

Planning Application Received 22 July 2025

P/25/02590/FUL

Planning application for large scale Solar Farm on agricultural land at South Bockhampton Christchurch BH23 7AF. Adjacent to the Avon Valley Path and Conservation Area.

This will include installation of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with transformer stations, battery storage, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

This consultation ends on 22/08/25. Relevant documents are available and comment can be submitted via the BCP planning portal <https://planning.bcpCouncil.gov.uk>

The landowner has provided the following information

South Bockhampton Solar Farm

*The planning application has now been submitted to Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council and validated under reference **P/25/02590/FUL**.*

*If approved, the project will generate over 53,000 MWh of clean electricity each year – enough to power approximately **14,850 homes** while saving around **11,000 tonnes of CO₂** annually.*

Ahead of submitting the application, we undertook a comprehensive programme of public consultation. This included a public exhibition held in Burton in November 2023. A total of 56 residents submitted feedback, with 73% expressing support for the proposals.

In response to the feedback received from the public consultation held in November 2023, which focused on construction traffic, visual impact, and biodiversity – several changes were made to the final plans. These include:

- *Introduction of **multiple offsite skylark mitigation plots** to support local bird populations*
- *Preparation of a detailed **Construction Traffic Management Plan** to address access concerns*
- ***Increased set-backs** from housing and public rights of way to reduce visual impact*
- *Enhancements to **hedgerow design and management** to protect local ecology*