



West House Energy Park



Invitation to public consultation event:

Wednesday 25th February 2026 | 2-7pm

Elvington Village Hall, Main St, Elvington, York, YO41 4AA

Introducing West House Energy Park

ib vogt is preparing to submit a planning application to City of York Council for a solar farm on land near Elvington, York.

The project would have capacity of 10MW with the proposed development creating enough renewable energy to meet the annual electricity demands of approximately 2,500 homes. It would also offset approximately 315 tonnes of CO2 each year and nearly 12,600 tonnes of CO2 during the lifetime of the project.

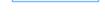
The proposed development would comprise the installation, operation and decommissioning of a renewable energy generating station, including ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays, a 11kv substation, underground cable route and associated equipment, infrastructure, access, landscape and biodiversity enhancements.

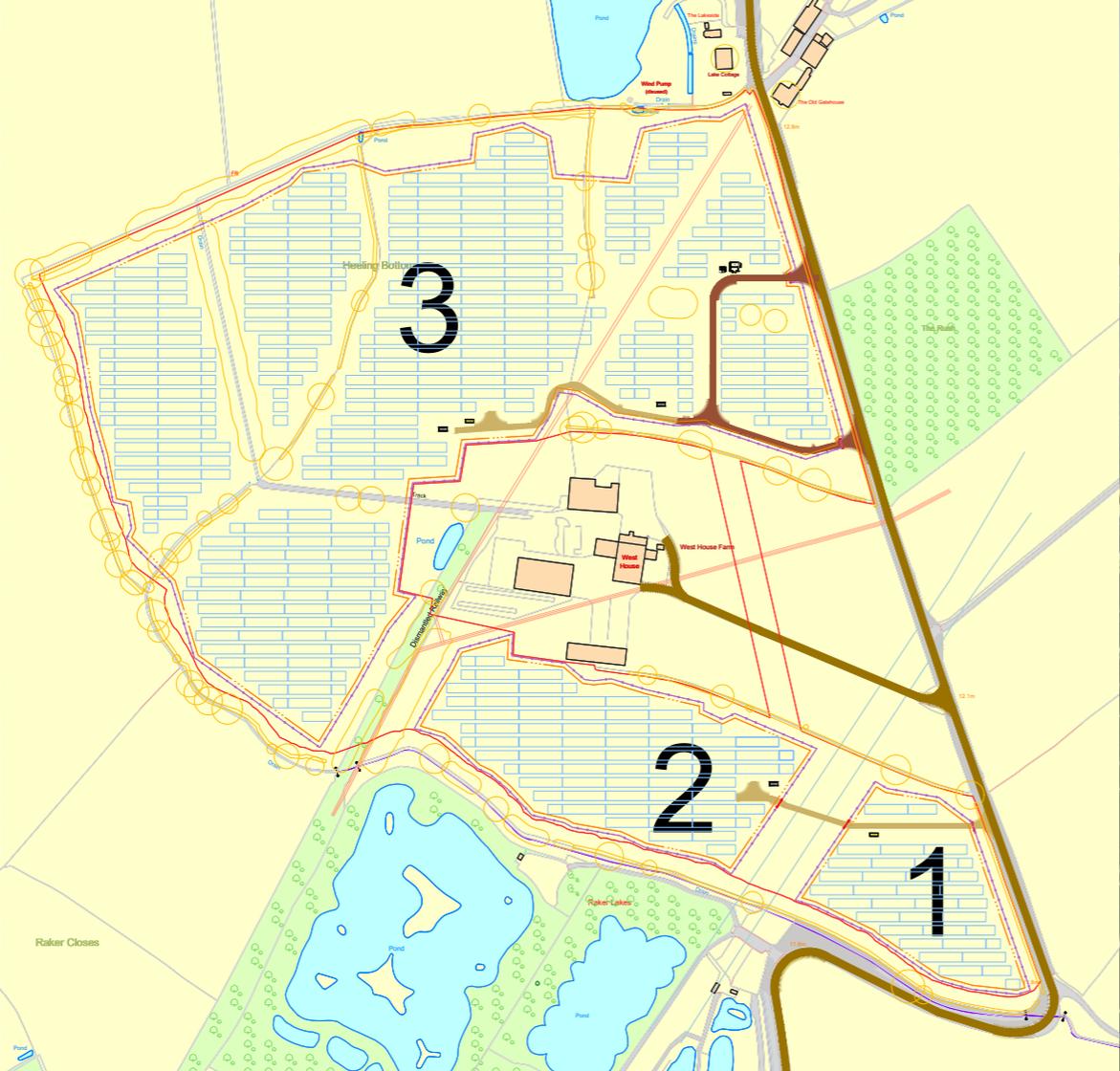
The proposed site location sits within a rural landscape, and existing trees and hedgerows will be retained and enhanced to provide screening. While there are no statutory landscape, heritage or ecological designations on site, we will be considering these matters carefully in developing our proposals alongside the feedback received.



