

THERE WILL BE A VILLAGE MEETING ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL

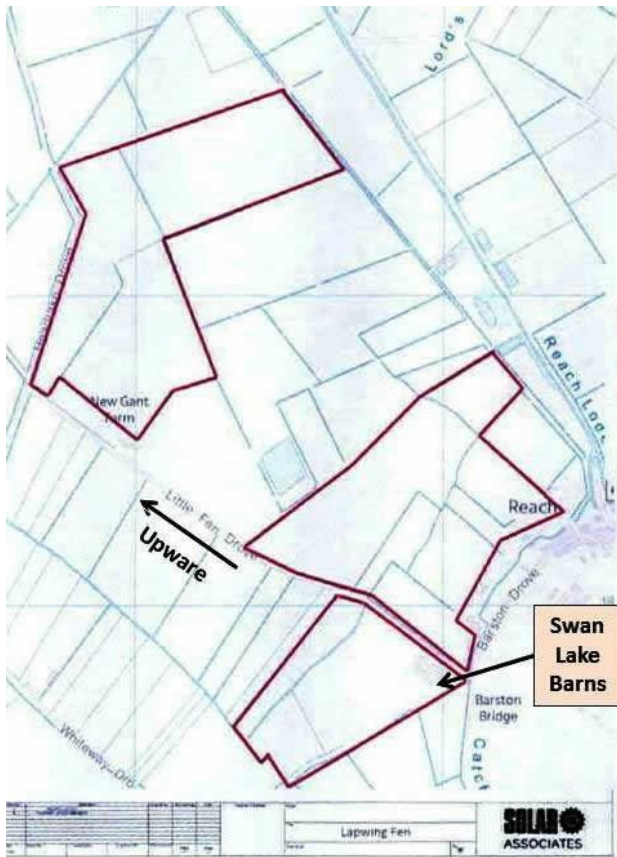
WHEN?

Wednesday 26th Feb 2014 at 7.30 pm

WHERE?

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE

Solar Associates are attending a public meeting to give further information about their plans. There will be the opportunity for you to ask questions about the scheme and express your thoughts on what is being proposed.



This is the map of where the 250 acre solar farm is proposed to go.

It is important that the scale of the opposition to this development is clear to Solar Associates so put the date in your diary and ensure you will be there.

WWW.REACH-VILLAGE.CO.UK

Our excellent village website will keep us informed of developments. David Parr will put all the documents related to this application on the village website to keep us all updated.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

SIGN THE PETITION

There is a petition circulating the village and at the pub. If you wish to oppose the Solar Associates proposal - add your name.

COME TO THE VILLAGE MEETING

Meet the developer and have your say on Wednesday 26th February at 7.30pm

CONTACT EAST CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Write or email East Cambs District Council. The planning authority will take all and any objections into account. The more they receive, the more they will listen. The planning officer dealing with this case is Penny Mills. Her email address is:

penny.mills@eastcambs.gov.uk

The reference number for this application is **13/01160/screen** and should be quoted in any correspondence

GIVE SOME TIME

We have a small action group working to oppose this scheme. If you have time to give please let us know. See over for people to contact.

DID YOU KNOW THAT A PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION EXISTS FOR THE UK'S LARGEST SOLAR FARM TO GO RIGHT NEXT TO REACH VILLAGE?

FACTS AND FIGURES

- A company called Solar Associates have put in a pre-planning application to East Cambs District Council for a 250 acre solar park to go on the north western edge of the village.
- Approximately 130,000 ground-mounted photo-voltaic panels will be needed to generate the 45MW of electricity planned by the company
- These solar panels will be mounted on 2.4 metre high arrays and the whole 250 acres will be surrounded by a 2.5 metre security fence complete with video surveillance
- The scale and size of this venture would make it the largest solar farm to date in the UK and would effectively industrialise the local fenland landscape
- This solar farm would be placed right in the middle of the Wicken Fen vision lands within 2km of a Site of Special Scientific Interest and also the national Heritage site of Devil's Dyke



- The pre-planning application went in without the knowledge of the local land-owners and no consultation has yet been undertaken with the local community



RENEWABLE ENERGY

MANY OF US SUPPORT THE CASE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETELY SEPARATE PROPOSAL FOR THE REACH COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM .

THIS LOCAL PROJECT WILL BE 100 TIMES SMALLER, AT JUST 2.5 ACRES, COMPARED WITH THE SOLAR ASSOCIATES PLAN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SMALL SCALE COMMUNITY SCHEME PLEASE VISIT

WWW.REACHSOLARFARM.CO.UK

There is a small action group that has been formed to oppose this development. They would be very happy to discuss it with you in more detail so please feel free to contact them:

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If you feel strongly about this, please don't leave it to others to oppose. Make your voice heard in any way you can — see over leaf for details.