

Oaklands Farm Solar Park Update

This is the first of a series of newsletters we will share at key stages of the project to keep local residents informed, provide updates on progress, and let you know what to expect as work moves forward. Construction of Oaklands Farm Solar Park is planned to begin in **summer 2026**.

More about the project

Planning consent for Oaklands Park Solar Farm was granted in June 2025. The project is now in pre-construction, with surveys and design work underway. Recent activity includes ground, ecology and archaeological surveys.

We will soon move into full construction. In the coming months, you will start to see activity on site, and we will continue to keep local residents updated about what is happening and what to expect.

Project at a glance

- Site area: 400 acres
- Installed capacity: 152 MW solar with the option for a 37.5 MW energy storage system
- Annual energy production: enough to supply 35,000 homes*
- Grid connection: underground cable to Drakelow Substation
- Community benefit: £55,000 (index-linked) per year over the lifetime of the project



*calculated based on an average GB household consumption of 3.748 MWh per year

Find out more

Come and meet the Oaklands Park Solar Farm team!

Learn about the construction programme, ask questions, and find out how we're working to minimise inconvenience for the local community.

Join us at the drop-in session on:



Date: Wednesday, 22 April

Time: 4pm - 7pm

Location: Rosliston Forestry Centre,
Burton Road, Rosliston, DE12 8JK

What to expect during construction

Once main construction begins, you may notice an increase in vehicle activity around the site. This will not last for the full construction period. The busiest period is expected between June 2026 and July 2027, with peak activity between November 2026 and June 2027.

An outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) has been prepared and approved to help minimise disruption. This plan will be followed throughout construction and updated before works begin.

The project team will continue working closely with local authorities to coordinate construction activities and reduce impacts where possible.

The full Traffic Management Plan will be available on the project website.



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Construction timeline

Construction is expected to begin around summer 2026, once preparatory works are complete. The overall build phase is anticipated to last approximately 20–24 months, with the solar park expected to become operational early 2028.

Timelines can shift slightly on projects of this scale, but we will keep the community informed of any significant changes.



Initial works (haul road and cable route)

