



Dupplin Solar Farm

Pre-application consultation report

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1.Executive summary

TRIO Dupplin Solar LLP (the applicant), the project company of Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT) managed by BLC Energy, is applying to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for Dupplin Solar Farm (the proposed development), subject to the consenting procedures outlined in Section 36 of the Electricity Act (1989).

This report details the pre-application consultation activity conducted for the proposed development and outlines how this satisfies the good practice guidance provided by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.

The proposed development comprises around 128,688 individual solar panels with a maximum generating capacity of 97.5 MW (and export capacity of 75 MW). The site is on land adjacent to the A9 and A9 – Tibbermore Road (U47) and Roman Road (C411). It is around 4.5km from Methven and 3.1km from Broxden Roundabout. The proposal lies entirely within the Perth and Kinross Council area.

This report outlines the community consultation activities undertaken by The applicant and its consultants from May 2025 to February 2026.

The programme was designed to create meaningful engagement as outlined in [SG PAN 3/2010](#), and meet the requirements of Perth and Kinross Council, the Planning Act and associated regulations.

The document sets out the outcomes of the consultation process and how the applicant responded to the community's feedback.

The purpose of the community consultation was:

1. To explain the following to local people and community representatives:
 - the proposed solar and BESS farm: location, size, scale and its features. NB: the BESS component of the proposal was removed following responses received from the local community during the first round of consultation.
 - the benefits of solar energy: how much renewable energy could be generated, contribution to local and national net zero targets and biodiversity
 - the potential impact of the solar farm on the landscape, ecology, traffic, hydrology, heritage and land use
2. To strengthen the involvement of local residents and the neighbouring community at an early stage. This gave the project team further opportunity to provide information, answer questions and take account of local views before the submission of the planning application.

While there are no statutory pre-application consultation procedures for section 36 applications under the Electricity Act, the applicant committed to following, and exceeding where feasible, the Scottish Government's good practice guidance as set out on the ECU website.

1.1 Summary of activity

- Methven Community Council was contacted by email upon the acquisition of the site by the applicant. Neil Lindsay, Managing Director, attended two meetings with the Methven Community Council on 17 June and 4 November 2025. He provided printed handouts of his presentation on both occasions, giving detailed updates on the second.
- A Proposal of Application Notice was submitted to Perth and Kinross Council on 22 May 2025.
- A consultation website was launched (www.blcenergy.com/projects/dupplin), which included a project overview, location, maps, an enquiry box and a project timeline. As the project progressed, material from the public events was added and news updates were linked on the page.
- Two public exhibitions were held at Methven Community Centre. The first on Wednesday 27 August 2025 and the second on Wednesday 3 December 2025.
- Two online presentations were also held on 1 September and 5 December 2025.
- The events were advertised in the local media at least two weeks beforehand. Adverts included a description and location of the proposed development, where to find further information, dates and locations of the public events; how and when to submit comments to the applicant, and a statement that comments to the applicant were not formal representations to Scottish Ministers.
- A leaflet invitation was delivered to households within two kilometres of the site at least two weeks before both events.
- Feedback forms were provided at the public events and people were also invited to give their feedback by completing forms at the event, through an online form, by email or by downloading a form. Feedback identified loss of productive agricultural land as the main concern, followed by visual impact, BESS safety, and questions about the need for additional renewable energy and grid capacity.
- The site's community council and adjacent community councils, ward councillors, the constituency MSP, regional MSPs and constituency MP were all informed about the exhibitions by email.
- There were seven pull-up banners and six A1 Kappa boards with viewpoint visualisations, and a 3D model was provided at the first public exhibition. Eight pull-up banners and eight A1 Kappa boards with viewpoint visualisations were on display at the second exhibition. The 3D model was updated with the final design and proposed tree/hedgerow planting to show the effect of screening. The applicant also provided a constraints feasibility tool for attendees to understand the extent of developable land within a 7km grid connection radius.
- Information on solar farms from Solar Energy UK (UK Solar Trade Association) was also on display for the public to take away.

- A supplementary survey was organised and conducted throughout the Methven/Tibbermore community to understand local knowledge of the project and views for and against the proposal. Of the 37 responses received, 34 (92%) were aware of the proposed Dupplin solar farm. Views were evenly split, with 50% of respondents opposed and 50% either supportive or neutral. The findings of this survey are listed below in the appendices of the report.

2. Community consultation activity

The applicant carried out all consultation activities. The applicant acquired the site in April 2025 and initially named it Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS. It was later updated to Dupplin Solar Farm, following the removal of the BESS component.

2.1 Methven Community Council

- The project team made early contact with Methven Community Council on 14 May 2025 by email to introduce the project and offer a meeting.
- Neil Lindsay, BLC Energy managing director and project lead, attended the 17 June 2025 Methven Community Council meeting and delivered 10 hard copies of a presentation to members. Advice was sought and given on where and when to hold the public exhibitions and the 2km consultation radius.
- At the November 2025 community council meeting, Neil Lindsay presented an update to members. He provided detail on the proposed community benefit fund, project design and how BLC was performing due diligence checks throughout the project.
- Neil Lindsay met with new members of the community council on 12 January 2026 and will present an update at their meeting on 24 February 2026.
- The applicant delivered several A4 posters for the first public exhibition to the chair of Methven Community Council.
- An introductory email was sent to the community council adjacent to the site, Almond and Earn Community Council in May 2025. The email contained the public and virtual exhibition details, a link to the website and details of the site's name and developer. The email made clear that the applicant would be happy to correspond before the public exhibition.

2.2 Elected representatives

- An introductory email was sent to the site's ward councillors, constituency MSP, regional MSPs and constituency MP. These emails also contained the public and virtual exhibition details, a link to the website and details of the site's previous name and developer. The email made clear that the applicant would correspond before the public exhibition.
- Councillors were invited to attend both exhibitions prior to opening to the public. This ensured the BLC team was available to answer any questions and provide information.
- No elected representatives requested meetings with the applicant.

2.3 Local interest groups and schools

1st Marquis of Montrose Society

The applicant met members of the Society on 13 August 2025 to discuss the proposal and how they could work together to enhance the information available about the Tippermuir battlefield site. An update will be provided following submission of the application.

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust

The applicant met with a member of the Trust on 20 August 2025 to discuss the project and how any geological or archaeological findings or reports would be shared. An update will be provided once the application has been submitted.

Methven Primary School

Neil Lindsay visited Methven Primary School with Earth Energy Education to deliver a workshop on solar energy. The pupils learned how a solar farm works and how light energy is converted into electricity to power their favourite appliances.

The pupils were enthusiastic about visiting a solar farm in the future and were particularly interested in learning more about how these sites will support local biodiversity.

Feedback from Methven Primary School class teacher	
Meeting the pupils' expectations	5/5
Pupils enjoyed the session and interaction	5/5
Pupils felt an increased confidence in understanding renewable energy	5/5

2.4 Project website

The solar project, www.blcenergy.com/projects/dupplin, went live to coincide with stakeholders and neighbours being informed about the proposed development. The webpage details the proposed development, including a pre-planning map, a layout plan of the solar panels, the number of solar panels, and the maximum output. Information on community benefit and suggestions of how this could be used. The webpage also detailed the public engagement being undertaken by the applicant throughout the project. A project timeline was provided.

The webpage was further updated as stages of the project work were reached, ensuring communication was followed. The updates included the pop-up banners from the first and second exhibitions. Links to news about the project were also added, so that visitors to the webpage could easily find updates and any new information

A feedback form was made readily available to ensure that interested parties could submit feedback or raise questions.

2.5 Public exhibitions

The applicant delivered a programme of four public consultation events, comprising two in-person sessions and two online webinars. These events provided members of the local community with the opportunity to obtain further information about the project, engage directly with the BLC project team, and submit comments and feedback



August 2025 public events

In-person

- An in-person exhibition was held on Wednesday 27 August, between 4-8pm in Methven Community Centre
- The venue was recommended by Methven Community Council, and the dates and timings were selected by the applicant to maximise attendance and avoid school holidays. The BLC Energy team included: Neil Lindsay, Andrew Bright, Andrew Ramand, Kitty Lindsay, Carolyn Davie (BLC Energy) and Emma Quinn and Euan Ogilvie (SLR Consulting).
- Materials made available for public viewing included pop-up exhibition banners presenting key project information (see Appendices), photomontages, Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) maps, and detailed project layout plans.
- A three-dimensional model of the proposed development was also displayed, enabling attendees to view the scheme from a range of representative locations within the surrounding area.
- Attendees were encouraged to fill in a feedback form that was available at the event and on the webpage.
- 20 people attended.

Online

- A virtual consultation event was held on Monday 1 September 2025 between 6.30-7.30pm.
- People were asked to register via the BLC Energy website and were sent an email link before the event.
- Neil Lindsay presented the project, sharing the location map with the attendees. Once the presentation had ended, attendees were invited to ask questions.
- Three people registered, with one person attending. For those who did not join, an email was sent by The applicant to offer an alternative meeting time if that was required.

- The attendee was invited to fill in the feedback form and the questions asked during the consultation were noted as part of the survey work to ensure the applicant had addressed any concerns correctly.

December 2025 public events

In-person

- A second in-person exhibition was held on Wednesday 3 December 2025, between 4-8pm in Methven Community Centre.
- The BLC Energy team included: Neil Lindsay, Andrew Ramand, Kitty Lindsay, Carolyn Davie, Andrew Bright (BLC Energy) and Emma Quinn (SLR Consulting).
- Exhibition materials available for people to view at the exhibition included pop-up display banners presenting updated key project information (see appendices), photomontages, zones of theoretical visibility maps and a project layout map. A three-dimensional model of the proposed development enabled attendees to visualise the scheme from a range of representative viewpoints within the surrounding area, including the proposed tree and hedgerow screening mitigation.
- Six people attended
- Attendees were encouraged to fill in a feedback form (see appendices)

Online

- A virtual consultation was held on Friday 5 December 2025, between 6.30pm-7.30pm. The same registration procedure was used as for the first online event.
- Two participants registered for the event; however, there were no attendees. A follow-up email was sent to the participants, inviting them to an alternative meeting should they have further questions.

2.5.1 Promotion of the public consultation events

Advertisements

August 2025: Advertisements were published in the Strathearn Herald (7 August) and the Perthshire Advertiser (8 August) more than fourteen days before the in-person and online consultation events.

The advertisement included a description and location of the proposed development, where to find further information; the dates and location of the public event; how and when to submit comments to the applicant and a statement confirming that comments provided to the applicant would not constitute formal representations to Scottish Ministers.

November 2025: Advertisements were published in the Courier (11 November), the Strathearn Herald (20 November) and the Perthshire Advertiser (21 November) more than fourteen days before the in-person and online events. The advertisement contained the same information as listed above.

Invitations to neighbours

1st August 2025: Research concluded that there were 93 residences within a 2km radius of the project site. An invitation was posted to all 93 residences within 2km of the proposed development (as agreed with the community council) and was timed to arrive more than seven days before the public event. The invitation included a description and location of the proposed development, where to find further information; the dates and location of the public event; how and when to submit comments to the applicant; and a statement confirming that comments provided to the applicant would not constitute formal representations to Scottish Ministers.

10th November 2025: An invitation was posted to the same 93 residences within 2km of the proposed development and was timed to arrive more than seven days before the public event. The invitation included the same information as listed above.

