

Where are we today?

We are now getting ready for the next phase of construction of the Barnsdale Solar Park, having begun preparatory works last year. We have spent this year completing site investigation works, setting up the community benefit and liaison group, and finalising the site design.

All of this means we now expect to start this phase of construction in July 2025 and begin exporting to the grid when we achieve our Provisional Acceptance Certificate in late 2026.



Introducing your new Partnership & Community Manager



Tom Chaplin

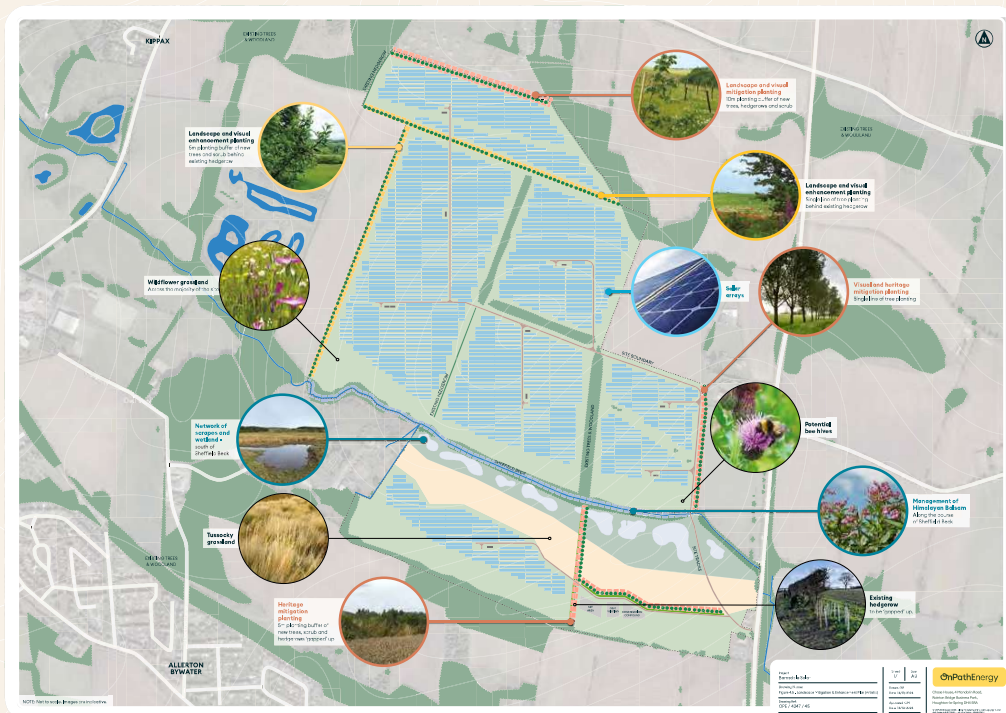
Tom Chaplin Partnership
& Community Manager
for England

Hi, I'm Tom, your dedicated point of contact at OnPath Energy as the Partnership & Community Manager for the Barnsdale Solar Park. It is my job to make sure we keep the local community informed during this phase of development as well as taking on any feedback that will help us deliver a good project. I'm looking forward to working with you and your community as we build the project and begin the community fund. You can contact me with any questions that you have about the project directly.

Together to a greener future

OnPath Energy is a renewable energy developer headquartered in Sunderland and has several projects across the UK including onshore wind, solar and energy storage projects. The Barnsdale project was originally consulted on when OnPath was called Banks Renewables, so you may be familiar with the previous company name when thinking of this project. Since the consultation exercise the project received planning consent and is now reaching the construction phase.

• Indicative map for Barnsdale solar farm for illustration purposes only



40MW Solar farm



+106% biodiversity net gain



up to **£25k** annual community benefit fund



Ongoing community liaison

A liaison committee has been established which is constituted by the members of the community benefit fund panel which contains local councillors and parish councillors.

In addition to this, we will create a small email based newsletter group for key residents living close to the site to update them as construction takes place, indicating if there will be a high level of traffic movements, as an example. **If you want to join this group, please email our Partnership and Community Manager, Tom Chaplin via tom.chaplin@onpathenergy.com**

Launching a new community fund

Once the solar farm is complete, we will launch a community fund for the project which will seek applications from local people looking for support for community activities and good causes in the area. A panel of community representatives will agree on funding applications and issue grants for projects nearby that help improve the lives of those living near the project, ranging from enhancing community assets to delivering programs that local people can benefit from individually.

Further details of the fund will be communicated as the panel is established and the guidelines for applications are completed over the summer.



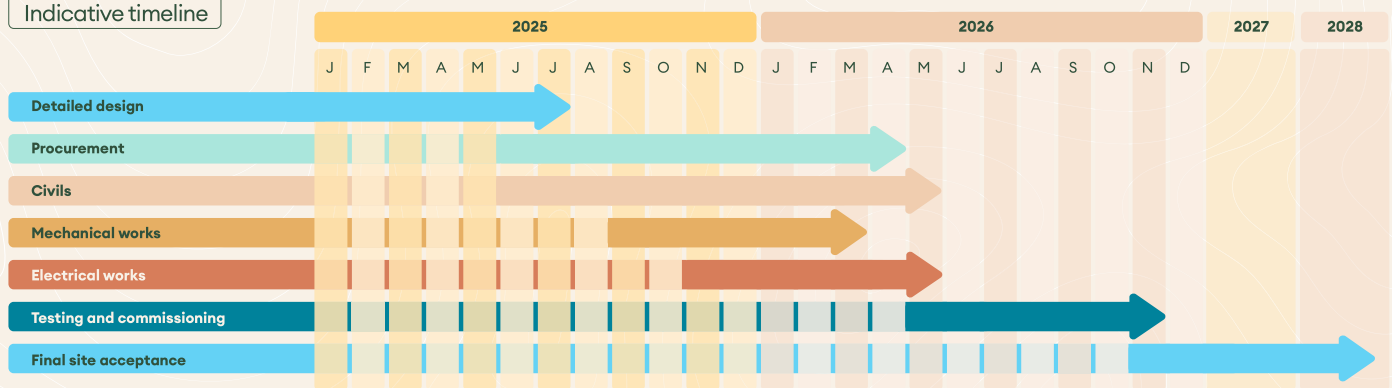
OnPath Together: Our development approach

OnPath Together is about doing the right thing for people and the planet. It's an approach that has guided our business for the past twenty years.

It is a set of values and commitments that guides how we work together with communities, each other, landowners and our business partners as we play our part in securing a just transition to net zero future that is fair and inclusive for everyone. Learn more www.onpathenergy.com/together

How do we build a solar farm?

Indicative timeline



- Detailed design**
 Drawing on the findings of site investigation works, this stage is where we agree on the final design, the scope for our main contractors and confirm our requirements for the build
- Procurement**
 Purchasing and delivery of all components for Barnsdale, some of which can have long lead times
- Civils**
 Construction to make the site ready for the arrival of panels themselves. This includes building access tracks, laying foundations for panels and grid infrastructure, digging cable trenches and any other necessary groundworks
- Mechanical works**
 Installation of solar panels and mounts
- Electrical works**
 Installation of electrical infrastructure like cables, inverters and the sub-station
- Testing and commissioning**
 Extensive testing of site components, electrical infrastructure and health & safety procedures which is followed by energisation of the entire site. Once complete, Barnsdale will be fully operational so will be generating and exporting power to the National Grid
- Final site acceptance**
 A 24 month period of close monitoring to ensure all equipment is performing as per the design, so that any issues are picked up and addressed quickly. This is a standard practice which confirms the actual generation capabilities of the site, a bit like a warranty period

Thank you.

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