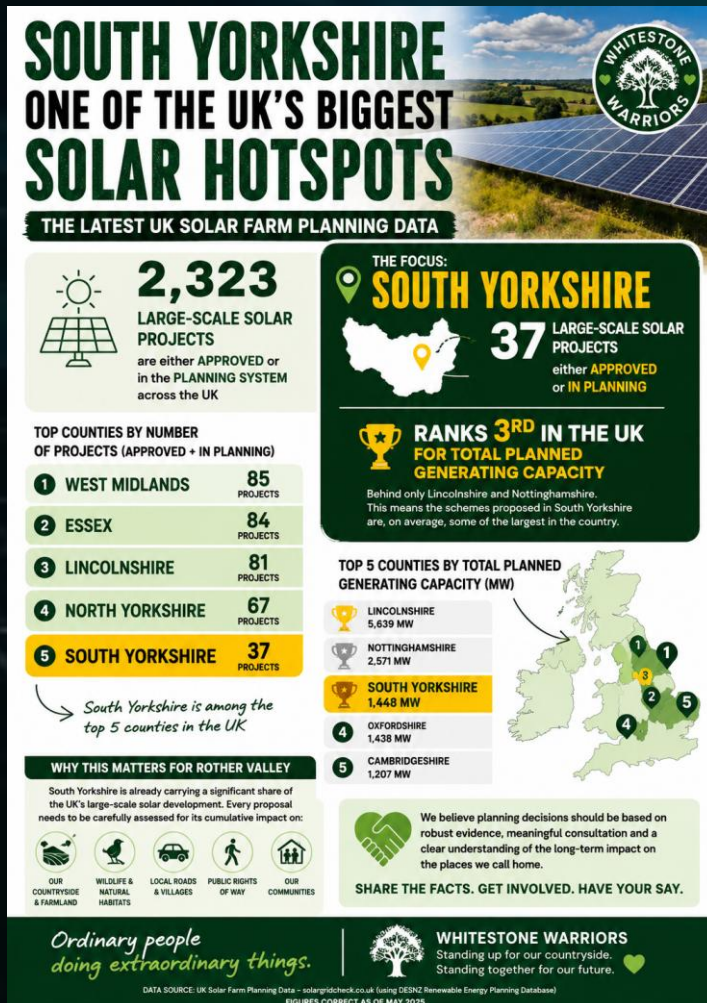
SPEAK UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Don't let our villages become an industrial construction site. Register your interest with the Planning Inspectorate and submit your personal comments before the deadline.

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South Yorkshire: A Solar Hotspot

The UK planning data behind our concerns — key facts for the meeting.



37 PROJECTS HERE

South Yorkshire has 37 large-scale solar projects approved or in planning — among the top 5 counties in the UK.

3RD IN THE UK

It ranks 3rd in the UK for total planned capacity — 1,448 MW — behind only Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire.

SOME OF THE LARGEST

On average, the schemes proposed across South Yorkshire are among the largest in the whole country.

WHY IT MATTERS HERE

Rother Valley already carries a big share of this — the cumulative impact on countryside, roads and communities must be assessed.

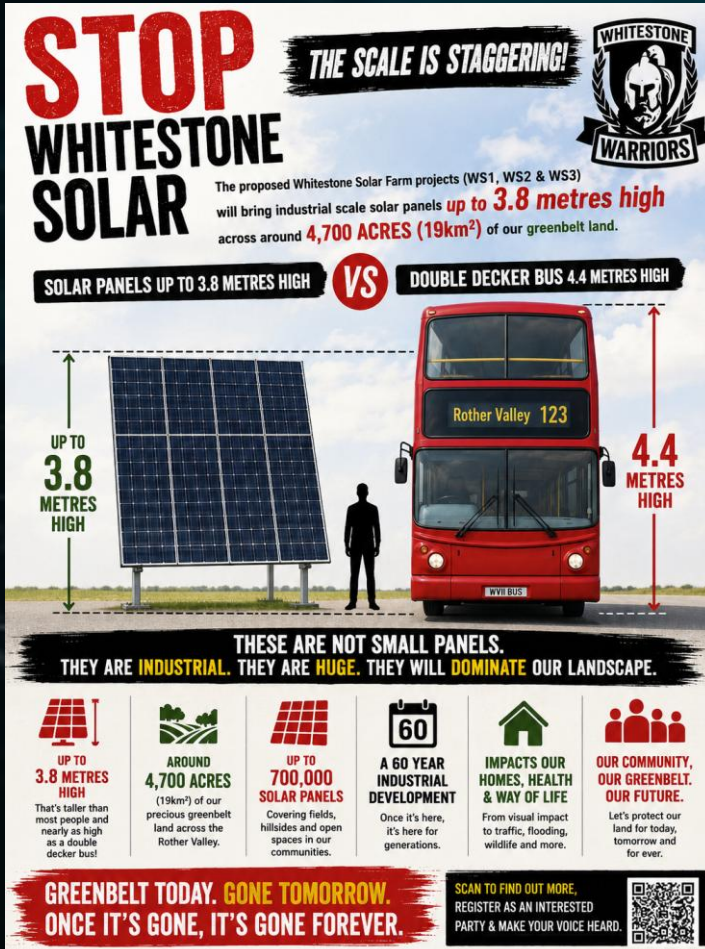
SHARE THE FACTS. GET INVOLVED. HAVE YOUR SAY.

