

Robin Hood Solar Farm

Project newsletter

Qualitas Energy is proposing to develop Robin Hood Solar Farm, a c. 60MW (AC) fixed panel solar farm on a site near Robin Hood End, northwest of the town of Braintree in Essex.

The project would generate enough clean, renewable energy to power the equivalent of around 85% of households in Braintree, approximately 16,200 of the town's 19,000 homes.

This project would help to secure the UK's energy supply by creating home-grown electricity that can be connected directly into the national grid. The project will also play a significant role in helping England's important transition to a low-carbon economy and will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with Braintree District Council, UK Government, and international targets, including the legally binding commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050¹.

Renewable energy is cheaper to generate compared to fossil fuel-based technologies and its costs are less volatile to international events.

Public Consultation Launched

We'd like to invite you to take part in our public consultation on the proposals, which is open until Wednesday 1 July 2026.

We will be hosting an online webinar on **Tuesday 16th June from 6:00pm to 7:00pm**, where we will share further details about our proposals and answer any questions you may have.

To register and receive the meeting link, please email consultation@thirty47.co.uk.

Following this, we will review feedback and refine the plans before submitting a formal planning application to Braintree District Council. The Council will then assess the proposals and decide whether to grant planning consent.

¹ Climate Change Act 2008: Technical annex – GOV.UK

About Qualitas Energy

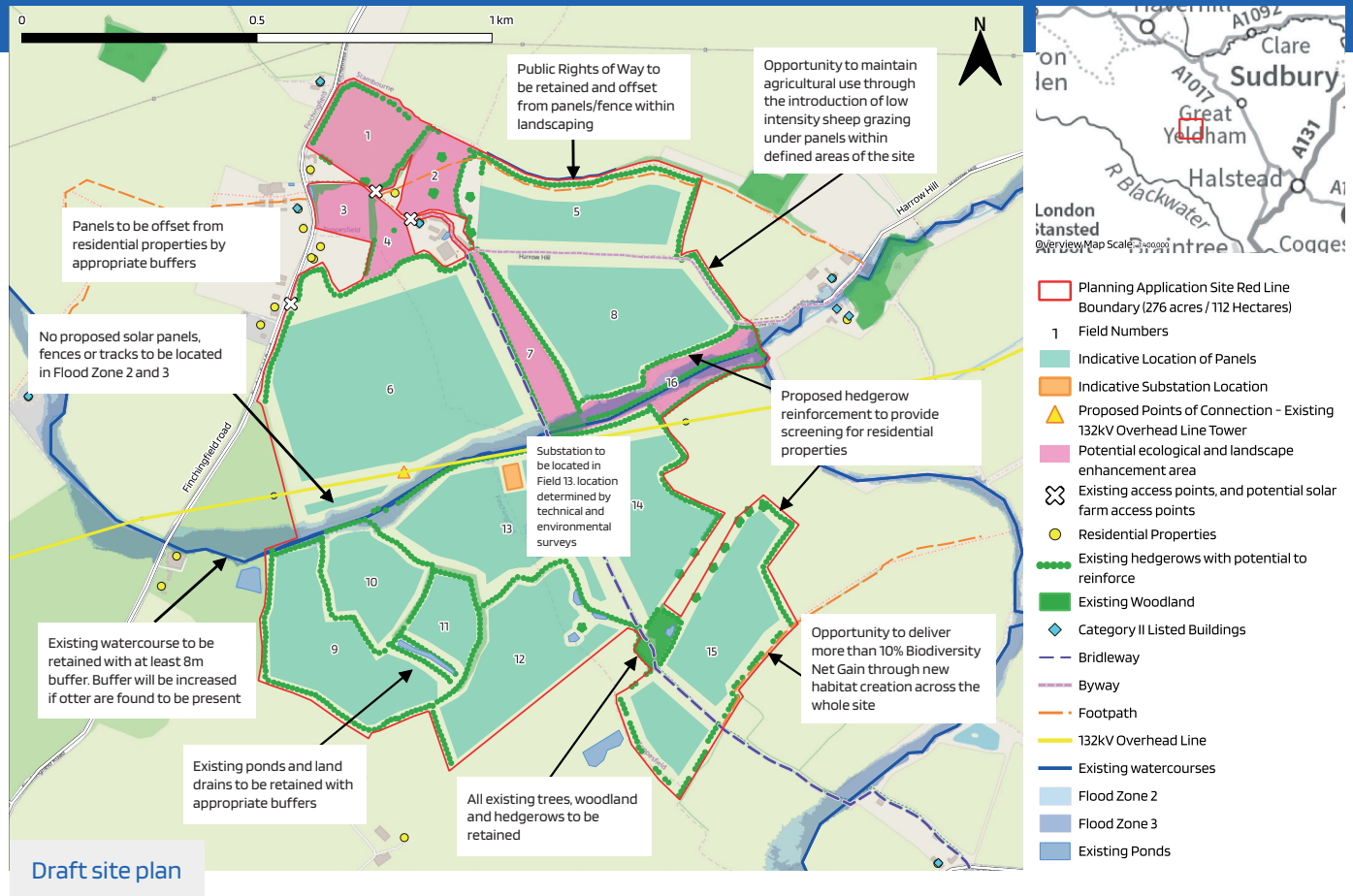
Qualitas Energy is committed to accelerating the energy transition in the UK. Everything that we do, we do it believing in our purpose which is to enable a more sustainable and greener future for the generations to come.

