Since our public exhibition in June 2024, where we presented our plans for a solar farm on land at Fallaws Farm, Arbirlot, approximately 5km west of Arbroath, we have been refining the design in response to feedback received and ongoing surveys and assessments.

Today’s exhibition presents the updated layout design for the solar farm and provides you with an opportunity to submit written feedback to RES on the updated design. Your feedback has the potential to influence and improve the overall quality of any future planning application from a community perspective.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to fill out this comment form with your feedback. Please provide feedback by **Friday 11th October 2024.** Comments will still be accepted after this date but may not be considered in relation to the design development.

*Please note that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority (Angus Council). There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should an application be made.*

**1 Bonnyknox Solar Farm: Public Exhibition**

1.1 How did you find out about our public exhibition?

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|  | Postcard through the door |
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|  | Advert in local newspaper |
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|  | Project website – [www.bonnyknox-solarfarm.co.uk](http://www.bonnyknox-solarfarm.co.uk)  |
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|  | Word of mouth |
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|  | Other (please specify) |
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1.2 Before visiting the exhibition how would you describe your knowledge of the proposal?

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|  | Knew a lot |
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|  | Knew quite a lot |
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|  | Knew a little |
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|  | Knew very little |
|  |  |
|  | Knew nothing at all |

1.3 Having visited the exhibition, to what extent do you feel you have increased your understanding about the proposal?

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|  | A lot |
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|  | Quite a lot |
|  |  |
|  | A little |
|  |  |
|  | Very little |
|  |  |
|  | Nothing at all |

1.4 Which part of the exhibition did you find most useful?

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|  | The information boards  |
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|  | Ability to ask the project team questions |
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|  | Interactive map |
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|  | Other (please specify)  |

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1.5 Do you have any suggestions for ways in which we could have improved our exhibition?

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**2 Bonnyknox Solar Farm: Proposal**

Your views on the proposal for Bonnyknox Solar Farm has the potential to influence and improve the overall quality of the planning application from a community perspective.

2.1 How do you feel in general about the proposal?

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|  | I am supportive |
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|  | I am neutral  |
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|  | I am opposed |
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|  Further comments: |
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2.2 What do you think about the updated design layout of the Bonnyknox Solar Farm?

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|  | I am happy with the updated layout |
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|  | I am neutral towards the updated layout |
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|  | I have concerns about the updated layout (please provide further information in the box below) |
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|  | I don’t like solar farms in general |

 Further comments:

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2.3 Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the proposal?

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**3 Local Benefits**

3.1 We firmly believe that solar developments should provide meaningful benefits locally and we are working with the local community to gain feedback on their priorities and deliver projects that will help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits. This approach will help to deliver a tailored package of benefits that are aligned with the local communities’ priorities.

The options below have been selected from ideas presented from members of the community during the first phase of the consultation.

Please tick three priorities you believe would most benefit the community.

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|  | Contributions to the existing community trust in Arbirlot |
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|  | Improving paths and recreational access around the site |
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|  | Wildlife area on the solar farm site  |
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|  | Improving broadband / fibre in the local area  |
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|  | Funding for community initiatives  |
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Other (please specify)

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3.2. At RES, we are committed to inspiring the next generation and are keen to engage with the local community to educate young people about renewable energy and the many exciting career opportunities within the renewable energy industry.

If you know of community initiatives that would benefit from our involvement, please let us know. In particular we welcome recommendations for youth and school initiatives—we’d love to help spark an interest in renewable energy among the next generation.

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**4 Your details**

Please provide your name and contact details below in order to authenticate this comments form. Providing this information gives context to your feedback, facilitates a better understanding of community views and priorities, and enables us to respond to any questions raised. However, **if you are not comfortable providing us with your full contact details, please include your postcode as a minimum.**

Your contact details will be treated by RES and Cavendish Consulting with the strictest of confidence, in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. We may at times share your contact details, in confidence, with third parties who we employ to help process your comments or update you on the project and by providing your details below you consent to this. You may write to RES or Cavendish Consulting at any time to ask that your contact details be removed from our records and from any third parties we work with.

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| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Address |  |
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| If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, please tick this box  |  |  |

When you have completed the comment form, please return to a member of staff at the sign-in desk. Comment forms can also be sent by email to bonnyknoxsolarfarm@consultationonline.co.uk or by post to: C/o Cavendish Consulting, 220 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5SG.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this comment form, your feedback is important to us.