Update on the construction of Paytherden Solar Farm – October 2026

Bluefield is pleased to confirm that Soventix has been appointed as the main construction contractor for the Paytherden Solar Farm project. Soventix is an experienced company specialising in renewable energy developments.

Construction activities continue at the site. Welfare facilities have been delivered to the temporary construction compound off Marsh Cross. All welfare units and security are now in place, allowing the compound to be operational. Good progress is being made on the internal access tracks that will connect the different areas of the solar farm. Perimeter fencing is also progressing well and is expected to be completed over the coming weeks.

Soventix has been working with the hauliers on confirming delivery routes, providing written and verbal instructions to drivers, installing signage, and implementing traffic management measures where required. To help minimise impacts on the local road network, Soventix has been engaging with other construction projects in the area to share information and coordinate activities where possible.

Materials arriving on site in the coming months will include aggregates, solar panel mounting frames, solar panels, cabling equipment, substation components and construction machinery, including cranes.

Delivery activity is expected to increase from mid-September 2026 and continue for several months. The busiest periods are anticipated between October and November 2026 and again between February and March 2027, before easing in April 2027. Main construction works are expected to be completed by October 2027. The latter stages of the programme will mainly involve commissioning, which should significantly reduce deliveries; however, progress will remain subject to factors such as weather conditions.

As previously communicated, the approved route for large construction vehicles is via the B3181 at Poundapitt Cottages, travelling east along Sidmouth Road before heading south towards Clyst Hydon. Drivers have been provided with written and verbal instructions to avoid school drop-off and pick-up times between 8.00/9.00 am and 3.00/4.00 pm. We have also decided to introduce a traffic marshal during peak delivery periods on the narrow section of road near the school and the church, which will hopefully give residents further comfort, as this is above and beyond the approved Construction Traffic Management Plan. The construction team will be equipped with walkie-talkies and escort vehicles, as is common for solar farm construction projects. The aim is to maintain a smooth flow of traffic by guiding lorries through this section of road during busier periods and reducing impacts on local residents and the school.

Construction and delivery activities will take place during the following hours:

- Monday to Friday: 08.00 to 18:00
- Saturday: 08:00 to 13:00

All works will be carried out in accordance with the approved Construction Traffic Management Plan and other relevant planning requirements.

Bluefield would like to thank local residents for their patience and cooperation as construction progresses. We will provide further updates as the project moves forward.

If members of the community have any questions or comments, please contact our team via the following channels:

- Freepost THE Y-FACTORY (no stamp or further address details required)
- Freephone 0808 1698 082
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Thank you for your interest.

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