



## RENEWABLE ENERGY DIRECTIVE

The UK Government has signed up to a Renewable Energy Directive of providing 15 per cent of energy from renewables by 2020 (based on 2008 baseline). The 2017 output only reached 10.2 per cent<sup>3</sup> and there will have to be a much greater level of deployment over the next two years in order to meet the target.

Furthermore, a quarter of the UK's generating capacity is due to close by the end of 2018 so a new mix of electricity generation is needed to keep the lights on. With the UK's climate change ambitions being amongst the highest in Europe, we will need to significantly increase our renewable energy growth without jeopardising electricity supply, or increasing costs for consumers.



## OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our mission is ***"to improve the global environment by promoting local development"***. Our proposal at Clifton Farm Solar Park forms part of our wider commitment of securing at least 100MW of subsidy free renewable energy for Dorset and the south west. We are also moving forward with other renewable energy schemes located near Sherborne and Blandford Forum. All our sites will contribute towards addressing national and local electricity needs by generating an affordable and renewable source of clean energy.

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## CONSULTATION

This leaflet is sent to local residence and businesses surrounding the site and provides an overview of the development proposal. Additional information is provided on our website and this will be periodically updated with the latest information regarding timeframes for submission, layouts and any other information.

We welcome all feedback from members of the community on our draft proposals which can be submitted via the details provided on the website.

Pre-application discussion have already been held with the Council's planning officers and we are provisionally aiming to submit a planning application in 2019. As part of the formal planning application process the Council will also carry out its own consultation.



## REGISTER FOR UPDATES

If you live in post code DT9 or BA22 and would like to be kept up to date with Voltalia plans for our site at Clifton Farm then please contact us on the details provided below:

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**CLIFTON FARM  
SOLAR PARK**

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<sup>3</sup> Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statistics 2018



## INTRODUCING CLIFTON FARM SOLAR PARK

Voltaia Ltd is proposing to develop the Clifton Farm Solar Park near Clifton Maybank. The site is located approximately 4.5km to the south of Yeovil and will have a generating capacity of up to 35 megawatts. This is the equivalent of meeting the annual electricity consumption needs of some 10,600 households through clean, renewable energy. There will be electrical connection infrastructure and the point of connection to the electricity grid is an existing electrical network that runs through Clifton Farm. Land will be provided for ecological mitigation and enhancement and with particular consideration to fauna, flora and bird species.

The scheme would displace circa 11,610 tonnes of carbon dioxide that may be otherwise be generated through the burning of traditional fossil fuels. Fossil fuel remains the dominant source of energy generation, accounting to 80.1 per cent of the UK's energy supply<sup>1</sup> which in itself provides the need to deliver more renewable energy at the local level.



