

1st September 2026

Dear Longcot Parish Councillors,

Proposed Expansion of Westmill Solar Park

I am writing on behalf of Westmill Energy, the community-owned co-operatives behind Westmill Solar and Westmill Wind.

For over a decade, Westmill has been generating renewable energy while delivering environmental and community benefits. Our mission is to support the transition to clean energy through community ownership, local engagement, and responsible stewardship of the land on which our assets operate.

We are writing to make you aware that we are currently considering an expansion of our solar generation capacity at Westmill, adjacent to the current site. Subject to the necessary environmental studies, consultation processes and grid connection offer, we anticipate bringing forward proposals within the next 12 months for an extension of the existing solar site.

The proposed development is expected to comprise approximately 12 hectares (approximately the same size as the existing solar array) of additional solar generation capacity, delivering around 10MW of renewable energy (double the output due to improvements in panel efficiency). As our plans develop, we will be able to provide further information on the scale, layout, environmental considerations, and anticipated benefits of the project.

We have recently engaged with our membership and found overwhelming support for the proposed solar expansion. However, at this early stage, we are keen to engage more widely with local stakeholders and communities beyond our membership base.

We recognise the important role that parish councils play in representing local views and helping to ensure that any development proposals are informed by constructive dialogue. We are therefore committed to engaging openly and early in the process, listening to feedback, and building strong relationships with our neighbours.

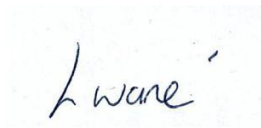
We would therefore welcome the opportunity to attend a future parish council meeting to explain our initial thinking, answer any questions, and listen to any feedback or concerns you may have.

We would be pleased to attend a future Parish Council meeting to provide more information on our plans and discuss the proposed solar expansion. This would give us

an opportunity to answer any questions and hear any feedback or concerns from councillors and local residents as our proposals develop. Please can you provide a date to attend a meeting?

We look forward to working with you as our plans progress.

Yours sincerely,

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