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**PROPOSED SOLAR ENERGY PARK AT BLETCHLEY LANDFILL SITE, MILTON KEYNES, MK3 5FP.**

***Introduction***

I am writing on behalf of Infinis Solar Development Limited (Infinis) to notify you of our intention to submit a planning application for a Solar Energy Park (Proposed Development) within a parcel of land at Bletchley Landfill Site.

As a member of the local community, your views and comments on our proposals are very important to us. We would welcome any comments or questions you may have so that we can ensure that the planning application has appropriately considered the views of all interested parties and where appropriate these are incorporated into the final design. Please find the key points outlined overleaf.

You can keep up to date with the plans at [www.bletchley-solar.co.uk](http://www.bletchley-solar.co.uk). (to go live no later than 1/10/23).

***Our Plans to engage with the local community.***

*We are holding two walk in exhibitions for you to review our plans and have the opportunity to discuss them with our development team:*

Date	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Time	2 – 6.30	2 – 6.30
Address	Newton Longville Village Hall Paradise MK17 0AQ	Newton Leys Pavilion Furzey Way MK3 5SP

If you are unable to attend the events you can also contact us by:

Email: [communityengagement@infinis.com](mailto:communityengagement@infinis.com)

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## **KEY PROJECT FACTS**

### ***The Proposed Development***

The solar park would be located on an area of non-operational land fill.

Construction impacts would be short term with works anticipated to last approximately 6 months. The construction works would be undertaken in accordance with stringent controls to ensure there are no unacceptable impacts on the local area.

To inform the Council's decision, the planning application will be supported by a range of specialist assessments.

Once all assessment work has been completed, and the views of the local community received we will finalise the design and submit the planning application to both Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire Council's for their consideration. The Councils will then undertake their own consultations on the planning application prior to making a decision.

### ***The Benefits***

The Proposed Development would generate renewable electricity, helping to cut carbon emissions and the impacts of climate change whilst enhancing UK energy security.

Faced with the current crisis of the security and cost of our energy supplies, and the urgent need to decarbonise the energy system, it is vital that opportunities to quickly deliver renewable energy generation are taken. The grid network is hampering the development of renewables. The system is overloaded and in need of significant upgrades meaning that new grid connections typically cannot be delivered until 2030 onwards. Existing points where renewable energy generation can be connected to the grid network are increasingly rare and a key driver for the proposed development at Bletchley is the ability to immediately make use of the available onsite grid connection. Therefore, the opportunity at Bletchley Solar Park is a rare one.

The solar project would be developed alongside the existing landfill infrastructure and work with the landfill restoration plan. The Site has limited opportunities for alternative development due to the need to manage landfill gas for the foreseeable future and the nature of the landfill site. So, developing solar on a section of closed landfill is a highly effective use of land (location plan attached). The proposed solar park would not interfere with the contaminants beneath the capped landfill surface, as there is no requirement to dig down into the landfill with the solar panels likely to be anchored to the ground with concrete footings, or short piles.

Given the former use of the site as a landfill, road and grid infrastructure are already in place so that fewer construction works are required which limits impacts on the local area.

The proposed solar park would generate up to 12 megawatts of renewable electricity providing enough clean electricity to meet the needs of approximately 3,000 average households every year.

We look forward to receiving your comments on our proposals.

Yours faithfully

**Colette Flynn**  
Community Relations Manager

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