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PROPOSED SOLAR FARM



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Econergy Renewable Energy Ltd is proposing a 49.9 MW Solar PV Development on land at Park Farm, Brabourne Lees (TN25 6RG).

This event forms part of our Pre-Application Public Consultation and seeks to deliver greater detail on the forthcoming proposals. A statutory consultation will begin once a full application is submitted, in which you can provide comments directly to Ashford Borough Council.



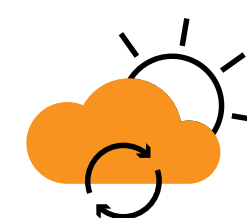
ABOUT US

Econergy Renewable Energy Ltd is an international renewable energy company with a growing portfolio of solar energy projects across the UK and Europe. ADAS Planning has been appointed by Econergy to manage the planning application and pre-application consultation. Together, the project team brings significant expertise to support the transition to renewable energy.



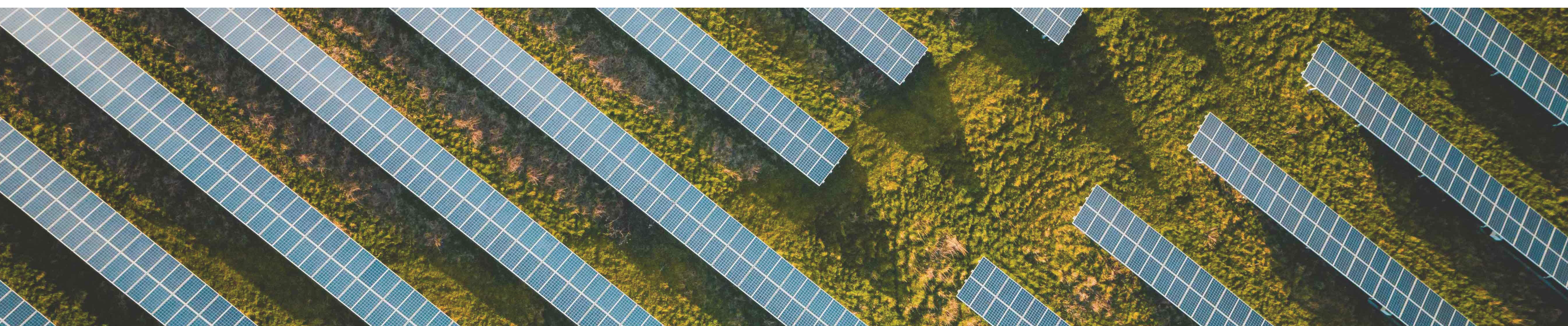
HAVE YOUR SAY

This initial consultation provides an early opportunity to view the emerging proposals and provide feedback before a full planning application is submitted. Feedback received during this stage will be reviewed and used to inform the ongoing development of the proposals. Comments are welcome from local residents, businesses, and any other stakeholders.



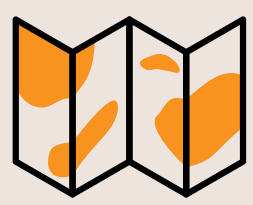
CLIMATE CHANGE

The UK is investing in renewable energy to deliver a more secure, affordable and low-carbon electricity system. The Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan identifies solar energy as a key part of achieving these ambitions. By generating clean electricity within the UK, solar developments help reduce reliance on imported energy and exposure to volatile international energy markets while supporting a secure energy supply for the future.



