

# Policy document on solar power generation for farmers

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Are solar farms covered by a national policy statement?

Although solar farms are not covered in the existing suite of National Policy Statements, the draft National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure covers solar farms at the scale of nationally significant infrastructure. The draft National Policy Statements are currently undergoing Parliamentary scrutiny.

What should be included in a planning application for a solar farm?

6.59 In addition, planning applications for major solar farm developments should include details of how the site will be restored to its previous use/landform (if altered) at the end of the operational life of the development, retaining any landscape and biodiversity enhancements and/or community benefits that may have been provided.

Should a solar farm agreement include a grazing plan?

It is desirable that the terms of a solar farm agreement should include a grazing plan that ensures the continuation of access to the land by the farmer, ideally in a form that enables the claiming of Basic Payment Scheme agricultural support (see page 2).

What is a solar farm?

9 March 2022. The debate will be opened by Brendan Clarke-Smith MP. Solar photovoltaics (PV) panels, also known as solar power, generate electricity from the sun. Large scale solar PV installations are known as solar farms. Planning is a devolved matter. The main focus of this briefing is on planning in England.

structure: Draft National Policy Statements for energy infrastructure (PDF), September 2021, page 16. This document also covered draft EN-2 (on natural gas generating infrastructure), draft EN ...

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