Somerleyton Ashby & Herringfleet Parish Council

Proposed Solar Park on the Ashby/Lound border

Report for the Parish Council Meeting on 4th September 2025

The first that the Parish Council (PC) heard of this proposal was when a Parish Councillor was alerted to the GridSource website in mid-July. A few days later the PC received an email from a contractor to the proposer asking for opinions on the community benefits which might accrue from the construction of this solar park. The park is to be >80% in Lound and <20% in Ashby but Lound PC was not informed.

Since first hearing of this proposal, I have been liaising with the chair of Lound PC, Miles Thomas, and District Councillor Paul Ashdown to ascertain what community consultation the proposer is going to undertake regarding the whys, hows and wherefors of the proposal. Miles and I will be pushing for a public presentation, not just a website with sketchy details.

Details of the proposal can be found at https://gridsource.co.uk/developments/ashby-dell-solar-park/ and also at https://assetface.com/ashbydellsolarpark/

Despite the title given by the proposer the solar park will not be in Ashby Dell, it is to the north of Border Lane, between Browston Lane, Ashby and Yarmouth Road, Lound.

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