3. Feedback analysis

3.1 Feedback forms

At the first consultation event, 10 feedback forms were submitted. One form was received at the second event. In addition, the BLC team engaged with local stakeholders through in-person discussions and email correspondence. The applicant recorded and monitored all feedback, using the insights gained to inform the content of the second public exhibition, refine the project design, and provide enhanced information to the community.

Question 1: Do you support the use of solar energy in Scotland?	
Support	5
Do not support	4
Neutral	3

Question 2: Are you supportive of the Dupplin proposal?	
Support	3
Opposed	5
Neutral	4

3.2 Feedback themes

The applicant invited attendees to indicate any concerns via the feedback forms and also received comments through email correspondence and in-person discussions. Analysis of this input revealed a number of recurring themes.

Loss of agricultural land – 10 comments.

This was the most frequent concern. People asked why productive farmland should be used for solar rather than food production. Words used include “loss of good agricultural land”, and references to better alternative locations “put them in the hills”.

Visual impact – Six comments.

Concerns about the view, unacceptable visual impact on residents and effects on tourists. One person noted they were reassured that visual impact would be limited, but most raised it as a negative.

Battery / BESS safety – Three comments.

Several people specifically raised concerns about the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), focusing on safety risks and the visual impact of the proposed battery site.

“Scotland already has enough renewable energy” / grid issues – Three comments.

Several respondents questioned the need for more renewable generation in Scotland, stating that the country already produces enough energy, and raised questions around how the electricity will be used or transmitted.

Glint and glare – One comment.

Only one explicit reference to glint and glare concerns.

Other individual comments

These were raised by a single person each and were not widespread themes:

- long lead-time to completion;
- environmental provenance of solar panels;
- impact of solar panels on sheep;
- miscommunication about exhibition dates;
- questions about land capability assessments;
- views on government policy (for example Clean Power 2030 Action Plan);
- grid connection capacity at Burghmuir.

3.3 Follow up survey: January 2026

The applicant advertised the 2nd public exhibition consultation and proactively approached stakeholders. Attendance at the detailed consultation event was low, with 6 people attending. Relatively few people took the opportunity to comment on the proposal at that stage. To ensure local views were better understood, The applicant commissioned independent research company Taylor McKenzie to carry out a door-to-door survey over several days in late January 2026, targeting the same 93 households within a 2km radius of the proposal and who had been sent invitations to the public exhibitions.

The applicant drafted the survey questions, and Taylor McKenzie refined them to ensure clarity, neutrality and balance. The draft questions were circulated in advance with ward councillors and the community council, allowing all parties to see that the survey approach was fair and capable of reflecting public sentiment regarding Dupplin specifically, and solar energy developments in the local area more broadly.

Survey Results		
Strongly support	5	15%
Tend to support	5	15%
Neither support nor oppose	7	20%
Tend to oppose	3	9%
Strongly oppose	14	41%

Results

- 37 households completed the survey, 35 were conducted via door-to-door interviewing, and 2 were self-completion questionnaires. All respondents were local residents, living within 2km of the proposed Dupplin Solar Farm.
- 97% of the residents reported being aware of solar farm proposals in their area. Over half (54%) oppose solar farm development in Perthshire, compared with 22% who are generally in support.
- 92% of respondents were aware of the Dupplin Solar Farm proposals, demonstrating that the consultation activity had effectively raised awareness locally and helped ensure the community was informed about the proposal.
- Of this 92%, 50% supported or were neutral about the proposals and the other 50% were opposed.

4. Developer’s response to feedback

The applicant identified seven themes regarding concerns or issues about the proposal, from the different sections of feedback forms, letters, emails and conversations with local people and representative groups.

This feedback has helped shape and evolve the layout and design of the proposed solar farm, alongside the various technical surveys undertaken.

Where consultees have raised potentially significant issues, The applicant has adapted the layout where possible and/or provided more information to help allay concerns or address misunderstandings.

More information on the evolution of the layout and development components can be found in Chapters 2 and 3 of the EIA report, which accompanies this planning application.

The key issues raised are summarised in the table below, with commentary on how The applicant has responded to or addressed the concern.

Issue	Developer’s response/ mitigation
<p>Awareness and consultation – a few households said they hadn’t been made aware</p>	<p>All households within 2km of the site received a leaflet invitation, and the public exhibitions were advertised in the local newspaper.</p> <p>Local elected representatives, including the community council and ward councillors, were also informed and encouraged to share information.</p> <p>The applicant undertook further survey work and allowed additional time to help ensure residents were fully informed of the proposals.</p>
<p>Proximity, visual and tourism impact</p>	<p>A full Landscape and Visual Impact report is included in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The report found any significant effects would be highly localised and these would reduce as new planting matures.</p> <p>The applicant reduced the number of panels from 195,000 to 128,688 from the design following the first exhibition.</p> <p>The substation was relocated within the site boundary so that it would be better screened.</p> <p>The BESS element of the initial proposed design has</p>

	<p>been removed from the final design.</p> <p>Buffers were added around Dupplin Estate properties to ensure a substantial distance between properties and the site infrastructure.</p> <p>No mature trees or hedgerows will be removed; 30m woodland buffers and no-development strips will maintain woodland connectivity for bats and birds. New planting, including woodland, hedgerows and standard trees will enhance screening from roads and homes.</p> <p>Wildflower, grassland, riparian, and wet meadow planting will support sheep grazing and boost biodiversity.</p> <p>A Habitat Management Plan and Tree Management Plan will be agreed with Perth and Kinross Council prior to construction.</p> <p>An entire field was excluded in the north-west of the site to protect a private water supply.</p> <p>Additional buffers and a 30m development-free corridor will protect habitats and maintain woodland connectivity.</p>
<p>Use of agricultural land for energy production</p>	<p>The National Planning Framework 4 allows for renewable energy production on prime agricultural land.</p> <p>Sheep will graze on the site, retaining its agricultural use.</p> <p>There is a very limited loss of agricultural land. The remainder of the land will be left untouched, and the agricultural quality of the land will improve through the removal of intensive agricultural practices, including the use of pesticides and herbicides.</p> <p>Any utility-scale renewable energy scheme needs a grid connection, ideally within 8km to be viable. The constraints mapping exercise demonstrated that this was the only site that could accommodate this project. See Appendix A (Volume 4 Chapter 2)</p> <p>Sites like this are necessary for Scotland and the UK</p>

	<p>to meet renewable energy targets.</p> <p>Renting land for renewable energy provides additional income, helping landowners reinvest in their farms and bringing further income to the local communities that surround the solar project.</p>
Battery/ BESS safety	The applicant removed the BESS component of the design following community feedback from the first public exhibition.
Whether Scotland needs more renewables and whether the National Grid can cope	<p>The Scottish Government aims to deploy 4000-6000MW of solar by 2030. There are currently c387MW in operation or under construction.</p> <p>Projects like this are vital for Scotland and the UK to reach net zero goals and improve energy security.</p> <p>The National Grid is being upgraded to accommodate the increase in renewable energy generation.</p>
Glint and glare, concern with this affecting the vehicles on the road.	<p>A glint and glare assessment is included in volume four of the EIA.</p> <p>No significant impacts are expected on residential properties near the proposal.</p>
Supply chain transparency	<p>A request was made for the origin, manufacture and sourcing of all key components.</p> <p>The applicant's suppliers will comply with relevant sustainability and human rights standards, such as the UK Modern Slavery Act and EU Green Deal provisions</p>

Appendices

Letter to Methven Community Council



Mr K Simpson
Chairman
Methven Community Council
Email: methvenanddistrictcommunitycouncil@hotmail.com

14 May 2025

Dear Mr Simpson

Proposed Dupplin Solar Farm

I am writing to inform you that my client, [Trio Power Ltd](#), is developing a proposal for Dupplin Solar Farm in the Methven community council area. I've attached a map showing the site's red line boundary.

Trio Power Ltd is a development company managed up by BLC Energy Ltd (a Scottish Solar development company based in Perthshire) and owned by Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust ((ORIT) and part of the Octopus Energy Group)

Dupplin Solar Farm will comprise around 200,000 solar panels across 360 acres of land. It will generate up to 114 GWh of renewable energy per year, enough to meet the equivalent electricity needs of approximately 42,222 households (c56% of households in Perth & Kinross).

We intend to submit an application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit in early 2025.

This means we'll be launching our formal community consultation process very soon. We would very much appreciate your advice on where and when to hold public exhibitions and how far we should extend invitations to households in the area.

Dupplin Solar Farm would come with an associated community benefit fund of £500 per MW per annum, meaning £37,500 per annum would be available to local causes and initiatives. We would also appreciate your thoughts on how that would be distributed should the solar farm be approved (we have a few ideas, including a dedicated fund for local households that tackles fuel poverty and household energy bills).

Neil Lindsay, Managing Director of BLC Energy, would like the opportunity to introduce the scheme to you. Would your office bearers have 5-10 minutes at the beginning or end of your next meeting to introduce himself and get your advice on exhibitions and distribution? He would happily give a quick presentation to you all if it's not too late to be added to the agenda, just let me know.

With kind regards,



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Attd: Layout map of proposed plan

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Presentation to Methven Community Council (17 June 2025)

Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm

Presentation to Methven Community Council
17 June 2025



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Agenda

1. Introduction: BLC Energy & Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Fund
2. Why solar?
3. Why Dupplin?
4. Project location and information
5. Ongoing activity and timeline
6. Community engagement
7. Community benefit
8. Questions & answers



BLC Energy & Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT)

- BLC Energy was established in 2022 to develop solar and co-located BESS projects.
- Three partners with over 60 years experience of developing renewable energy projects and have secured planning consent for three solar projects in Scotland.
- Scottish company, Perthshire-based, with offices and team members in Aberuthven and Edinburgh.
- Two partners are also directors in SLR, a leading environmental and engineering consultancy with 4000 staff. SLR will provide specialist input throughout.
- We are developing 11 solar and co-located BESS projects throughout the UK, five in Scotland.
- In 2023, we entered into a development partnership agreement with Octopus Energy (via Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust- ORIT) and work with them on an exclusive basis.



BLC Energy & Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT)

- ORIT is one of the funds managed by Octopus Energy Generation, dedicated to operating renewable energy projects in the UK, Europe and Australia.
- ORIT has a market capitalisation of £378m and as part of the Octopus Energy Generation group, has £6.7bn assets under management and a total generating capacity of 802MW (47% of which is solar). This equates to 362,000 homes powered by its renewable energy each year
- Octopus Energy is now the largest domestic energy supplier in the UK.



Why solar?

- The UK's electricity demand is set to double in next 25 years: solar is the cheapest and fastest way to create new generation.
- Provides Scotland and UK with better energy security from local generation
- Dependable generation and proven technology
- Does not need any government funding to build or operate- no follow on cost to consumers
- Has minimal impact on land, environment and neighbours.
- Has potential to significantly improve local biodiversity and soil health

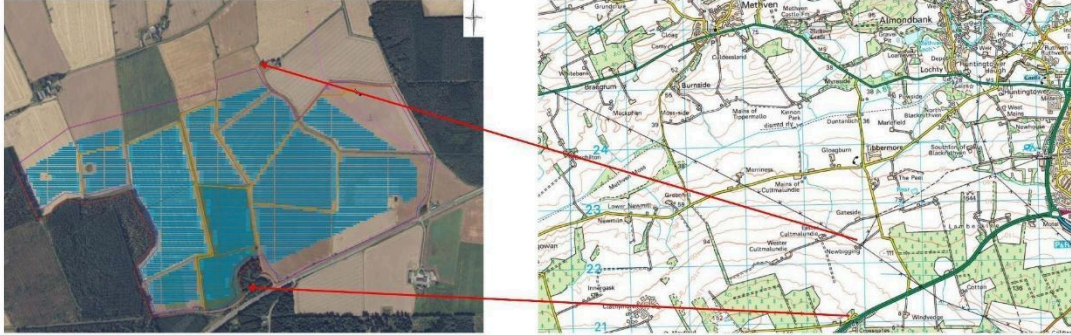


Why Dupplin?