Qualitas Energy's business in the United Kingdom specialises in the acquisition, financing, project development, construction, and operation of renewable energy projects, with a mission to drive the transition towards decarbonisation.

We operate in three strategic locations in the United Kingdom: London, Bristol, and Edinburgh.

We are committed to building a strong relationship with the community near the Robin Hood Solar Farm site and we are determined to be good neighbours.

The proposals



The site is located across several field parcels near Robin Hood End, northwest of the town of Braintree in Essex. The proposals comprise:

-  **A solar farm producing up to c.60MW (AC) of renewable electricity**
-  **Onsite grid connection to an overhead 132kV line via an existing pylon**
-  **Landscaping and environmental enhancements including significant benefits for wildlife**
-  **A package of other community benefits through a designated Community Benefit Fund**
-  **Associated ancillary infrastructure, such as inverters, transformers, underground cabling and maintenance access**

The point of connection to the grid will be on-site, connecting to an existing 132kV overhead line. The solar farm will have an operational lifetime of 40 years. After this the project will be decommissioned and the land returned to agricultural use.

Key benefits

- **Supporting the local economy:** We are committed to employing local suppliers and contractors throughout construction and long-term operation, ensuring that investment stays within the community and directly benefits local businesses.
- **Powering local homes:** The solar farm would generate enough clean, renewable energy to power the equivalent of 16,200 homes. This is around 85% of households in Braintree town, which has c.19,000 homes.
- **Energy security:** Projects like Robin Hood Solar Farm reduce reliance on imported fossil fuels, protecting consumers from global price shocks.
- **Biodiversity:** Qualitas Energy is committed to ensuring that impacts on wildlife are minimised, and that the project will deliver biodiversity and habitat improvements. Through new tree and hedgerow planting we will seek to deliver more than the required 10% biodiversity net gain required by UK law².
- **Tackling climate change:** The Robin Hood Solar Farm project will contribute towards the UK's transition to a low-carbon economy and will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with local, national, and international targets, including the legally binding commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050.

²Environment Act 2021: Environment Act 2021

Community Benefit Fund

At Qualitas Energy, we are committed to meaningful community engagement and delivering long-term value to the local area surrounding the proposed Robin Hood Solar Farm.

