

Longfield Solar Farm Community Liaison Group (CLG)
Minutes of Online Drop in Session
Wednesday, 11 June 2025, 2pm

Members

| Name | Organisation |
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| Andy Higham – Principal Planning Officer | Essex County Council |
| Timothy Havers - Principal Planning Manager | Braintree District Council |
| Chris Paggi - Planning Development Manager | |
| Ruth Mabbutt - Senior Planning Officer/Planning Lead | Chelmsford City Council |
| Mark Norman | National Highways |
| Lee Perry T/Station Manager, Risk | Essex Fire and Rescue Service |
| John Webster Station Mgr Future Infrastructure Risk | |
| Dawn Wheland and Zoe May (DW & ZM) | East of England Ambulance Trust |
| Will Wilcock_Sion Davies | National Grid |
| Katherine Evans | Essex Local Access Forum |
| Graham Reeve – Area Walking Environment Officer | Essex Ramblers Association |
| communications@essexalliance.org.uk | The Essex Alliance |
| Mark Weale - Chair | Hatfield Peverel Parish Council |
| Robin Dixon | Terling and Fairstead Parish Council |
| James Raven – City Councillor | Boreham and The Leighs |
| Anthony Kingham - Chair | Little Waltham Parish Council |
| Peter Elkington and Linda Reed | Boreham Parish Council |

In attendance

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| Katherine Evans – Chair (KE) | Essex Local Access Forum |
| Dawn Whelan - Business & Partnerships Lead (DW) | East of England Ambulance Trust |
| Graham Reeve | Essex Ramblers Association |
| Area Walking Environment Officer (GR) | |
| Linda Reed (LR) | Boreham Parish Council |
| Jennifer Johns - Assistant Project Manager (JJ) | EDF Renewables, Longfield Solar Farm |
| Clodagh Steel - Community Liaison Officer (CS) | EDF Renewables, Longfield Solar Farm |

1 Welcome

CS welcomed the group.

2 Minutes of 5th March 2025 Meeting

CS confirmed the minutes of the March 2025 meeting were agreed and have been loaded to the Longfield Solar Farm website <https://www.longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/downloads/>

3 Community Liaison Group – Online Drop In

An online drop-in session was agreed at the previous meeting to provide members with the opportunity to meet and ask further questions.

4 Questions

Q. Where can we find updated documents for the Longfield Solar Farm?

A. Documents can be found on the local planning authority websites, see links below

<https://publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications/>

<https://publicaccess.chelmsford.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Q. Is the middle path a bridal path? Is it open at the south end?

A. We are looking to have the proposed greenway running from north to south of the site, however in the south we are unable to join to the existing network of footpaths due to the adjoining land being outside of our boundary. A copy of the permissive paths plan can be found here - [PRJ00059-XACM-PLN-COS-PLN-000009-Permissive-Paths-Plans](#) The plan is still being finalised, and we'll provide an update as soon as we have further information.

Q. What is the procedure if there is an accident on site?

A. There will be trained first aiders on site. All the site construction management plans and Health and Safety procedures will be adhered to; an emergency response plan will be place. Once all the key construction contractors have been appointed the procedure will be agreed and then can be shared.

Q. Have the applications gone to all the councils?

A. Documents for discharging the planning conditions are submitted to the local authorities for approval. Once approved construction can begin.

Q. Is the Community Benefit Fund available?

A. The Community Benefit Fund will become available when the main construction begins, which is scheduled for March 2026.

Q. Will there be further ecological surveys?

A. There will be ongoing ecological surveys as detailed in the Landscaping Environmental Management Plan (LEMP). This document is just being finalised for submission to be approved by the LAP. JJ to update further at the next meeting in September.

**Actions**

CS to supply link to GR for the Permissive Paths Plan.

Date and venue of next meeting

The group agreed meetings would take place every quarter and would be held either daytime, evenings, face to face or virtual, this would be decided by the group at the end of each meeting.

Next meeting 2-3pm, Wednesday 10th September 2025, Boreham Village Hall, Goodwin Room.