- No obvious environmental constraints on the site, no designations
- Small section on edge of Tippermuir Battle site, although battle likely did not occur there
- Viable grid connection to Burghmuir via underground cabling.
- Distribution connection offer of 2032, awaiting Grid Reform Gate 2 process to confirm final date.
- Access directly off A9 with minimal disruption to local community
- Grade 3 agricultural land classification
- Opportunity to buffer from neighbouring properties
- Supports government targets for both renewable energy and solar generation



Project location



Project information

- 75MW solar, 15MW battery
- Over 50MW, so application will be made to the Scottish Government, not Perth and Kinross Council.
- Equivalent to the annual electricity needs of 35,185 houses (half of Perthshire, according to 2022 census data)
- Grid connection to Burghmuir GSP
- Fixed tables using bifacial solar panels, string inverters
- Current design based on 700w panels and 2MWh battery

Community benefit

- BLC Energy & ORIT will set up a community benefit fund to support local initiatives.
- The design and value of this fund to be developed with the community council
- These funds are not linked to the planning determination in any way.
- Community Benefit good guidance is being prepared by Solar Energy UK . It is likely to suggest a minimum donation of £400 per Solar MW per annum for the duration of the project life.
- BLC Energy & ORIT would like to offer £500 per MW per annum split into two funds. One to support local projects, one to be given as grants to local households struggling with cost of living increases, loss of winter fuel payment etc.
- This equates to £48,750 per annum for the project's lifespan



Community engagement

- Methven Community Council liaison
 - We suggest meeting two community councillors regularly to provide updates on project activity
 - We'll have a dedicated Dupplin project page on www.blcenergy.com
- Section 36 application: two public exhibitions
 - We'll advertise these in the press, on our website and we'll inform the community council
 - We'll send information in the post: we suggest a 2km radius from the site's centre
 - First exhibition August 2025, second exhibition early December
 - Feedback collected throughout, 3D model available at second exhibition
- Will engage with other local interest groups and any nearby neighbours



Ongoing activities & timeline

March - October 2025	Environmental studies Ecology and bird studies already underway
July 2025 - Q1 2026	Grid reform: Connection date confirmation
August 2025	First public exhibition (after school holidays) 3D model, zones of theoretical visibility, viewpoints
November 2025	Design freeze
December 2025	Second public exhibition Feedback incorporated, updates highlighted
January 2025	Submission of application to Scottish Government



Questions & answers

Thank you

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NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY RELEVANT LEGISLATION

COMMENTS BY 22nd August 2025

25/0190/PLL: Extension of office building and associated works at Land 70 Metres North East of 24 Invermorland Road Invermorland Kinrossshire Perth PH1 1TW.

25/0190/PLL: Extension of 6 light industrial units (classes 4, 5 and 6), conversion of parking area, installation of 11 charging points, air source heat pump and associated works at 3 Macduff Place Kinross PH11 1PL.

25/01141/AGL: S42 application to vary condition 6 (noise assessment) of 25/0206/PLL at Land A (PVI) Just Strathend Road 1800/20 Auchtermuchty.

25/01108/PL: Part change of use and alterations to agricultural store to form office and staff accommodation unit at Barylane Farm Balgownie Perth PH2 6JL.

25/01068/PLL: Change of use of car park to hot food take-away and general, installation of replacement extraction system and flue at 24 West High Street Perth PH1 1JL.

25/01370/PL: Alterations and subdivision of a storage unit to form 3 storage units at Unit 14 Lochy Industrial Estate Lochy Almondbank Perth PH1 2JF.

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COMMENTS BY 20th August 2025

25/01121/PLL: Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse at 18/191 East Kinross Road Kinross PH16 6JL.

25/01106/PLL: Erection of replacement garden building at Ashville Burnside (Barnside) PH15 5JL.

25/00846/PLL: Erection of shed and gateposts at Premwell Dalginross Centre Perth PH8 7JH.

25/01048/PLL: Extension to dwellinghouse and formation of roof terrace at The Lodge West of Invergowrie Perth PH1 1PZ.

25/01031/PLL: Change of use and alterations to bank (class 1A) to form cafe, book shop and escape rooms and formation of outdoor seating area at 17 Allan Street Barylane PH10 6AD.

25/01041/PL: Change of use of car park to hot food take-away and general, installation of replacement extraction system and flue at 24 West High Street Perth PH1 1JL.

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Proposal: Development of a solar farm consisting of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar modules with an estimated export capacity of up to 75MW, supported by a 130MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure on land adjacent to the A9 and A9 - Tabbernone Road. It is approximately 9km from Methven and 33km from Broxden Roundabout.

An in-person event will take place Wednesday, 27 August 2025, 4-6pm at:
Methven Community Centre
38A Main Street
Methven, PH11 5JL

A virtual event will take place Monday, 1 September, 8.30-9.30pm

Further information can be found at the QR code or by emailing info@blicienergy.com

You can make comments on the proposal by attending the events or emailing the address above. Your comments must be submitted no later than **30 September 2025**.

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An in-person event will take place **Wednesday, 07 August 2025, 4-6pm** at Methven Community Centre, 15A Main Street, Methven, PH13 9UJ

A virtual event will take place **Monday, 1 September, 6.30-7.30pm**

Further information can be found at the QR code or by emailing info@blicenergy.com

You can make comments on the proposal by attending the events or emailing the address above. Your comments must be submitted no later than **10 September 2025**.

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Invitation to neighbours (August 2025)



Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS First Public Exhibition

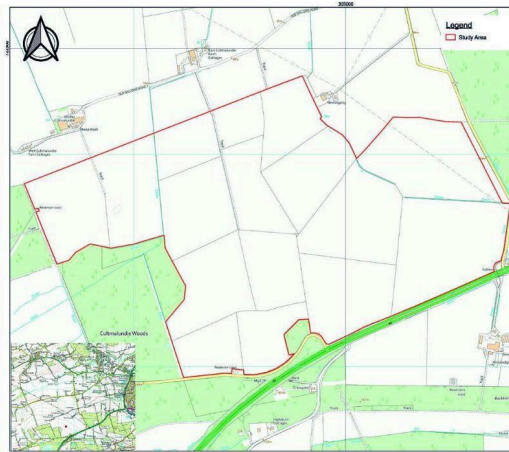
We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the first public exhibition for the proposed Dupplin Solar Farm and Battery and Energy Storage System (BESS) development.

Join us at the public exhibition:

**Wed 27 August 2025,
4:00 to 8:00pm**

Methven Community
Centre, 34A Main Street,
Methven, Perth, PH1 3PU

This is being held by
BLC Energy Ltd.



About Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS

Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS will comprise approximately 195,000 individual solar panels with an export capacity of 75MW (and with a build out of 97.5MWp) and a Battery and Energy Storage System (BESS) with a capacity of 15MW. The development will supply power directly to the National Grid via an underground cable to the Burghmuir substation, Perth.

The project will generate enough energy to provide the equivalent electricity needs of over 35,000 homes per year.

Dupplin Solar and BESS will generate an annual community benefit fund worth £500 for every megawatt (MW) of export capacity on site, equating to £48,750 per annum for the 40-year project life.



We welcome your feedback

This exhibition is an opportunity to see up-to-date plans for the project and ask the project team questions and provide feedback on our proposals.

If you cannot attend in person, an online presentation will take place on **Monday 1 September, 6:30pm to 7:30pm**. You can view details on how to join at **www.blcenergy.com**. The information boards and the availability to provide feedback

will also be available on the website.

Further information can be found on **www.blcenergy.com**.

You can comment on the proposals directly to the developer at this stage, either at the public exhibition or by emailing **info@blcenergy.com**.

These comments must be submitted no later than **10 September 2025**.

Please note that comments made to BLC Energy at this time are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. Representations to Scottish Ministers can be made once a Section 36 Application has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.



Further information about the project can be found on the website **www.blcenergy.com**



If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please email us at **info@blcenergy.com**

About us

Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm is being developed by BLC Energy and owned by TRIO Power Limited. TRIO is backed by the Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT), a fund managed by Octopus Energy Generation (OEGEN). OEGEN is one of the largest renewable energy investors in Europe, managing more than 230 large-scale green energy projects with a combined capacity of 3.25 GW.



Exhibition boards (27 August 2025)



Welcome

Welcome to the first of two public exhibitions for the proposed Dupplin Solar and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) development at Dupplin Estate, on land adjacent to the A9 and A9 - Tibbermore Road. It is around 4.5km from Methven and 3.1km from Broxden Roundabout.

Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm will comprise approximately



195,000
individual solar panels



75MW
export capacity



15MW
BESS

Consultation and your feedback

Today's event will allow you to:

- Learn more about the various aspects of our proposal.
- See and discuss visualisations of the solar and BESS farm from different locations.
- Talk to our team about the scheme and give feedback on our proposal.



SITE LAYOUT

About us

BLC Energy, a Perthshire-based Scottish renewable energy developer, is developing Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm.


TRIO Power Limited owns the project. TRIO Power is owned and funded by the Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT), a fund managed by Octopus Energy Generation (OEGEN) and part of the Octopus Energy Group. OEGEN is one of Europe's largest renewable energy investors, managing more than 230 large-scale green energy projects with a combined capacity of 3.25GW.





If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.



Our proposal

The proposed Dupplin Solar & BESS Farm site is located on fields adjacent to the A9 and the A9 to Tibbermore Road.

The development would have an export capacity of up to 75MW (with a build out of 97.5MWp), and an accompanying 15MW BESS.


Dupplin Solar & BESS Farm would comprise approximately 195,000 individual solar panels situated approximately 2.5ft off the ground, facing south and at an angle of up to 20%.

It would also include a BESS with a capacity of 15MW.


The development would supply power directly into the grid via an underground cable to the Burghmuir substation, with an export capacity of up to 75MW.

The proposal would generate enough energy to meet the equivalent annual needs of over 35,000 homes.


We believe this is an excellent site for a solar farm because



Consistent and reliable solar radiation

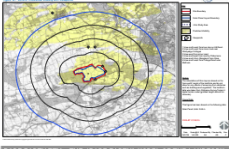
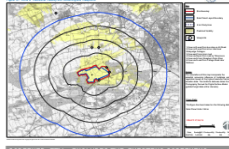


Viable National Grid connection point and route



No obvious environmental or technical constraints

Allowance within the estate for incorporated protection buffers and environmental enhancement within the wider site boundary.

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Why solar power?

- Solar can already produce as much as 30% of UK electricity at different points in the year.
- Solar power generation is extremely reliable because we know the exact time of sunrise and sunset each day. This means we can accurately forecast electricity generation from a solar system.
- The primary input - light - is free, so its price is much less volatile than fossil fuels.
- Solar farms can support biodiversity by supporting new and existing plant and animal life. The panels don't take up the whole site, which means space can be set aside for alternative agricultural methods, new hedgerows, grazing and restoration.