Expected to begin in summer 2026



Main solar installation and infrastructure works

Anticipated for late summer / autumn 2026



Solar farm operational

Targeted for early 2028

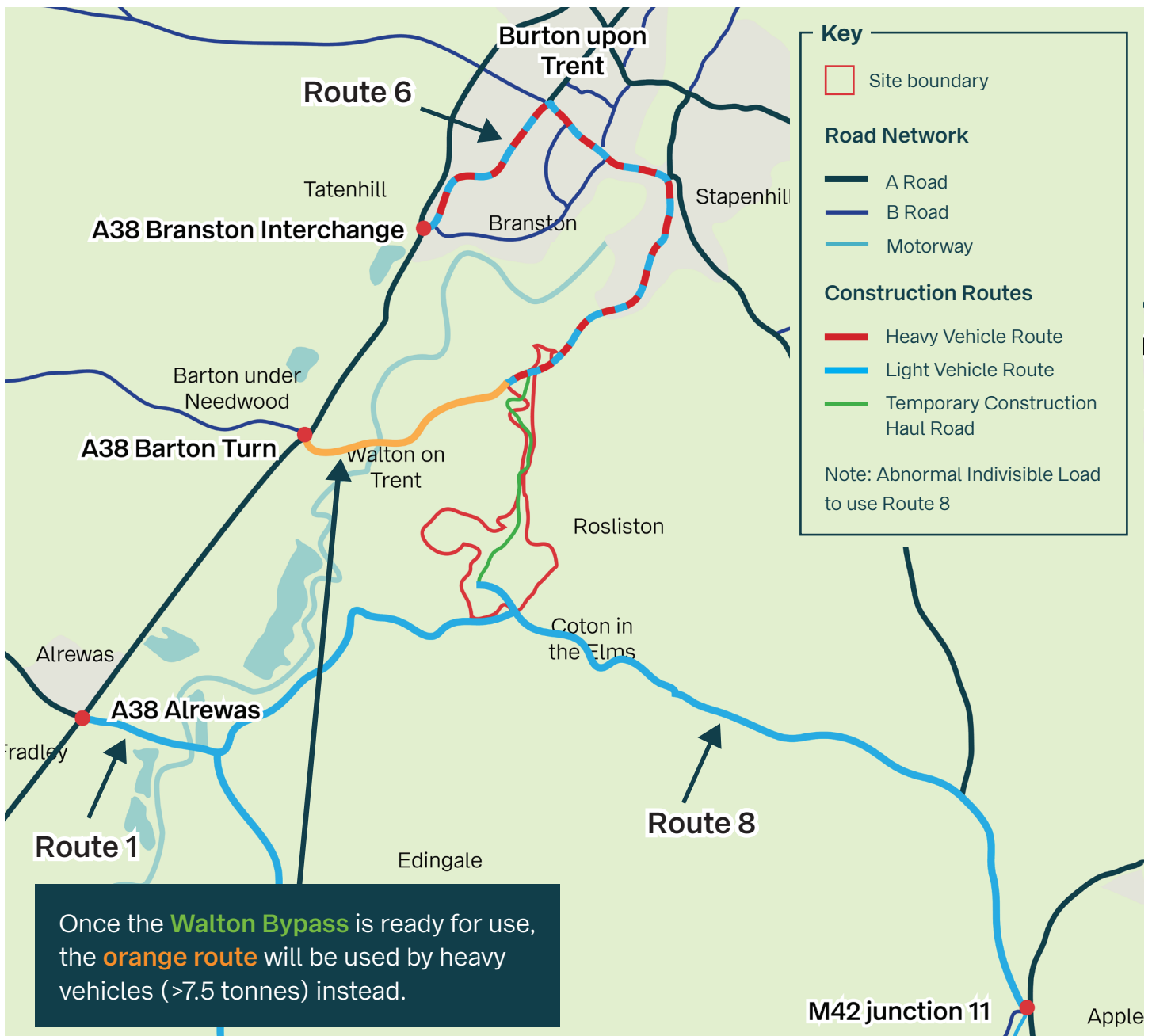


Managing traffic and safety

We are committed to keeping everyone safe and ensuring traffic flows smoothly during construction. The map shows the routes that construction vehicles will use to access the site.

- Before the Walton Bypass opens, heavy vehicles will follow the temporary route shown in red. Once the bypass is open, vehicles will move to the preferred route shown in orange, which will help reduce traffic locally.
- To minimise disruption further, all construction vehicles use approved routes.
- A new access road will connect the site to Walton Road, and vehicles will follow a planned timetable wherever possible.
- We are working with the council and have established a Traffic Management Group to keep residents informed.
- Construction will be busiest from June 2026 to July 2027, with peak activity between November 2026 and June 2027.
- While we are taking steps to reduce the impact, some inconvenience may still occur, and we appreciate your understanding.

The following route will be used by heavy vehicles (>7.5 tonnes) while the Walton Bypass construction is ongoing.



Community and local benefits

The solar park will deliver a range of benefits for the local community, environment, and economy.

Community benefit fund

Once operational a community benefit of around **£55,000 per year (index-linked)** will support local projects and initiatives that make a real difference in the area.

Environmental benefits

As well as producing, clean renewable energy the project will support and enhance the local environment by:

- **Clean electricity** for the grid – reduces reliance on fossil fuels and helps tackle climate change.
- **Enhancing biodiversity** – new planting and habitat management provide homes for birds, bees, and other wildlife.
- **Healthy soil and water** – careful land management keeps soil fertile and protects local water sources
- **Continued agricultural use**, the land can still be used for farming or grazing alongside the solar panels.

Economic benefits

The project will also provide local economic opportunities, including:

- Opportunities for local contractors and suppliers – email info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk to join our supplier database
- Contributions to local business rates throughout the project's operational life



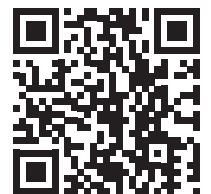
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Keeping in touch

We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the construction period.

The project website www.baywa-re.co.uk/oaklands will provide updates at key milestones. We will send out newsletters at main project phases to keep you up to date, as well ensuring the parish councils receives timely updates on the project's progress.



Contact during construction

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact the construction team at info.oaklands-solarfarm@baywa-re.co.uk

We welcome feedback and will do our best to respond promptly. We are committed to working with you to ensure the project's success and to minimise any inconvenience to the community.