



Enborne Parish Council

Poors Allotment Solar Project Grant for Feasibility Study Funding

From the Trustees of the Enborne Poors Allotment Charity (the Charity), Enborne Parish Council and Calleva Community Energy Limited (Calleva), August 2020

Solar Farm Feasibility Study

We are pleased to announce that Calleva's application to the Rural Communities Energy Fund (RCEF) for a grant to fund a study of the feasibility of siting a solar farm in the Poors Allotment in Enborne Parish **has been successful**. The funding to be administered by The Greater South East Energy Hub, is for up to £39,999 and will be used to finance:

- Site and technical feasibility modelling – this will give us the design proposals for the solar farm together with estimates of improved income for the charity and its aims.
- Grid connection applications – this will tell us how we can connect to the grid and what the cost will be
- Planning surveys and pre-application studies – these will include guidance with respect to the visual aspects of the farm and how we might mitigate these with screening, reviewing the existing flooding issues and likely impact of the farm amongst others

Community Engagement Plan

Regular updates on progress during the feasibility study will be available on the Enborne Parish Council website at www.enborne.org.uk. Also we would prefer to send future announcements and public information to residents by e-mail rather than by postbox drops. If you would like to be included on future e-mail announcements could you please sign up by e-mailing the Clerk to Enborne Parish Council at Clerk@enborne.org.uk?

We envisage conducting Community Engagement presentations with question and answer opportunities for Enborne Parish residents, Covid 19 social distancing rules permitting, after the following study phases have been completed. We expect these to take around 6 months overall:

- Phase 1: planning pre-application, initial site feasibility modelling and budget grid connection application, together with associated legal work
- Phase 2: planning surveys completed, second stage feasibility modelling and technical design completed, full grid connection offer application and draft planning submission produced for consultation

We would prefer to and currently plan to hold physical meetings at the Enborne Church Barn or other suitable local venue but the eventual meeting/presentation format will depend on the social distancing rules in place at the time of the proposed meeting.

Any current questions should be addressed to:

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