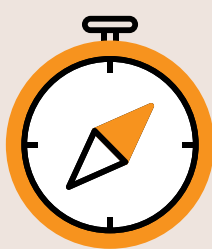
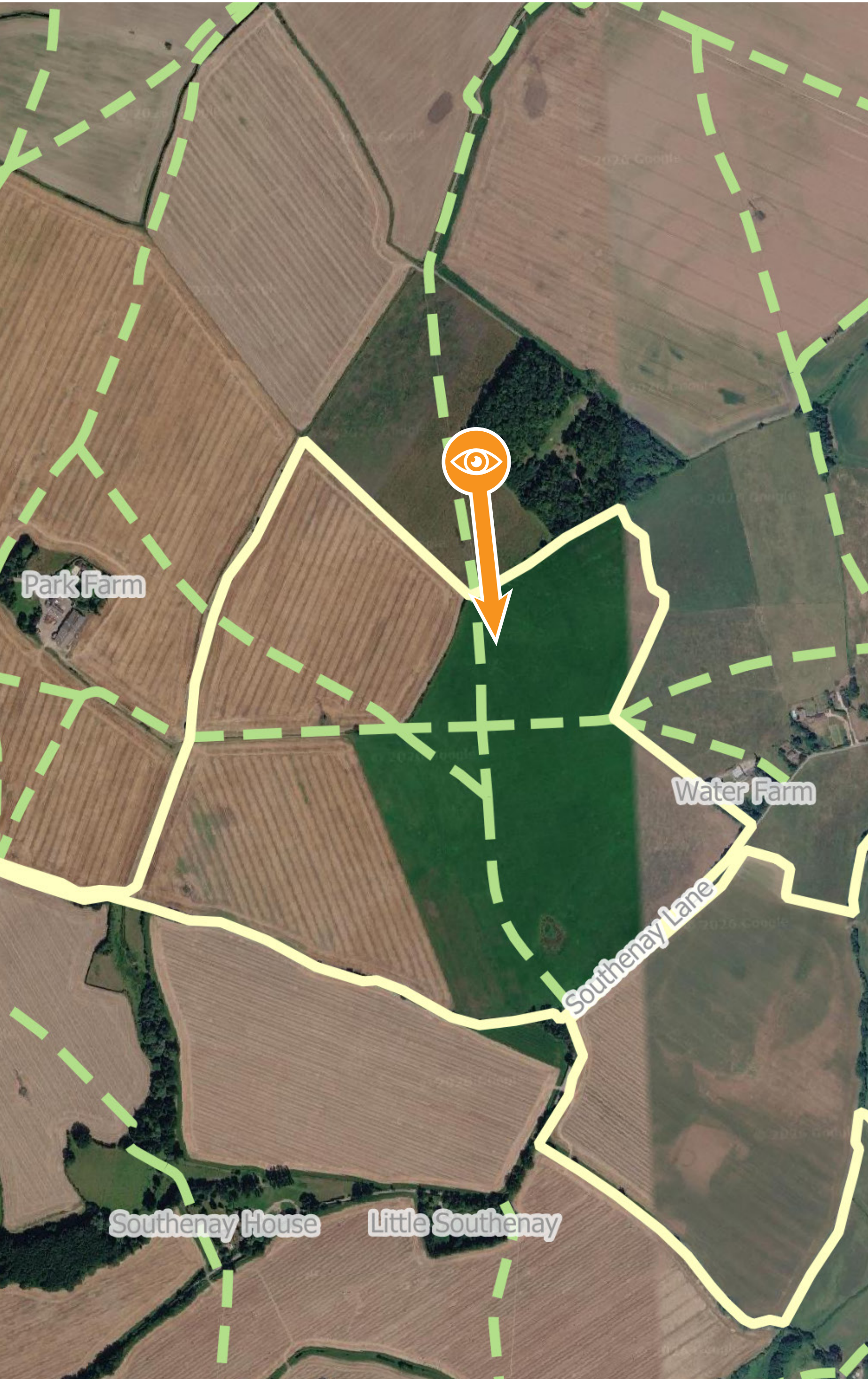
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THE SITE

The Site measures 73 hectares and is comprised of five field parcels, currently used for both arable and pastoral farming purposes as part of Park Farm. The land is undulating, with a gentle 5-10 metre decline towards the south-east of the Site. There are limited sections of hedgerow acting as boundaries between the field parcels. Southenay Lane bisects the Site, separating the land into two distinct sections.

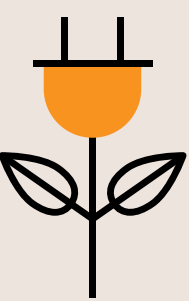


VIEW TOWARDS THE SITE

The view towards the Site from a Public Right of Way that runs from Brabourne, south across the Site, and connects into Southenay Lane. Electricity pylons are present across the landscape.



- The Site
- Public Right of Way
- Viewpoint



BIODIVERSITY

The land will continue to be managed for agricultural use via sheep grazing, whilst the reduction in intensive farming activities will provide an opportunity for wildlife to flourish. Native hedgerow planting, species-rich grassland, wildflower habitats and other ecological enhancements will deliver significant biodiversity benefits, creating new habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife. The proposals have been informed by ecological surveys and will be further developed in consultation with environmental specialists and Ashford Borough Council.

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CONCEPT PLAN

This plan is for illustrative purposes only.
A formal Layout Plan will be produced following the pre-application consultation.

Legend

Site Boundary

Ancient Woodland

Kent Downs National Landscape

Potential Development Area

Reinforced and Extended Structural Vegetation

Connection to Existing Underground Power Line

Existing Overhead Power Line

Public Right of Way

New Hedgerow

Reinstated Hedgerow

THE DESIGN

The proposed solar farm would occupy approximately 73 hectares and have an installed capacity of up to 49.9 MW, generating enough renewable electricity to power more than 19,000 homes each year. The development would make a meaningful contribution to the UK’s clean energy supply, helping to strengthen energy security and reduce reliance on imported energy.

The scheme will incorporate a range of landscape and ecological enhancements, including:

- The retention of existing hedgerows and mature trees wherever possible.
- New native hedgerow and tree planting to strengthen landscape screening.
- Species-rich grassland and other habitat enhancements throughout the site.
- Sensitive layout and landscaping designed to integrate the development into the surrounding countryside.