Planning decisions should rest on robust evidence and real consultation. Register your interest and submit your personal comments.

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The Scale Is Staggering

What “industrial-scale” solar really means for our greenbelt — the physical facts.



STOP WHITESTONE SOLAR

THE SCALE IS STAGGERING!

The proposed Whitestone Solar Farm projects (WS1, WS2 & WS3) will bring industrial scale solar panels **up to 3.8 metres high** across around **4,700 ACRES (19km²)** of our greenbelt land.

SOLAR PANELS UP TO 3.8 METRES HIGH VS DOUBLE DECKER BUS 4.4 METRES HIGH

UP TO 3.8 METRES HIGH

4.4 METRES HIGH

THESE ARE NOT SMALL PANELS. THEY ARE INDUSTRIAL. THEY ARE HUGE. THEY WILL DOMINATE OUR LANDSCAPE.

- UP TO 3.8 METRES HIGH**
That's taller than most people and nearly as high as a double-decker bus!
- AROUND 4,700 ACRES (19km²)** of our precious greenbelt land across the Rother Valley.
- UP TO 700,000 SOLAR PANELS**
Covering fields, hillsides and open spaces in our communities.
- A 60 YEAR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**
Once it's here, it's here for generations.
- IMPACTS OUR HOMES, HEALTH & WAY OF LIFE**
From visual impact to traffic, flooding, wildlife and more.
- OUR COMMUNITY, OUR GREENBELT, OUR FUTURE.**
Let's protect our land for today, tomorrow and for ever.

GREENBELT TODAY. GONE TOMORROW. ONCE IT'S GONE, IT'S GONE FOREVER.

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE, REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED PARTY & MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

TOGETHER WE CAN PROTECT OUR FUTURE

UP TO 3.8m HIGH

Panels stand up to 3.8 metres tall — nearly as high as a double-decker bus. These are not small panels.

AROUND 4,700 ACRES

WS1, WS2 & WS3 would cover around 4,700 acres (19 km²) of precious greenbelt across the Rother Valley.

UP TO 700,000 PANELS

Up to 700,000 solar panels would blanket fields, hillsides and open spaces right across our communities.

A 60-YEAR FOOTPRINT

A 60-year industrial development. Once it's here, it's here for generations — impacting homes, health and wildlife.

GREENBELT TODAY. GONE TOMORROW.

Once it's gone, it's gone forever. Find out more, register as an interested party and make your voice heard.

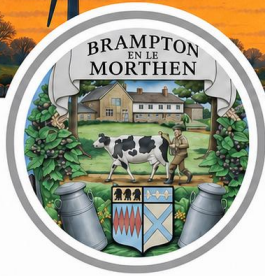
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Stay Updated Across Our Communities

Follow our community Facebook pages for the latest news, updates and ways to have your say — right across our villages.

Brampton-en-le-Morthen Community



BELM Community Association

666 followers • 58 following

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WHITESTONE WARRIORS

POWERED BY COMMON SENSE
ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS.

Whitestone Warriors >

Public group • 1.2K members

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NOW PLAYING ON A LOOP

This Presentation Runs on a Loop

It will keep playing throughout the meeting. Feel free to watch again from the start — and please come and speak with a member of our team whenever you're ready.

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BEFORE YOU GO

Come and Speak to the Team

If you need more information, want to understand how to object, or would like help registering your objection, please come and talk to one of our team — we're here to guide you through every step.

Thank you for coming — and for helping protect our countryside.