

Q: Do Coventry City Council (CCC) remain the sole applicant, the landowner, the landlord of Lentons Lane Farm?

A: E.ON will be making the application to Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council. Coventry City Council remains the landowner for the proposed site and is involved in the project through the Strategic Energy Partnership.

Q: How have CCC been able to proactively work with themselves, as the applicant, to secure developments that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area?

A: E.ON will be the applicant, not Coventry City Council – but this project is similar to numerous other projects implemented by Coventry City Council, through the Strategic Energy partnership, and involves cross team working to deliver the end result. Projects that need planning permission require the applicant to make a formal Planning Application (for that approval) to the Statutory Planning Authority (in this case Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council). As a statutory requirement planning committees treat every application on its merits irrespective of the applicant.

Q: On what premise is the ‘partnership’ with E.ON based?

Q: Is a legally binding ‘partnership’ forming contract between E.ON and Coventry City Council already in place?

A: Information about the Strategic Energy Partnership between E.ON and Coventry City Council can be found here: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategic-energy-partnership-1>

Q: Who is the ‘OUR’ and ‘We’ in the quote below?

*‘Your feedback will be used to refine **OUR** plans before **WE** submit planning applications to Coventry City Council and Rugby Borough Council?’*

A: E.ON (as the applicant), working with Coventry City Council as part of the Strategic Energy Partnership.

Q: Does E.ON already have a legally binding financial stake in the major proposed solar farm development on land at Lenton's Lane Farm?

A: The project has not yet reached the final investment decision stage. The solar farm is a project being developed as part of the Strategic Energy Partnership and any contracts to facilitate the delivery of the solar farm project will be undertaken at the appropriate time in accordance with the provisions of the Strategic Energy Partnership Agreement.

Q: Does all of the above demonstrate an irreconcilable conflict of interest which will adversely affect an open and transparent democratic planning decision making due process and determination being reached?

A: No. The applications made to Rugby Borough Council and Coventry City Council will go through the planning process as with any other application made to the councils. As a statutory requirement that planning committees treat every application on its merits irrespective of the applicant. This is the case across the country where councils make planning applications to the Statutory Planning Authority to implement projects where planning permission is required.

Q: Where and over what land does CCC propose to site the cable connection into the National Grid?

A: This information will be available as part of the planning application. In outline, E.ON intend to have the underground cabling leave the proposed site using land alongside the towpath and then track up Aldermans Green Road to reach the connection into National Grid at Coventry Substation.

Q: Does Coventry City Council or EON have the necessary contracts in place required to secure connection into the National Grid and when will the connection become 'active'.

A: A Gate 2 application has been submitted to the National Grid to connect to an existing point of connection within the National Grid Coventry Substation. This connection will be made once the solar farm has been constructed, tested, and commissioned, subject to receipt of planning consent.