Read more about the benefits of solar power in Everything Under the Sun, published by the Solar Energy UK.
www.solarenergyuk.org

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.







Landscape and environmental considerations

We'll be undertaking a series of assessments and studies across the site and its boundaries. Some of these are already underway.

Assessments

- Landscape and visual impact
- Landscape and ecological management mitigation plan
- Preliminary ecological appraisal
- Outline biodiversity enhancement management plan
- Flood risk and drainage impact
- Private water supply
- Transport
- Noise impact
- Glint & glare
- Cultural heritage impact
- Outline battery safety management plan

Ecology surveys

- UK habitat classification
- Protected mammals
- Great crested newt habitat suitability index
- Daytime bat walkover
- Ground-level tree assessment
- Breeding and wintering birds



If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.



Biodiversity net gain

Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm will conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity following national and local guidance.

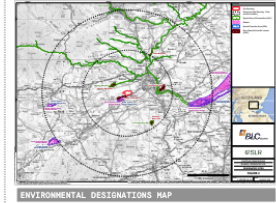
Bats

We aim to be bat-friendly. To support bats around the site, we will follow the most recent NatureScot guidance about bats and solar farms.

We will also undertake ground-level assessments to identify trees with potential roost features and buffer these appropriately.

We will also create commuting corridors by:

- Maintaining well-used riparian routes, such as field drains and small watercourses;
- Incorporating stand-off distances from woodland blocks for bats to commute and forage; and
- Supplementing vegetation and native hedging to support connectivity with woodland stands to the west and east.



these birds and other key species. This could include:

- Seeding a wildflower and grass mix within the site that is appropriate and native to the local area;
- Creating grass strips between the solar panels and fencing, ideally around four metres wide, that will be left unmanaged; and
- Foraging crops like winter cereals could be left unmanaged on the edges of fields as winter stubble for geese.



Birds

The site is near two important areas for nature and bird species in particular:

- Dupplin Lakes Site of Special Scientific Interest; and
- South Tayside Goose Roost Special Protected Area and Ramsar (a designated area of wetland).

These areas host pink-footed and greylag geese, as well as other wintering and breeding birds.

We will make biodiversity enhancements to our site to benefit and support

Trees and hedgerows

We will maintain all existing trees. We will also plant new trees and hedgerows to improve screening along the A9 and the site's eastern boundary (A9 to Tibbermore). This will also create new wildlife corridors for birds and small mammals across the wider site as part of our enhancement package.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.





INDICATIVE IMAGE

Battery Energy and Storage System (BESS)

Why does the site include a BESS?

Battery storage, or battery energy storage systems (BESS), are devices that enable energy from renewables, like solar and wind, to be stored and then released when the power is needed most. Battery

storage technology has a key part to play in ensuring homes and businesses can be powered by green energy, even when the sun isn't shining or the wind has stopped blowing.

BESS Features

- **Cells and containers:** We'll have approximately 24 containers each measuring 8m x 3m. The exact model and manufacturer will be determined later, but they will be a maximum height of 2.6m.
- **Layout:** The containers will be placed on a raised platform, with 0.5m between each container.
- **Security:** The BESS will be secured by 2.4m tall fencing.
- **Monitoring and control:** Each of the containers will have early warning sensors.
- **Safety:** Each of the cells/ containers will be fitted with a water-based fire suppression system.
- **Location:** We've placed the BESS in part of the site where visual impact is minimised, and it is over 500m from any residential property.
- **Access:** The BESS will have two access points for emergency vehicles.

According to the National Grid

Every day, engineers at National Grid and electricity grids worldwide must match supply with demand. Managing these peaks and troughs becomes more challenging when the target is to achieve net zero carbon production. Fossil-fuel fired plants have traditionally been used to manage these peaks and troughs, but battery energy storage facilities can replace a portion of these so-called peaking power generators over time.

The UK government estimates technologies like battery storage systems – supporting the integration of more low-carbon power, heat and transport technologies – could save the UK energy system up to £40 billion by 2050, ultimately reducing people's energy bills.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.



Community benefit fund

Dupplin Solar & BESS Farm has committed to an annual community benefit fund worth £500 for every megawatt (MW) of export capacity on site. This equates to £48,750 per annum for the 40-year project life.

We are dedicated to collaborating closely with the communities near our proposed solar and BESS developments. Our goal is to ensure that community benefits are effectively used to tackle local priorities and are managed and distributed according to the community's wants and needs as much as possible.

£500 per MW
value of annual community benefit

£48,750 pa
for the 40 year project lifespan



Tell us your ideas

The community, and its representatives, will decide how these funds will be allocated, but we'd like to hear about projects and initiatives that could be supported locally. Please include your ideas in the feedback forms.



Ideas from other similar projects have included:

- Grants to help with apprenticeships with local companies
- Help with power bills for families and pensioners
- Improvements to community facilities like parks, pathways and halls

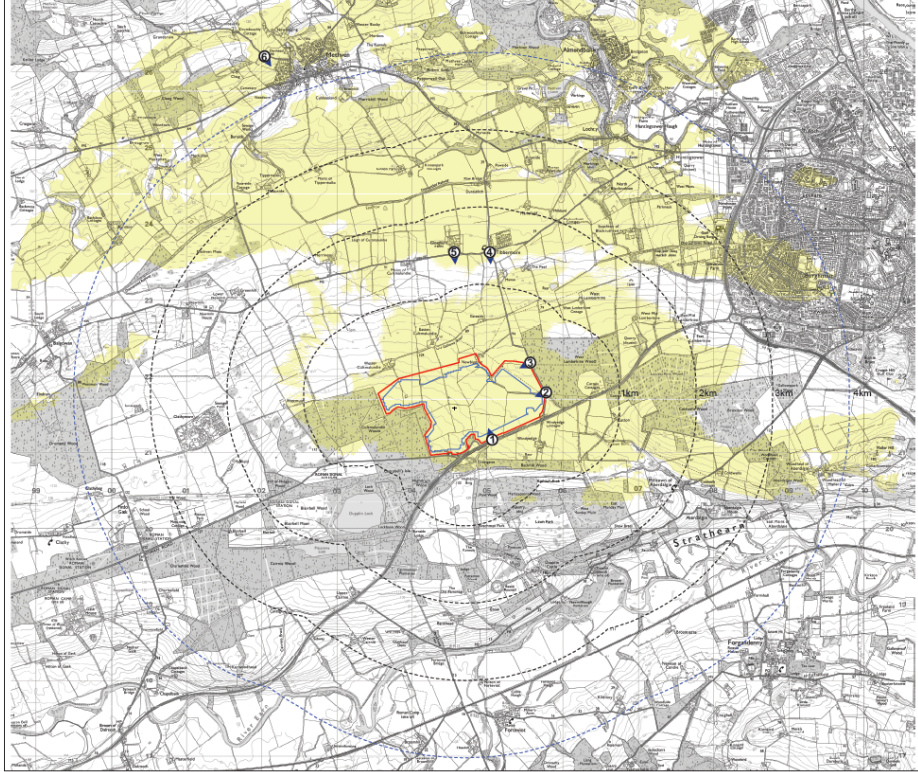
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Kappa boards

Dupplin Solar Farm

Figure 1a - Zone of Theoretical Visibility with Viewpoints



Key

- Site Boundary
- Solar Panel Layout Boundary
- 4 km Study Area
- Predicted Visibility
- Viewpoints

1-View north west from A9.
 2-View north west from minor road near Windyedge Cottages
 3-View west from minor road
 4-View southwest from Tibbermore
 5-View south from Glogaburn Farm Shop
 6-View south east from College Road near Methven.

Notes:
 The calculations of this map are based on the 'bare earth' model of the landform and do not allow for any effects of cscreening from obstacles such as buildings and existing vegetation. The landform data was taken from Ordnance Survey Terrain 5 digital terrain model (gridded height data at 5m intervals).

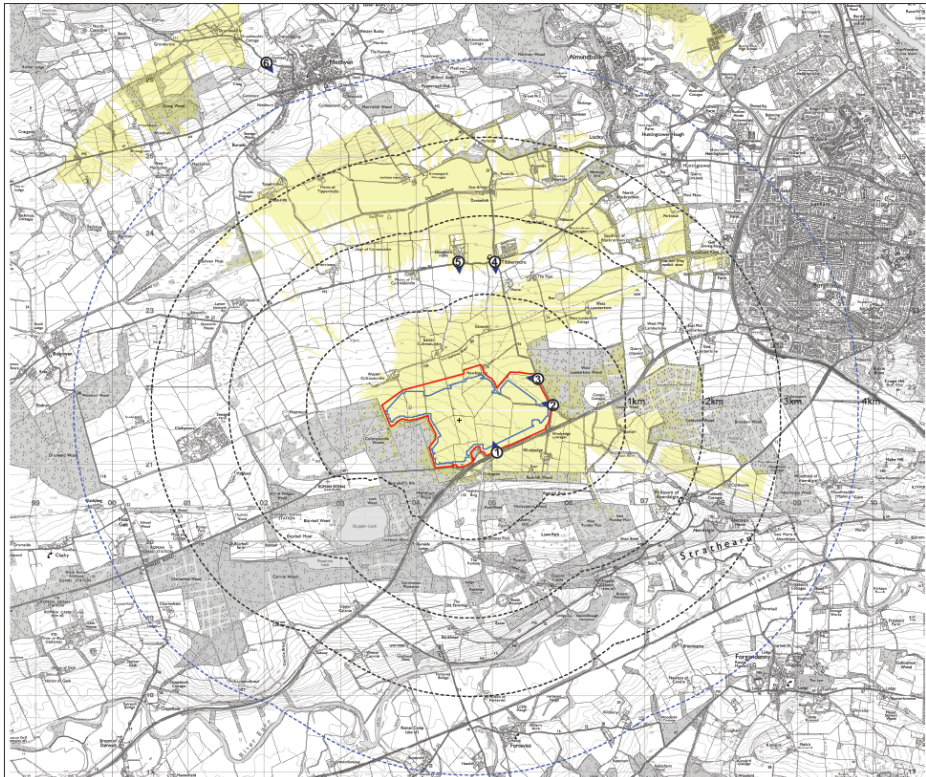
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Figure 1b - Zone of Theoretical Visibility (with existing screening) and Viewpoints



Key

- Site Boundary
- Solar Panel Layout Boundary
- 4 km Study Area
- Predicted Visibility
- Viewpoints

