EcoPower Suffolk Solar Consultation Newsletter

ECOPOWER SUFFOLK

Monday 22 June to Sunday 16 August 2026

Econergy International Ltd is launching its consultation for the EcoPower Suffolk project, a proposed solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with an anticipated capacity of about 250 megawatts (MW).

We will be consulting on our updated proposals between 22 June and 16 August 2026. Your feedback will help shape the final design before we submit an application for development consent.

As part of the consultation, we are holding a series of events where residents, local representatives and community organisations can review our updated proposals, speak with the project team, and share their feedback.

Date and time	Location
Friday 26th June 15:00 – 19:00	Gislingham Village Hall, Mill Street, Gislingham, IP23 8JX
Saturday 27th June 11:00 – 15:00	Occold Village Hall, Mill Road, Occold, IP23 7PL
Friday 3rd July 15:00 – 19:00	Eye Community Centre, 25 Magdalen Street, Eye, IP23 7AJ

We are also holding a series of webinars for those unable to attend in person:

- Monday 29 June, 18:00–19:00
- Thursday 16 July, 18:00–19:00
- Monday 27 July, 14:00–15:00

Information on how to sign up for these webinars can be found on our website at: **www.ecopowersuffolk.com** or by contacting us.

Our proposals

What we are proposing

EcoPower Suffolk is a proposed solar and energy storage project that would generate clean, renewable electricity and have an anticipated export capacity of about 250MW.

The Proposed Development includes:

- solar panels
- battery energy storage
- supporting infrastructure to connect to the electricity network.
- once built, the Proposed Development would generate enough electricity to power about 75,000 homes.

Where is the site?

The Proposed Development is located in Mid Suffolk and is made up of five areas of land:

- south and east of Stuston
- north and east of Eye
- north of Gislingham
- north of Occold
- between Thrandeston and Mellis.
- together, these areas cover approximately 900 hectares. The different areas will be linked by underground cables.

What has changed since we last spoke

Feb 2025:
Project soft launch; briefings offered to local Parish, Ward, District Councillors and the MP.

Mar–Apr 2025:
Non Statutory Consultation; stakeholder briefings and meetings held throughout this period upon request.

May–Jun 2025:
Project timeline extension announced in light of feedback; further analysis of Consultation Feedback.

Jul 2025–Mar 2026:
Non-statutory feedback shared with the Community Liaison Group, followed by meetings.

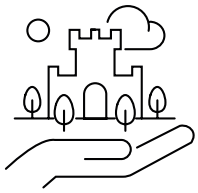
Site area expanded to enable greater separation from homes and panels and Scoping Report submitted to Planning Inspectorate.

Views are important - reduce visual impacts on the landscape

Maintain a respectful distance - reduce noise and visibility from neighbouring properties

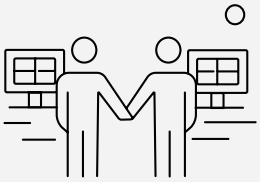
Avoid disruption to communities during construction

Protect **archaeology** and **heritage**



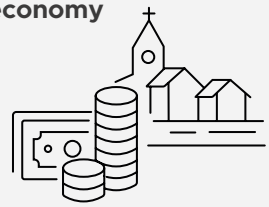
Protect the **environment** and **wildlife**

Collaborate with other developers



Protect agricultural land for food production

Consider the impact on the **local economy**



Feedback gathered during earlier engagement, alongside continued discussions with local authorities, parish councils and other stakeholders, has helped shape and refine the design. The updated proposals presented reflect this work and form the basis of our consultation.

What we've changed

- **Expanded site** area to enable greater separation from homes and more space for landscaping and environmental mitigation
- **Refined layout** to reduce impacts, with improved screening and better positioning of panels and infrastructure
- **Extended programme** to enable more time for surveys, environmental assessments and community engagement
- **Refined cable corridors** following detailed design work and engagement with landowners

We will continue to refine the proposals as we receive feedback during this consultation.

We have prepared a range of documents and materials which explain our proposals in more detail. These are available on our website at: www.ecopowersuffolk.com.

Have your say

We encourage you to review the information presented and provide feedback in the following ways:

Online: complete the feedback form at: www.ecopowersuffolk.com

In person: view consultation materials and collect a feedback form at our events

By email: send your comments to contact@ecopowersuffolk.com

By post: return your completed feedback form to FREEPOST ECOPOWER SUFFOLK (no stamp required)

Feedback must be submitted before the deadline of **16 August 2026**. All responses will be carefully considered and will inform our final application.

Contact us

If you have any questions or comments, please contact our Community Relations Team using the details below:

contact@ecopowersuffolk.com

0800 0129 164 (09:00–17:30 every weekday)

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How to view the Consultation Documents

All Consultation Documents will be available online to view on the Project Website (www.ecopowersuffolk.com). A hard copy of the Consultation Documents can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge of £0.40 per page to cover the printing and posting costs associated with this. Upon request, all documents can be made available in alternative formats, such as large print and alternative languages. To request copies of the Consultation Documents or for other enquiries, please contact the Applicant using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided at the end of this letter.

Hard copies of the Consultation Information Booklet and Feedback Form will be available to take away at the locations listed below. A paper copy of the SoCC (for reference only) will also be available to view free of charge at the locations listed below during the Consultation Period.

Location	Standard opening hours (subject to change)
Mellis Church Mellis Road, Mellis, IP23 8EE	9am-4pm daily
Hoxne Church Green Street, Hoxne, IP21 5AT	9am-5pm daily
Eye Library 6 Cross Street, Eye, IP23 7AA.	**Monday:** Closed **Tuesday:** 9am – 1pm **Wednesday:** 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 6pm **Thursday:** 2pm – 5pm **Friday:** 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm **Saturday:** 9am – 1pm **Sunday:** 10am – 3pm