## ABOUT US

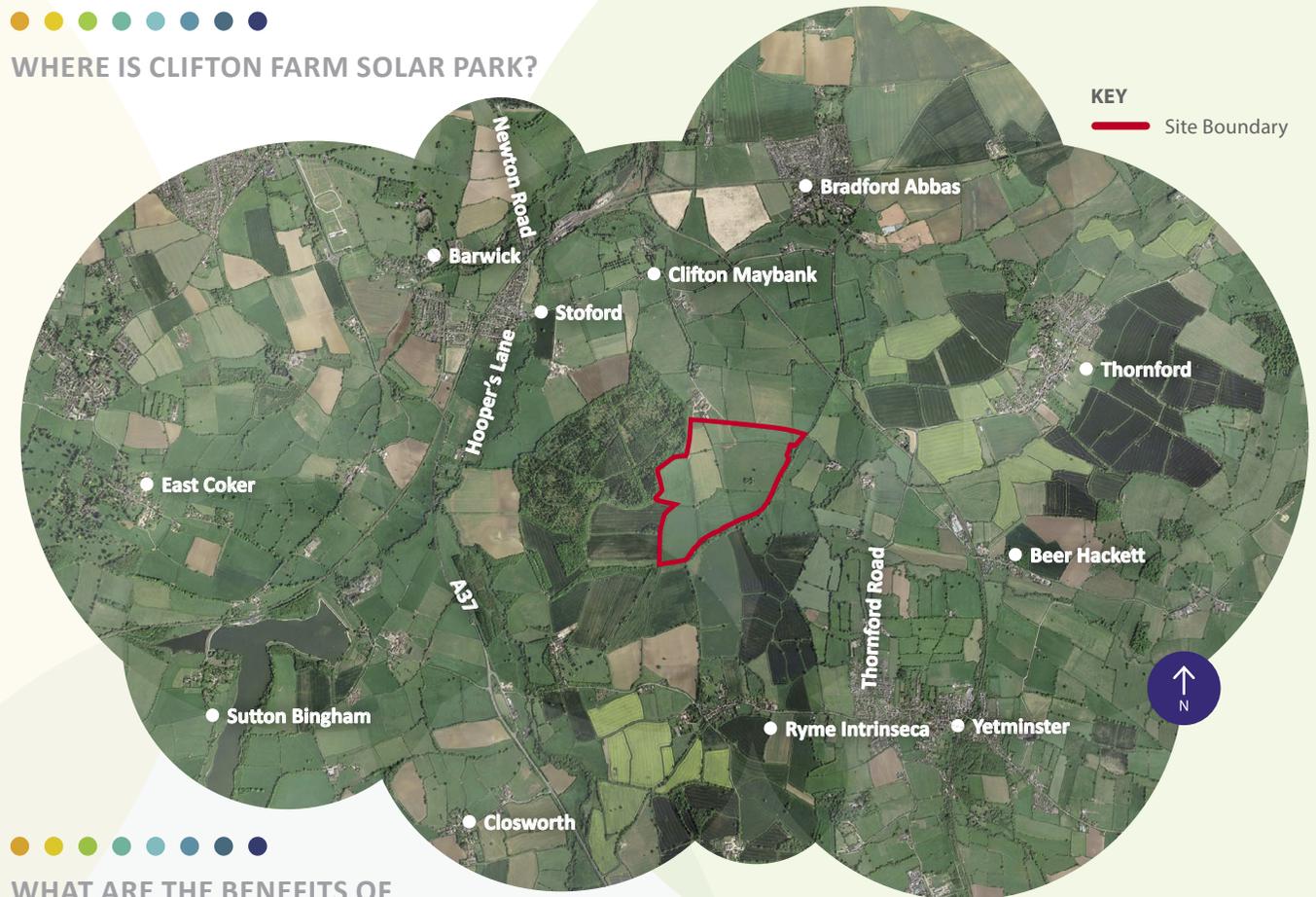
Founded in 2005, Voltaia is power producer and service provider in renewable electricity production from solar, wind, hydro and biomass energies. As an integrated company, Voltaia has developed a strong expertise throughout the value chain of a renewable project: project development, project financing, construction, operation and maintenance. Voltaia is responsible for the installation of over 22 solar parks in the in the UK with a total capacity of over 196 MW.

***Voltaia has been a partner of The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) since 2014.***

<sup>1</sup> Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statistics 2018



## WHERE IS CLIFTON FARM SOLAR PARK?



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE SOLAR PARK

The main benefits of the development proposed are summarised below:

- Subsidy free. Clifton Farm Solar Park will not require government subsidy. Solar is now one of the most cost-effective sources of clean renewable electricity generation in the UK;
- Local suppliers. Voltaia are committed to using local suppliers during construction and operation;
- Assist with enabling Dorset to play its part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with local, national and international targets;<sup>2</sup>
- Contribute towards the security of energy supply in Dorset through the provision of local, affordable renewable energy supply;
- Biodiversity enhancement and landscaping proposed across the site;
- The Solar Park is predominantly sited on Grade 4 and subgrade 3b agricultural land which represents some of the poorest agricultural land in Dorset; and
- The continued agricultural use of the site can be achieved by allowing sheep to manage the grassland within the solar park.

<sup>2</sup> Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Renewable Energy Strategy to 2020