DESIGN AIMS

The layout will be carefully designed to respond to the site’s landscape and environmental characteristics. Existing hedgerows and mature trees will be retained wherever possible, helping to maintain the existing field pattern, provide natural screening and protect important wildlife habitats. New native planting, species-rich grassland and habitat creation will further strengthen the landscape, enhance biodiversity and deliver measurable biodiversity net gain.

The proposals will continue to be refined through the planning process, taking account of feedback received during this public consultation and ongoing engagement with Ashford Borough Council. This will help ensure the development is sensitively integrated into the surrounding landscape while maximising opportunities for environmental enhancement.

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OPERATIONAL LIFESPAN

The proposed solar farm would operate for up to 40 years. At the end of its operational life, the solar panels and associated infrastructure would be removed, allowing the land to be restored for future agricultural use. As a temporary and reversible form of development, solar farms also provide an opportunity for soils and wildlife to recover from decades of intensive cultivation through reduced ground disturbance and lower use of pesticides and fertilisers.



GLINT AND GLARE

Solar panels are designed to absorb, rather than reflect, sunlight in order to maximise electricity generation. The proposed panels will incorporate anti-reflective glass to further minimise the potential for glint and glare. A specialist Glint and Glare Assessment will be undertaken as part of the planning application to ensure any potential effects on nearby properties, roads and other sensitive locations are fully assessed and, where necessary, appropriately mitigated.