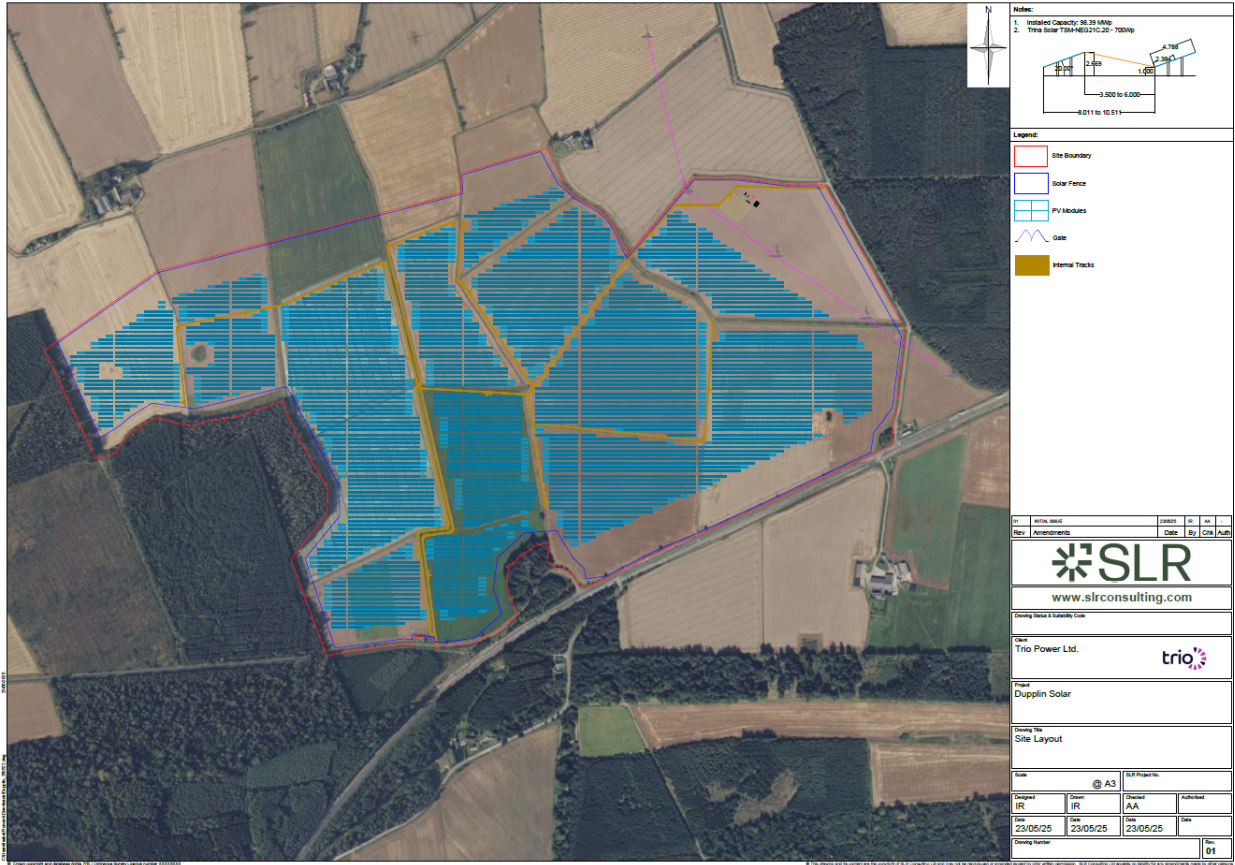
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Notes:
 The calculations of this map incorporate the potential screening influence of buildings and existing vegetation based on the highest resolution terrain elevation data. The landform data was taken from Photography Derived 2m Digital Surface Model (gridded height data at 2m intervals).


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Feedback form (August 2025)



Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm Feedback Form

Do you support the use of solar energy in Scotland?

Yes
 No
 Neutral

Are you supportive of our proposal for Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm in principle?

Very supportive
 Supportive
 Neutral
 Opposed
 Very opposed

Which of the following do you think would be a benefit of Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm?

Creating a reliable supply of renewable energy
 Relatively low visual impact
 Contribution to local and national net zero targets
 Low maintenance, little noise

Do you have any concerns about our proposal?

Do you have any suggestions for how the associated community benefit fund could be used locally?

Do you wish to be kept informed of our proposals for Dupplin Solar Farm and BESS



Please tick the box and include your name and email address below. Please print. Yes No

Name _____ Email _____

Thank you for your feedback.

Please hand this completed questionnaire in or alternatively send to the address below by the 10th September 2025:

BLC Energy Ltd, Unit 4, Mullion House,
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Privacy Statement/Data Protection By completing this feedback questionnaire, you are agreeing that we (BLC Energy Ltd) can hold the process data in relation to the current public consultation exercise for the purposes of Dupplin Solar & BESS Farm. We hold all personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and your personal data will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area. We will only share your personal data with members of the Dupplin Solar & BESS Farm project team for planning evaluation purposes only. Your identifiable personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent. We will use your data to: Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with contact details and indicate that you would like to receive such updates). In the event a Pre-Application Consultation report is submitted with the planning application, your comments will be anonymised, and we will only identify you in the report or any related documentation with your permission.

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Presentation to Methven Community Council (4 November 2025)

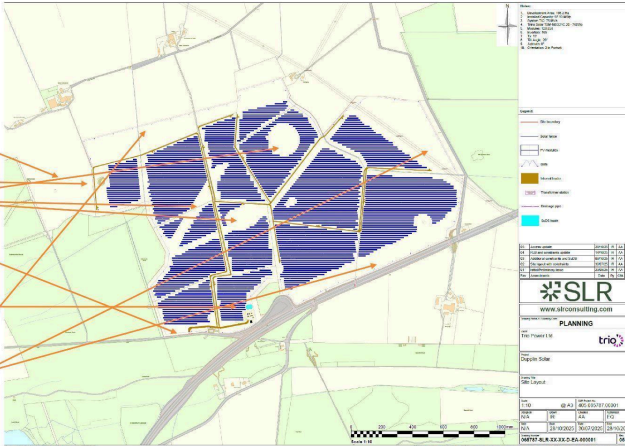


Dupplin Solar Farm

Update to Methven Community Council
4th November 2025

Updated Layout

- Field removed due to Private Water Supply
- Buffer from Pond
- Panels removed due to archaeology interests
- Access moved due to Scottish Water pipe
- Substation moved for screening purposes
- Panels moved south to keep away from houses and ridgeline
- Buffer left from A9 & Tibbermore Road



Code	Description	Area (m ²)	Volume (m ³)
1	Roof	1,200	1,200
2	Walls	2,500	2,500
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4	Other	500	500
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Project Update

- Most of surveys now complete
- No significant impacts identified
- Design freeze in Oct. Impacts now being quantified and studies written up
- Grid reform “Gate 2” submission completed. Result due in Q2 2026. Current grid connection date in 2035, but have requested a 2029 connection.
- BESS component has been removed from project
- Panels being planned for are 760w



Next Steps

- Public Exhibitions 3rd & 5th December 2025
- Post exhibition feedback to Methven CC
- Final design freeze mid Dec 2025
- Chapters write up Dec 25- Jan 26
- Planning Submission to ECU end Jan 2026



Questions & Answers

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Duppinn Solar Farm pre-application consultation public events

PROPOSAL: Development of a solar farm consisting of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar modules with an estimated export capacity of up to 24MW and associated infrastructure on land adjacent to the A9 and A9 - Tibbermore Road. It is approximately 4.6km from Methven and 13km from Beath on B9000.

An in-person event will take place Wednesday, 1 December 2025, 4-6pm at:
Ardvach Community Centre,
501 Main Street,
Methven, PH11 3PU

A virtual event will take place:
Friday, 5 December, 4.30-5.30pm

Further information can be found at the QR code or by emailing info@bkcenergy.com

You can make comments on the proposal by attending the events or emailing the address above. Your comments must be submitted no later than **19 December 2025**.

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THESE COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY RELEVANT LEGISLATION

COMMENTS BY 19 December 2025

20251007PFL: Erection of agricultural building and formation of access track at the Woodlands Farm PH1 3GZ.

20251008PFL: Erection of 2 flats and formation of car parking at Land 10 Metres South of 40th Drive, Pinar Cars Craft Park.

20251009PFL: Erection of scientific discovery centre, formation of parking area and associated works at Land 100 Metres East of Kinross High School, Loch Lomond Community Campus Kinross PH11 3PZ.

20251020PFL: Residential conversion (in principle) at Former South Perth Garage First.

20251021PFL: Erection of replacement dwellinghouse, change of use and alterations to outbuildings at 11th Street, Inveray, including outbuildings and associated works at Land 400 Metres East of Dalduff Farm, Logghead Perth PH1 3TL.

20251022PFL: Erection of residential development, installation of air source heat pumps and associated works at Land 50 Metres West of 10th Drive, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251023PFL: Installation of equipment housing unit, biomass boilers and associated landscape works, road widening and works at Land 140 Metres South West of Dalnairn Farm, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251024PFL: Installation of hydro-electric scheme and associated works at Land 600 Metres South West of Dalnairn Centre, Inveray Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251025PFL: Erection of a hydrogen production facility comprising water change unit, purification, distribution, compression, substation, truck filling base, maintenance building, access, lighting, CCTV, perimeter fencing and associated ancillary works at Land 200 Metres South East of Orchard, Bungevine Elm Farm, Perth.

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COMMENTS BY 19 December 2025

20251026PFL: Conversion of building at Blackford Hotel, Money Lane, Blackford, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251027PFL: Alterations to 22, 24 and 26, South Street, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251028PFL: Alterations to dwellinghouse and formation of steps at 10th Street, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251029PFL: Alterations to wall at Holy Trinity Church, Perth Road, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251030PFL: Alterations and replacement extension to dwellinghouse at Gortochrie, Rogie Road, Coupar Angus, Perth PH1 3RE.

20251031PFL: Installation of solar panels at 43 Elm Street, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251032PFL: Installation of replacement windows, alterations and extension to former school to form dwellinghouse at Old School, Perth, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251033PFL: Alterations to building and vehicular access, erection of wall, formation of hardstanding, car parking area and associated works at Broom House, Perth, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251034PFL: Alterations to dwellinghouse at Dunsford, The Ross, Perth PH1 3GZ.

20251035PFL: Alterations to dwellinghouse and installation of vents at Ross Cottage, Upper Main Street, Bargaive, Perth PH1 3RE.

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Proposal: Development of a solar farm consisting of ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar modules with an estimated export capacity of up to 75MW and associated infrastructure on land adjacent to the A9 and A9 - Tibbermore Road. It is approximately 4.5kms from Methven and 3.8km from Broxden Roundabout.

An in-person event will take place Wednesday, 3 December 2025, 4-8pm at: Methven Community Centre, 38A Main Street, Methven, PH1 3PU

A virtual event will take place Friday, 5 December, 6.30-7.30pm

Further information can be found at the QR code or by emailing info@blicenergy.com

You can make comments on the proposal by attending the events or emailing the address above. Your comments must be submitted no later than 15 December 2025.

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Invitation to neighbours (November 2025)



Dupplin Solar Farm Second Public Exhibition

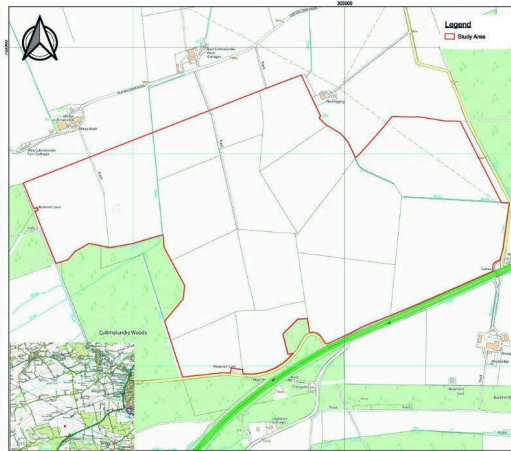
We have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the second public exhibition for the proposed Dupplin Solar Farm development.

Join us at the public exhibition:

**Wed 3 December 2025,
4:00 to 8:00pm**

Methven Community
Centre, 34A Main Street,
Methven, Perth, PH1 3PU

This is being held by
BLC Energy Ltd.