As part of this commitment, we will actively work with local residents, community organisations, and other key stakeholders to gather feedback and better understand how our investment can deliver benefits to the nearby community. The Robin Hood Solar Farm represents a significant opportunity to bring lasting benefits to the area. Ensuring a thoughtful and effective community offering is a top priority.

Qualitas Energy intends to establish a Community Benefit Fund worth approximately £500 per installed megawatt of capacity per year, index linked. At 60 MW AC capacity, the fund would provide £30,000 per year. With an operational life of 40 years, the community benefit fund from the Robin Hood Solar Farm would total approximately £1.2 million over the project lifetime. The Community Benefit Fund will seek to provide financial support for activities and projects within the local area following the construction and energisation of the project. Our approach is guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aims to support initiatives that enhance the local community and promote the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the area.

The approach for our Community Benefit Fund will be determined as we develop our planning submission for Robin Hood Solar Farm, in consultation with the local community.



The closing date for comments is 23:59 on Wednesday 1 July 2026

Consultation and Next Steps

We are seeking feedback on our draft proposals. Please fill out a feedback form on the website or get in touch with any questions by using any of the methods below:

Website: visit the project website www.robinhood-solar.co.uk

Email: write to the project team at consultation@thirty47.co.uk

Feedback forms: available online via the project website or use the tear-off form attached to the back of this brochure. See Freepost details below

Freepost: write to us at **FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION** (no further address or stamp required)

Freephone: you can call the project freephone voicemail line on **0800 699 0081** and leave a message (a member of the project team will call you back between Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm excluding public holidays)

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Project timeline

June 2026

Consultation with the local community and stakeholders to gather feedback on our development proposals

July 2026

Review feedback and embed into our evolving plans

Autumn 2026

Submit planning application to Braintree District Council

Feedback Form

You can fill this form out online at www.robinhood-solar.co.uk, or fill it in below, tear off and pop into an envelope addressed to FREEPOST TC CONSULTATION (no further address or stamp required). Contact us via the website with any questions.

About you

Name:

Organisation (if any):

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Age range (please tick your range):

☐ Under 18 ☐ 18 – 25 ☐ 26 – 30 ☐ 31 – 40 ☐ 41 – 50 ☐ 51 – 60 ☐ 61 – 70 ☐ Over 70

Proposals

1. Do you support the use of solar energy in helping meet local and national climate targets and tackle climate change?

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Are you in favour of the proposals for Robin Hood Solar Farm? Yes ☐ Unsure ☐ No ☐

3. Do you think this is a suitable location and layout for Robin Hood Solar Farm?

4. Do you have any views on the environmental considerations for the project (such as in relation to biodiversity, visual and landscape or anything else)?

5. Overall, what are your thoughts on the proposals for Robin Hood Solar Farm?

6. We'll be engaging with local Parish Councils and organisations to help shape our Community Benefit Fund and while the fund isn't part of the formal planning application, we're keen to hear your views. Do you have any suggestions for how the fund could be used, which local groups might benefit, or how it could be best administered?

Privacy Statement

By filling-in this form you are agreeing that Qualitas Energy can hold and process your personal data in relation to this public consultation exercise. Qualitas Energy will only share your personal data with companies within the Robin Hood Solar Farm project team as well as Braintree District Council, and in certain circumstances, specific project consultants for planning evaluation purposes only. Your identifiable, personal data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent. Depending on the nature of your enquiry/feedback, Qualitas Energy will only use your data to:

Respond to specific questions or enquiries submitted during this consultation; Send you updates about a specific project (where you provide us with your contact details); Develop a Statement of Community Involvement Report (or similar document) about this public consultation that will be submitted to Braintree District Council and/or other relevant planning bodies; this will be a publicly available document, provide contact details to Braintree District Council to ensure you can be notified when the project is examined.

Your comments for this consultation will be anonymous, and we will only identify you in these reports with your express permission. If you provide us with your contact details, we might also contact you to ask you more about any comments you've made. Your data will be stored in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).