Proposed solar farm layout plan

KEY

-  Deer Fence
-  Application Boundary
-  Gate
-  Maintenance Track
-  Existing Road
-  Substation Access
-  Tree Protection Area
-  Water Main
-  PV Rack
-  Transformer station
-  Spare Parts Container 20 ft
-  DNO Substation
-  Customer Substation
-  OHL





Public consultation

We invite you to provide feedback on our draft proposals in the following ways:

1

Attend our public consultation event on Wednesday 25th February 2026, 2-7pm.

You are invited to attend our public consultation event at which you can see our plans, learn more about our proposal and talk to the project team. We're holding our public consultation event at Elvington Village Hall, Main St, Elvington, York, YO41 4AA. We are keen to hear from the community, particularly in seeking ideas for the community benefit fund.

2

Fill in the feedback form that accompanies this public consultation brochure.

Please read through the leaflet and provide feedback to us by way of the free post feedback form that came with the brochure.

3

Visit the dedicated public consultation website www.westhouseenergypark.co.uk

We have set up a dedicated public consultation website, where you can find information about our draft proposals and provide feedback.

Indicative timeline

Early Spring 2026
Pre-submission Consultation



Spring 2026
Finalised proposed design



Spring 2026
Submit planning application



Winter 2026
Planning Decision

Frequently asked questions

Will the solar farm impact wildlife?

There is no evidence that solar farms have a negative impact on wildlife. In fact, wildlife thrives within the sites when managed sensitively.

How will this development directly benefit my community ?

ib vogt UK Ltd will contribute funds to local community projects as part of our energy park investment. We are keen to hear from locals about potential projects which would be compatible with our values.

How long will this project take to build?

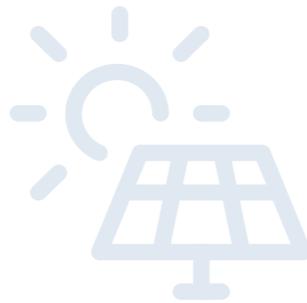
It typically takes 6 months to build a solar farm of this size. Site working would typically be Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings only.

A construction traffic management plan will be conditioned and subject to detailed liaison with the highways department post planning. Once the solar farm is constructed, monitoring will be carried out remotely by ib vogt, minimising visits by maintenance staff to around once a month.

Why solar?

There is an urgent need to generate energy from new, and environmentally friendly sources. Solar power is already yielding tangible results. For instance, at times in 2025, solar power contributed up to 40% of the UK's daytime electricity (according to the National Grid Energy Dashboard). For instance, on 6 April 2025, according to NESO, solar power was meeting a record 40% of the UK's electricity demand.

Solar power is a core part of the Governments' Net Zero target, and it intends to more than triple solar power capacity by 2030, with the intention of reaching 75GW by 2035. Achieving this objective requires the deployment of larger scale solar farms as well as on the rooftops of industrial and residential buildings.



Even optimistic assessments show rooftops could deliver only around half of required solar capacity. Brownfield land is limited in availability, size, and viability. Ground-mounted solar is therefore necessary, alongside rooftop deployment.

For our solar farm projects, we require a nearby grid connection, supportive landowners and a site that is consistent with planning policy. West House Energy Park offers all of these features. We have a firm grid connection offer from Northern Powergrid to supply electricity to the local distribution network at Elvington substation.

Will the proposal change the land classification?

The solar farm is a temporary development and will not change the land classification. The Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) assessment has confirmed that the proposed site is grade 3b land, and so is therefore not classed as Best and Most Versatile (BMV) land. Sheep grazing can continue beneath the solar panels.

Are solar farms noisy?

No, solar panels have no moving parts and emit no sound. Inverters and transformers can emit very low-level sound, but these are sited away from houses and cannot be heard from more than a few metres away. A full noise assessment has been conducted for the site, and the project design will include mitigation, if necessary.

Are solar farms a threat to food security?

The UK Food Security Report (2021) found that “the biggest medium to long term risk to the UK's domestic production comes from climate change and other environmental pressures such as soil degradation, water quality and biodiversity”.

Solar farms currently account for 0.08% of total land use in the UK (Solar Energy UK 2022). The Government targets for a fivefold increase in solar would result in 0.3% of the UK land area being used by solar (Carbon Brief, 2022). This is the equivalent to around half of the space used by golf courses.

Who are we?

ib vogt is a leading utility-scale solar and battery developer with a 20-year track record in the renewable energy sector. ib vogt is headquartered in London with a team of experienced engineers, project developers, planners, land and grid managers.

ib vogt has built almost 500MW of solar projects across the nation, with another 300+ MW of solar and BESS currently under construction.



Have your say

Please take your time to consider the information within this brochure and don't hesitate to contact a member of our team should you have any questions or matters you would like to be clarified. Comments provided by the local community will be considered in shaping the final planning application submission.

Please provide any comments you have on the proposal by email or via the feedback form attached to this brochure or available on our website, for the purpose of informing the project design and providing feedback to the council.

For further information, please do not hesitate to email: feedback@alpacacommunications.com

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Feedback form

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Gender: Male Female Other:

Age: Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65 and over

- Has this brochure been helpful in understanding our proposal? Yes No Not sure
- With regards to the proposals you have read about within this leaflet, are you: In favour In objection Of no opinion
- Please use this space to provide any comments on the proposal. We would welcome your feedback on all aspects of the emerging design shown in the brochure.

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