About Dupplin Solar Farm

Dupplin Solar Farm will comprise approximately 195,000 individual solar panels with an export capacity of 75MW (and with a build out of 97.5MWp). The development will supply power directly to the National Grid via an underground cable to the Burghmuir substation, Perth.

The project will generate enough energy to provide the equivalent electricity needs of over 35,000 homes per year.

Dupplin Solar Farm will generate an annual community benefit fund worth £500 for every megawatt (MW) of export capacity on site, equating to £48,750 per annum for the 40-year project life.



195,000
individual solar panels



75MW
export capacity



35,000
homes powered

We welcome your feedback

This exhibition is an opportunity to see up-to-date plans for the project and ask the project team questions and provide feedback on our proposals.

If you cannot attend in person, an online presentation will take place on **Friday 5 December, 6:30pm to 7:30pm**. You can view details on how to join at **www.blcenergy.com**. The information boards and the availability to provide

feedback will also be available on the website. Further information can be found on **www.blcenergy.com**.

You can comment on the proposals directly to the developer at this stage, either at the public exhibition or by emailing **info@blcenergy.com**.

These comments must be submitted no later than **15 December 2025**.

Please note that comments made to BLC Energy at this time are not representations to the Scottish Ministers. Representations to Scottish Ministers can be made once a Section 36 Application has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.



Further information about the project can be found on the website **www.blcenergy.com**




If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please email us at **info@blcenergy.com**

About us

Dupplin Solar Farm is being developed by BLC Energy and owned by TRIO Power Limited. TRIO is backed by the Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT), a fund managed by Octopus Energy Generation (OEGEN). OEGEN is one of the largest renewable energy investors in Europe, managing more than 230 large-scale green energy projects with a combined capacity of 3.25 GW.




Exhibition material (3 December 2025)



Welcome

Welcome to the second public exhibition for the proposed Dupplin Solar Farm, located on land adjacent to the A9 and A9 – Tibbermore Road. It is approximately 4.9km from Methven and 3.1km from Broxden Roundabout.



LOCATION PLAN SITE BOUNDARY




Updates based on feedback

We held our first exhibition in August 2025. We have used the feedback from this event, gathered through forms, emails and conversations, to inform and update our proposal. We have also consulted with organisations including Nature Scot, Scottish Water and Historic Environment Scotland, and taken advice from expert ecologists.

This has led to an improved, updated design of the proposed solar farm.

Thank you for all your comments so far, and we look forward to hearing further suggestions today.




We believe this is an excellent site for a solar farm because of


-  Good solar radiation
-  Viable National Grid connection
-  No obvious environmental or technical constraints

Dupplin Solar Farm will comprise approximately **128,688** individual solar panels with a build out size of around **97.8MW**.

About us

BLC Energy, a Perthshire-based Scottish renewable energy developer, is developing Dupplin Solar Farm. TRIO Power Limited owns the project. TRIO Power is owned and funded by the Octopus Renewable Infrastructure Trust (ORIT), a fund managed by Octopus Energy Generation (OEGEN) and part of the Octopus Energy Group. OEGEN is one of the largest renewable energy investors in Europe, managing more than 230 large-scale green energy projects with a combined capacity of 3.25GW.








Updated layout

We have made significant changes to the proposed layout of Dupplin Solar Farm in response to feedback from the local community, statutory consultees and the results of surveys and assessments.

We have altered the layout so that the solar farm has a minimal impact on the local neighbourhood and environment, while ensuring the development remains viable.



ORIGINAL SITE LAYOUT NEW SITE LAYOUT

The most significant changes include that we:

- Excluded an entire field in the north-west of the site, to protect a private water supply.
- Removed solar panels from the eastern field: it will be retained solely for biodiversity enhancement.
- Removed solar panels from the south-east to avoid surface water pooling.
- Removed the 15MW battery energy and storage system.
- Relocated the substation to the south-west, so it's screened by woodland and less visible.


We've also refined the design by...

- Adding buffers around Dupplin Estate properties, to ensure a substantial distance between the properties and the infrastructure elements of the site.
- Moving the site's access west to avoid a Scottish Water pipe.
- Adding a shallow drainage channel to let water flow across the land at a controlled, greenfield rate, to prevent surface water pooling in the south east.
- Applying buffers around the undesignated post-medieval and Roman heritage assets that lie within the red line boundary.

And we've improved how we'll protect the site's ecology and biodiversity by...

- Creating a native-planted visual buffer along the A9, in place of the 100m southern standoff strip.
- Applying buffers to protect bats, birds and sensitive habitats, including Ancient Woodland at Cultmalundie.
- Adding a 15m buffer from individual trees, in addition to the 30m woodland standoff, near the eastern pylons, to prevent overshadowing.
- Establishing a 30m development-free corridor around the site to establish ecological connectivity between Cultmalundie and East Lamberkine woodlands.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.



Feedback from the first exhibition

We collected 10 feedback forms during the first round of consultation and had conversations with local residents.

We logged all of these questions, concerns and comments and noticed some common themes. Today you'll be able to find our responses to questions, and see how we've incorporated suggestions or mitigated concerns.

Feedback themes

 <p>Loss of agricultural land 10 people voiced concern over farmland being used for solar energy generation rather than food production. Words used include "lots of good agricultural land" and references to better alternative locations.</p>	 <p>Glint and glare One person explicitly raised concerns about glint and glare.</p>	 <p>BESS safety Three people were worried about the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), focusing on safety risks and the visual impact of the BESS infrastructure.</p>
 <p>Enough renewable energy / Grid issues Three respondents questioned the need for more renewable generation in Scotland, stating that the country already produces enough energy. Another raised questions about how the electricity will be used or transmitted, and one person queried National Grid connection capacity at Burghmuir.</p>	 <p>Visual impact Six people voiced concerns about the view, unacceptable visual impact on residents and possible effects on tourism. One person noted they were reassured that visual impact would be limited, but most raised it as a negative.</p>	

Other individual comments referred to:

- Long lead-time to completion
- Environmental provenance of solar panels
- Impact of solar panels on sheep
- Miscommunication about exhibition dates
- Questions about land capability assessments
- Views on government policy (e.g. Clean Power 2030 Action Plan)

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Our responses

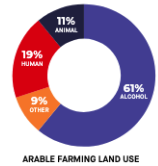
Use of land for agriculture or renewable energy



Several people raised concerns over using prime agricultural land for energy production.

Our response

We conducted a comprehensive Land Capability for Agriculture assessment in October 2025, which will be submitted with our planning application. At present, the majority of the site's crops are used for distilling (over 60%) and this year only 19% of the land available was used for food production. The majority of the soil is Class 3.1 and 3.2 agricultural land.



A solar farm is a good use of this site because

- **National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) compliant:** The project aligns with Scottish Government guidance, which allows for renewable energy production on agricultural land
- **Continued farming:** The estate can graze their sheep on site once the solar farm is constructed, so that the farming business can continue.
- **Climate change:** decreasing our reliance on fossil fuels should help us tackle climate change, which poses a huge threat to UK food security through extreme weather and changing growing conditions.
- **Farm viability:** Renting land for renewable energy provides additional income, helping landowners reinvest in their farms.
- **Economic survival:** Projects like this support farms at risk of closure and strengthen long-term sustainability.

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Our responses

Visual impact



We recognised that visual impact was a concern for local people and we have included a variety of mitigations.

We conducted a landscape and visual impact assessment, with baseline photography and photomontages, to accurately understand any impacts and propose relevant mitigation.

We have reduced the number of panels from **195,000 to 128,688** by

- removing entire sections of arrays
- increasing buffers between panels and houses and infrastructure
- improving and enhancing landscaping and biodiversity measures throughout the site

Trees, planting and screening

Our response

- No mature trees or hedgerows will be removed for construction or operation.
- 30m woodland buffers applied across the site, preventing construction near Cultmalundie and Lamberkine Woods.
- No-development buffer strips along the north and south boundaries will maintain woodland connectivity for bats and birds.
- New screening vegetation will be added, including:
 - Native woodland blocks along the south boundary to screen views from the A9.
 - Standard tree planting on the east boundary to screen Tibbermore Road.
 - Mixed native hedgerows along north and south boundaries to link east-west woodland.
- Woodland mix on the north-east boundary to screen views from Tibbermore.
- Additional hedgerow planting alongside panels will reduce visibility from nearby homes and roads.
- Wildflower and grassland mix will be used across the site to support sheep grazing.
- Riparian planting along the north-east ditch will strengthen bat and bird foraging corridors.
- Wet meadow areas will boost biodiversity where surface water gathers.
- A Habitat Management Plan will be agreed with Perth & Kinross Council to ensure appropriate species and long-term maintenance.
- A Tree Constraints and Tree Management Plan will be submitted and approved before construction.

Our responses

Battery Energy Storage System

Several people raised concerns about the safety and visual impact of the BESS.

Our response

We have removed the BESS component from the proposal.

Scotland's renewable energy targets and the National Grid

Some people commented Scotland 'already has enough' renewable energy and questioned whether we need more. People also asked whether the National Grid had capacity to use energy generated by Dupplin Solar Farm.

Our response

- Scotland's target is 50% of total energy consumption to be provided by renewable sources by 2030. At the moment, around 29.5% of total energy consumption is from renewable energy. As Scotland starts to decarbonise the transport sector and phases out gas and oil heating, the demand for electricity will increase. This demand will be met by new renewable energy generation.
- The Scottish Government has committed to deploy 6-9GW of solar by 2030.
- The UK Government wants to triple solar power by 2030.
- Dupplin Solar Farm will help our governments reach these targets.



Glint and glare

Our response

Solar panels are designed to absorb light, limiting glare. An assessment is underway to consider the effects on residences and transport, including aircraft, up to 3km away. No significant impacts are expected.

Ethical sourcing of panels and equipment

Our response

The vast majority of the world's solar panels are manufactured in China. Both BLC Energy and Octopus have signed up to the Solar Energy UK Supply Chain Statement. Octopus is also a member of the Solar Stewardship Initiative, which means it will only source panels from tier one manufacturers that are independently assessed.

Find out more
www.solarenergyuk.org
www.solarstewardshipinitiative.org

Community benefit fund

Dupplin Solar Farm has committed to an annual Community Benefit Fund worth £500 for every megawatt (MW) built on site, equating to £48,750 annually for the 40 year project life.

Our goal is to ensure that community benefits are used to tackle local priorities and are managed and distributed according to the community's wants and needs as much as possible.



So far, it has been suggested that the fund could support:

<p>Further use for a local community bus</p>	<p>A fund for the local community halls</p>	<p>A fund for food for the needy</p>
<p>Defibrillator in the local halls</p>	<p>Improve traffic flow on to and from A90.</p>	
<p>Improve the A9 to Tibbermore junction</p>	<p>Consider making Lower Earn Trust a beneficiary of the fund</p>	

Tell us your ideas

The community, and its representatives, will decide how these funds will be allocated, and we welcome ideas on projects/ initiatives that would help support local families. Please include your ideas in the feedback forms.



If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.



Next steps

Today's event is intended to provide information, as well as gather feedback from the community about our proposed development.

If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project, please talk to a member of the project team. Your comments will be gratefully received.

An online presentation will be held on **Friday 5 December 2025 at 6:30pm.**

If you would like to attend, please contact info@blcenergy.com or submit a request via the website using the QR code.

The project website will be updated with online versions of the information presented today.

We would like your feedback

Please take the time to complete the feedback form and submit this to BLC Energy Ltd no later than **Monday 15 December 2025.**

We are currently finalising our assessments and expect to submit our planning application to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit by **February 2026.**



Please note that comments made to BLC Energy at this time are not representations to Scottish Ministers. Formal representations can be made once a Section 36 Application has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit.

Thank you for coming today.

Further information about the project can be found on the website www.blcenergy.com

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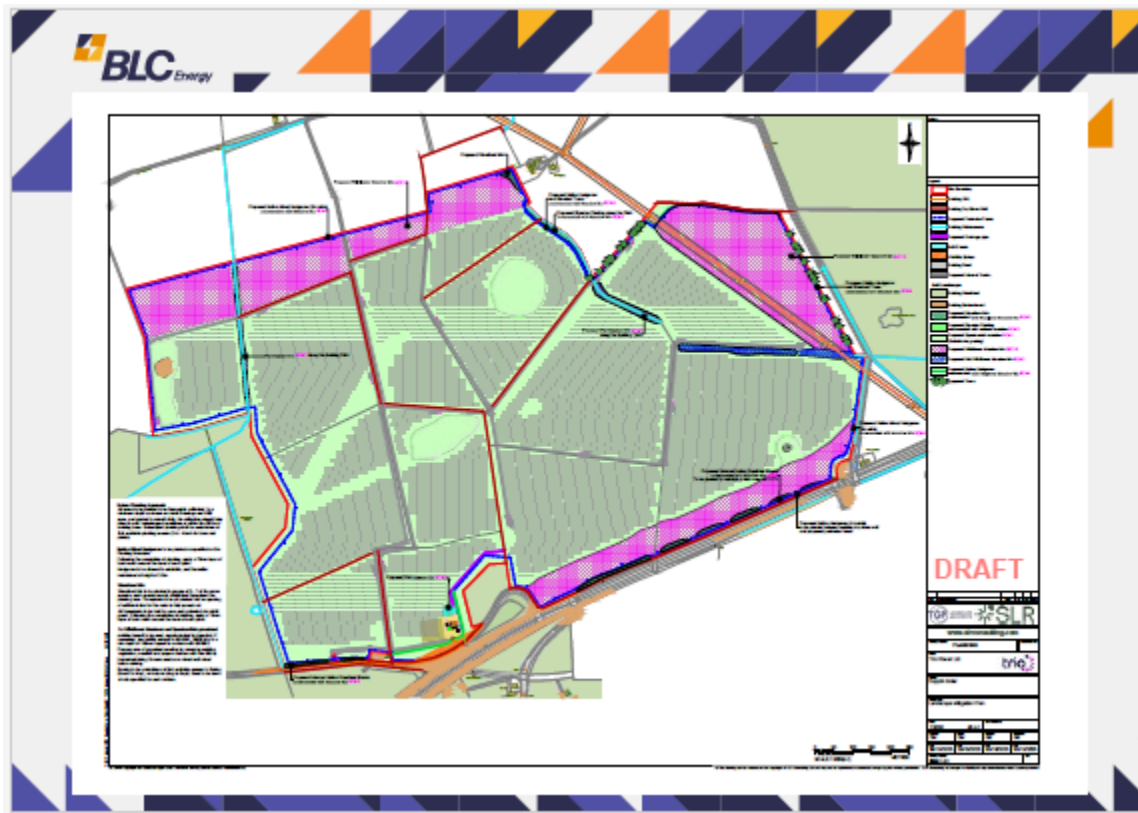
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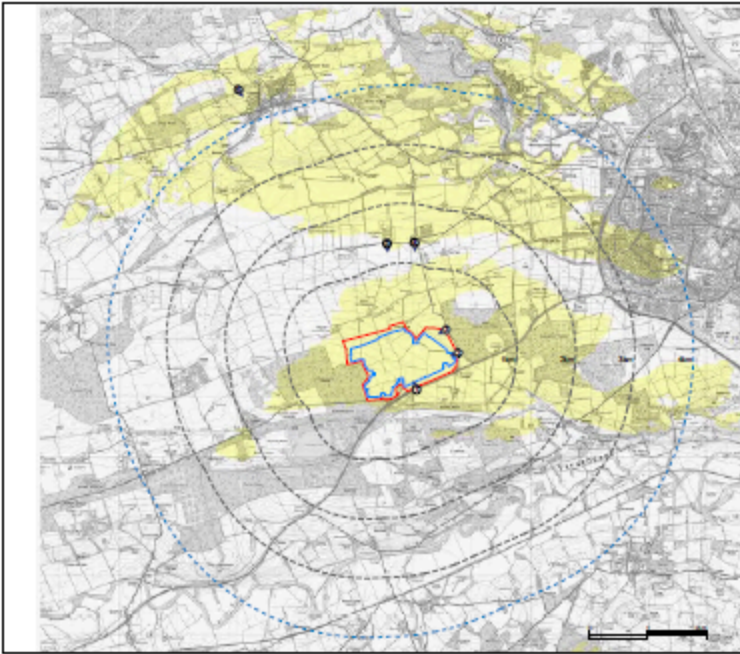


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LEGEND

- Site Boundary
- 1km Study Area Boundary
- 1km Study Area
- Predicted Visibility

NOTES

1. Site north view from A1
2. Site north view from international road
3. Site north view from road
4. Site north view from "The Square"
5. Site north view from "The Square"
6. Site north view from "The Square"

SCALE

The calculations of this map are based on the 1km north view of the site and do not allow for any effect of surrounding terrain or other site buildings and existing vegetation. The southern site view is based on "The Square" from the site.

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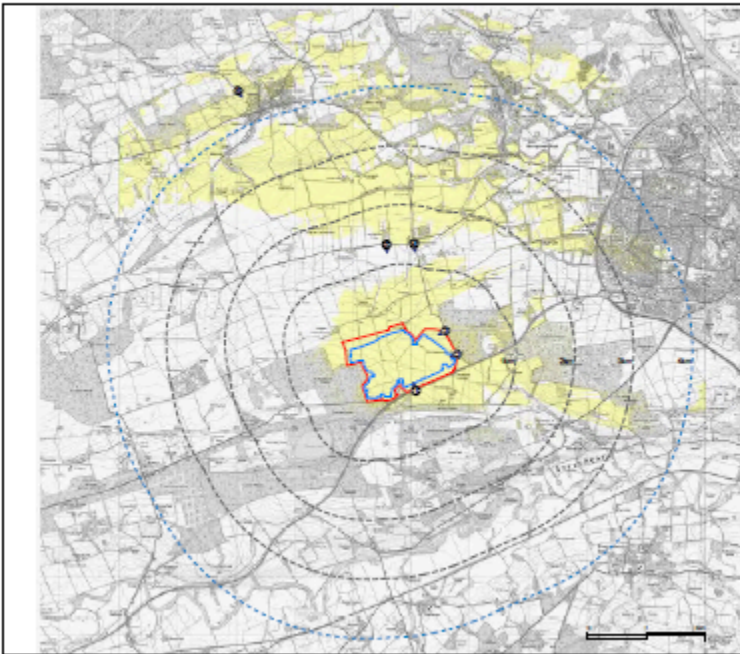
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FIGURE 1a

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LEGEND

- Site Boundary
- 1km Study Area Boundary
- 1km Study Area
- Predicted Visibility

NOTES

1. Site north view from A1
2. Site north view from international road
3. Site north view from road
4. Site north view from "The Square"
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SCALE

The calculations of this map incorporate the potential screening influence of buildings and existing vegetation based on the original proposed north view from the site. The southern site view is based on "The Square" from the site.

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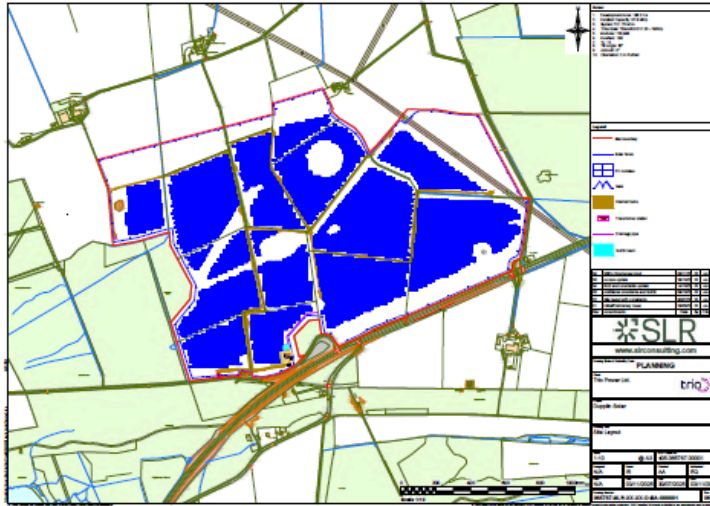
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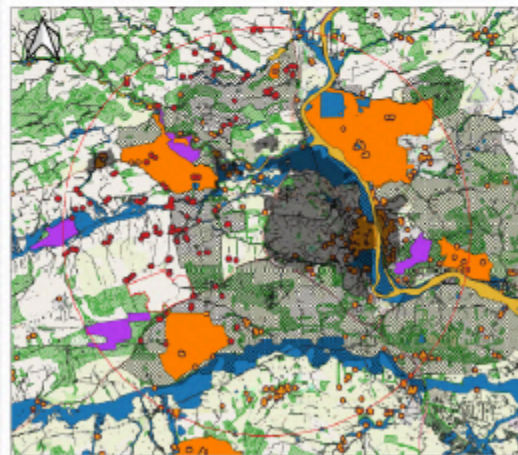
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FIGURE 1a


10/11/2025 10/11/2025



Site constraints



Feedback form (December 2025)



Dupplin Solar Farm Feedback Form

Do you support the use of solar energy in Scotland?

Yes
 No
 Neutral

Are you supportive of our proposal for Dupplin Solar Farm in principle?

Very supportive
 Supportive
 Neutral
 Opposed
 Very opposed

Which of the following do you think would be a benefit of Dupplin Solar Farm?

Creating a reliable supply of renewable energy
 Relatively low visual impact
 Contribution to local and national net zero targets
 Low maintenance, little noise

Do you have any concerns about our proposal?

Do you have any suggestions for how the associated community benefit fund could be used locally?

Do you wish to be kept informed of our proposals for Dupplin Solar Farm



Please tick the box and include your name and email address below. Please print. Yes No

Name _____ Email _____

Thank you for your feedback.

Please hand this completed questionnaire in or alternatively send to the address below by the 15th December 2025:

BLC Energy Ltd, Unit 4, Mullion House,
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Aberuthven, Perthshire, PH3 1EL

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Privacy Statement/Data Protection By completing this feedback questionnaire, you are agreeing that we (BLC Energy Ltd) can hold the process data in relation to the current public consultation exercise for the purposes of Dupplin Solar Farm. We hold all personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 and your personal data will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area. We will only share your personal data with members of the Dupplin Solar Farm project team for planning evaluation purposes only. Your identifiable personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent. We will use your data to: Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with contact details and indicate that you would like to receive such updates). In the event a Pre-Application Consultation report is submitted with the planning application, your comments will be anonymised, and we will only identify you in the report or any related documentation with your permission.

NB: ANY COMMENTS MADE TO THE APPLICANT DURING THIS EXHIBITION DO NOT AFFECT YOUR STATUTORY RIGHTS TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION ITSELF

Website assorted screenshots

(<https://www.blcenergy.com/projects/dupplin/>)



Project timeline

March-October 2025	July 2025	August 2025
Environmental studies on Ecology & birds started.	Grid Reform Connection Date Confirmation (Q1 2026).	1st Public Exhibition
December 2025	January 2026	2031
Design Freeze and 2nd Public Exhibition	Planning submission to Scottish Government.	Expected grid connection date

Project News

FIRST PUBLIC EXHIBITION TO BE HELD FOR DUPPLIN SOLAR & BESS FARM

10 July 2025

BLC Energy is holding a public consultation for the proposed Dupplin Solar and BESS Farm, located in Perthshire. The public exhibition is on Wednesday 27th August 2025 from 4pm to **Read more...**



Community benefit

Dupplin Solar Farm will generate an annual community benefit fund worth £500 for every megawatt (MW) of export capacity on site, equating to £48,750 per annum for the project life.


The Dupplin Solar Farm will work with the local community council to establish how the communities local to the project wish to manage this benefit fund. BLC Energy and ORIT would like to offer £500 MW per annum split into 2 funds. One to support local projects, one to be given as grants to local households struggling with cost of living increases, loss of winter fuel payment etc. This equates to £48,750 per annum.

To find out more about how community benefits can be managed please visit: <https://localenergy.scot/community-benefits-toolkit/>

Public engagement

We are committed to maintaining open communication channels with local communities, councils, and other stakeholders, to discuss the project's development and the use of the community benefit fund.

- The first public exhibition took place on 27 August 2025, at Methven Town Hall, Methven. An online presentation took place a few days later to allow members of the public the chance to ask questions.
- The second public exhibition took place on 3 December, at Methven Town Hall.
- An online presentation took place in the evening on 5th December 2025.
- If you would like to ask any further questions, please email us using the contact information below.

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Enquire about the project

Your Name (optional)

Your Email Address


Subject (optional)


Your Message

Find Out More

Send us your details below and we'll get in touch

Name Company Email

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Project: Dupplin Solar Farm

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Introduction

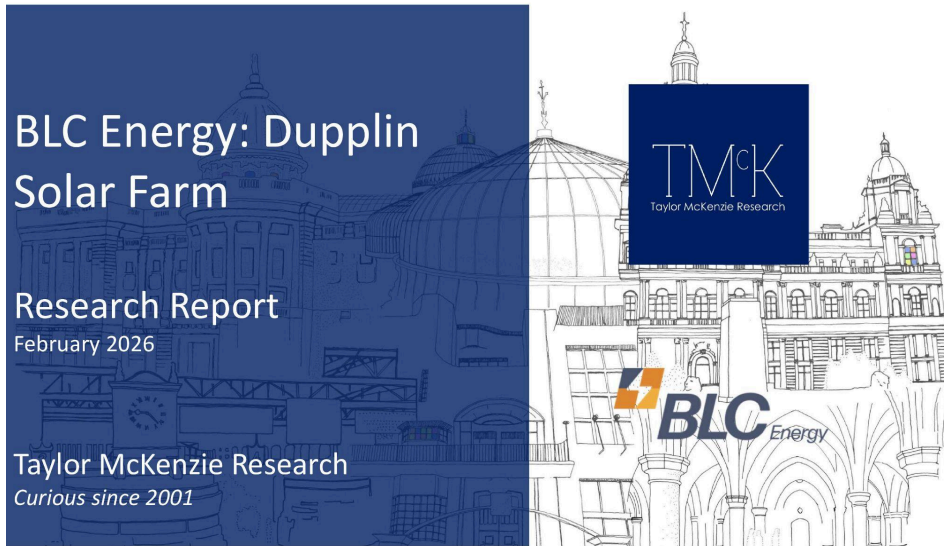
Dupplin Solar Farm is expected to generate up to 97m Kilowatt hours(kWh) of renewable energy per year

 Status	 Size
In Development	97.8MWp

About the project

- Dupplin Solar Farm will comprise solar panels with a build out size of around 97.8 MW of renewable energy each year.
- Approximately 128,688 solar panels will be sensitively spread across the site. They will sit around 2.5 feet off the ground, facing south at an angle of up to 20°.
- The project will generate enough energy to power over 40,000 homes per year. The development will supply power directly into the grid via an underground cable to the Burghmuir substation, Perth.

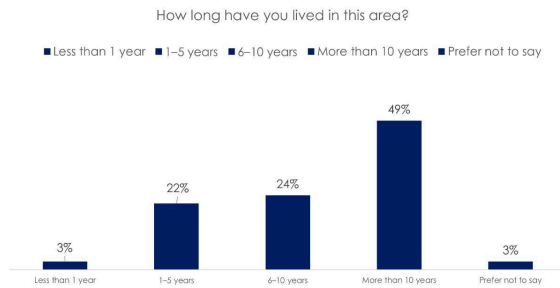
Survey by Taylor McKenzie (January 2026)



Methodology & Who took part

A total of **37 online interviews** were achieved between the 30th January 2026 and the 31st January 2026. 35 were conducted via door-to-door interviewing, and 2 were self-completion questionnaires.

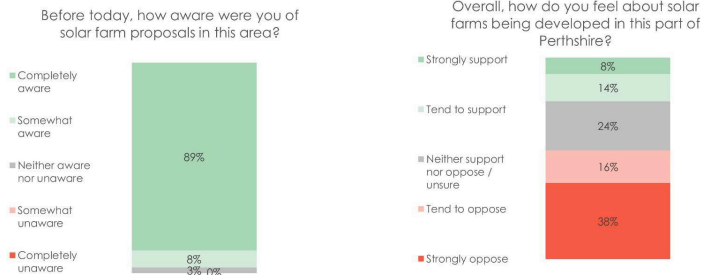
All respondents were local residents, living within 2km of the proposed Dupplin Solar Farm.



Please note: throughout the report, percentages in graphs are rounded to the closest decimal place, therefore may not add up exactly to 100%

Base: Total, n= 37

97% of residents reported being aware of solar farm proposals in their area. Over half (54%) oppose solar farms development in Perthshire, compared with 22% who generally are in support.



Base: Total, n= 37

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92% of residents who took part had heard of the proposed Dupplin solar farm. Among those aware, nearly half (50%) oppose its development, compared with 30% who support it.

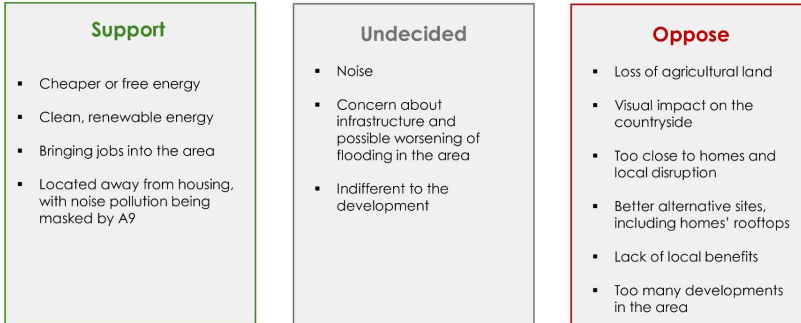


Base: Total, n= 37

Base: Those who have heard of Dupplin solar farm, n= 34

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What are the main reasons you feel that way about solar farms here or Dupplin in particular?

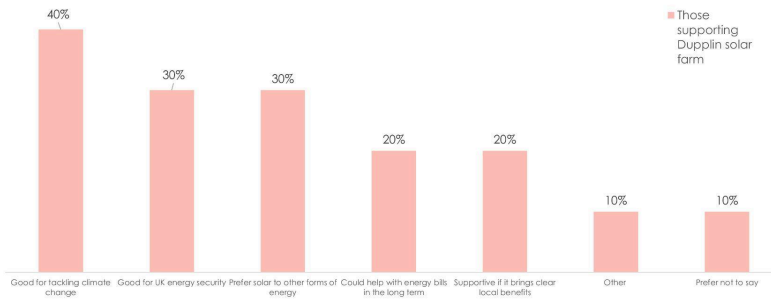


Base: Those who have heard of Dupplin solar farm, n= 34

Among the 11 local residents who supported the development, 'Good for tackling climate change' (40%) was the most commonly selected reason for support, followed by 'Good for UK energy security' (30%) and 'Prefer solar to other forms of energy' (30%)

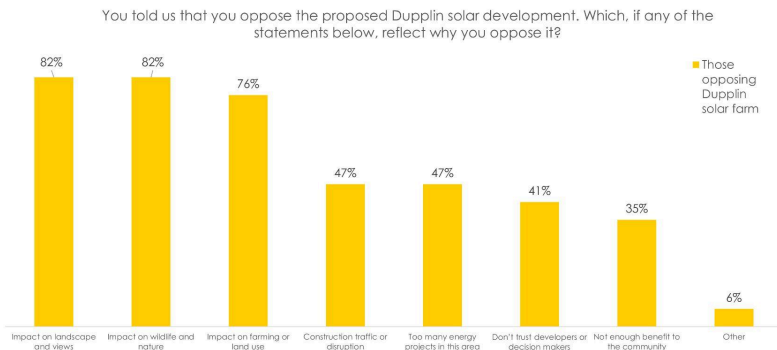


You told us that you support the proposed Dupplin solar development. Which, if any of the statements below, reflect why you support it?



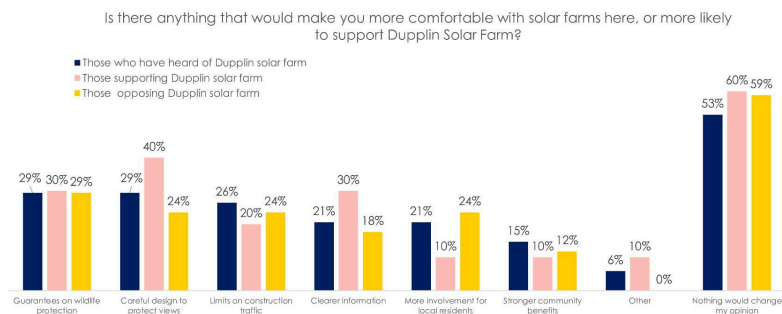
Base: Those supporting Dupplin Solar Farm, n= 10

'Impact on landscape and views' (82%) and 'Impact on wildlife and nature' (82%) were the most commonly selected reasons for opposing the Dupplin solar development, followed by 'Impact on farming or land use' (76%)



Base: Those opposing Dupplin Solar Farm, n= 17

Over half of our audience stated nothing would change their opinion. For those who could be made more comfortable, wildlife protection and careful design to protect views (both 29%) were the most commonly selected factors. Opponents were more likely than supporters to say that 'Limits on construction traffic' (24% vs 20%), 'More involvement for local residents' (24% vs 10%) and 'Stronger community benefits' (12% vs 10%) would make them more comfortable.



Base: Those who have heard of Dupplin Solar Farm, n= 34; Those supporting Dupplin Solar Farm, n= 10; Those opposing Dupplin Solar Farm, n= 17

32% of our audience identified local issues or places that the project team should be especially careful about



- Local issues or places**
- Flooding in local area
 - Historical battle areas
 - Traffic
 - Conflict with PathWest development
 - Tourism
 - Pedestrian access on roadworks
 - Proximity to residential homes
 - Local church
 - Noise

Base: Those who have heard of Dupplin Solar Farm, n= 34; Those who identified local issues or places the project team should be careful about, n= 11

Thanks