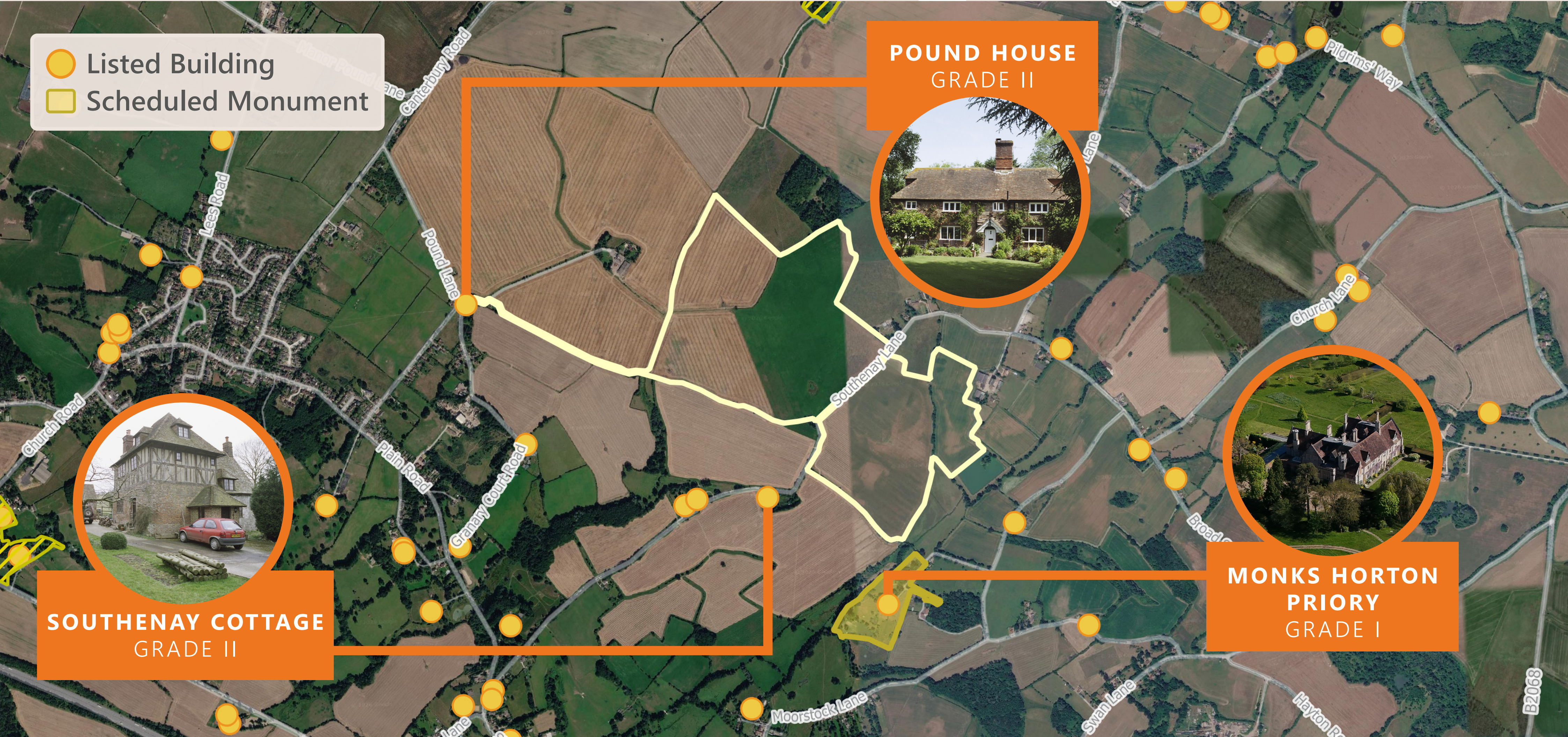
LOCAL HERITAGE

There are no designated heritage assets within the site. The surrounding area includes a number of important heritage assets, including Horton Priory Scheduled Monument, Monks Horton Priory (Grade I), several nearby listed buildings and the Brabourne Conservation Area. The design of the proposals will continue to take these heritage assets into account, and a detailed Heritage Impact Assessment will accompany any planning application to ensure that potential effects are fully understood and, where necessary, appropriately addressed.



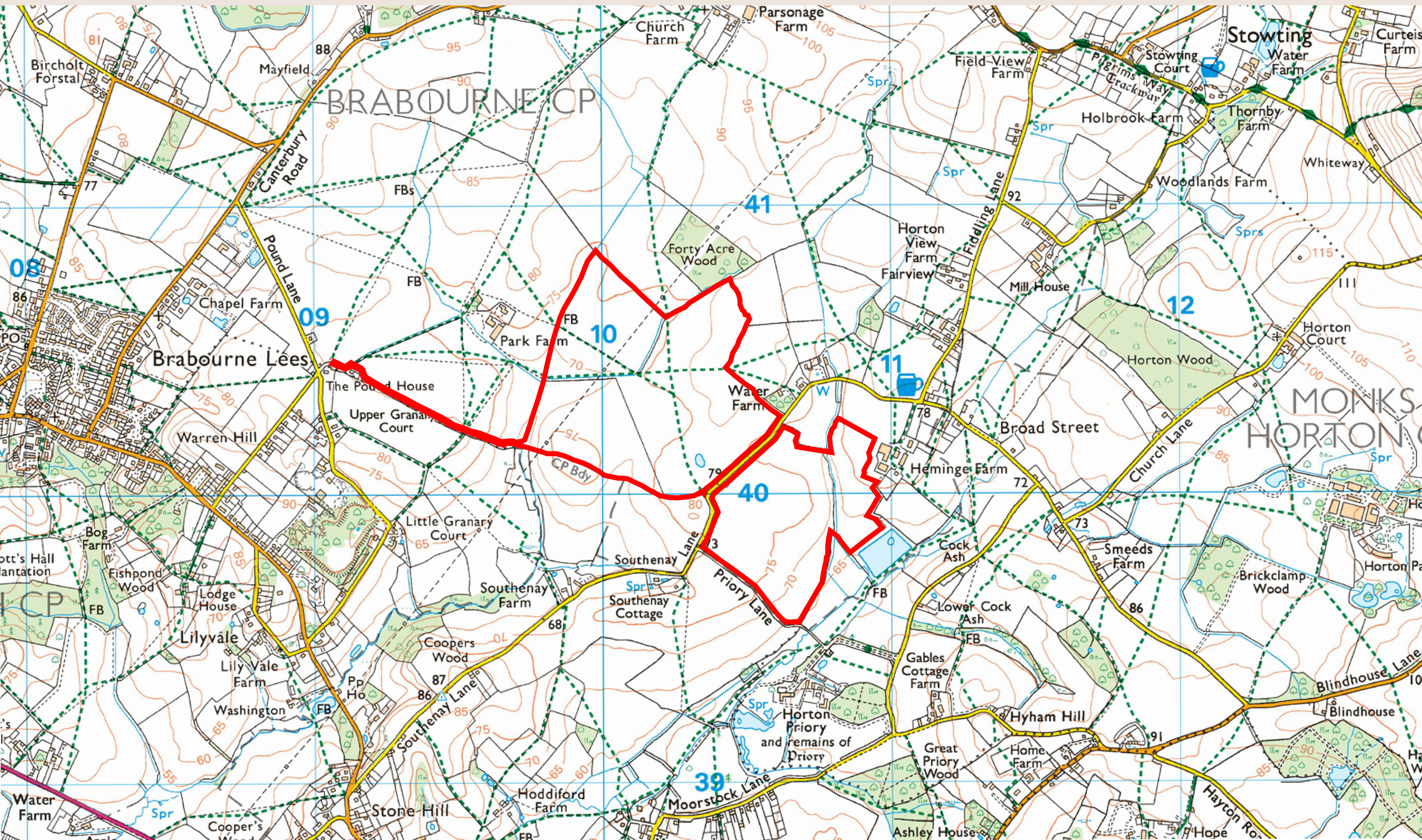
CONSTRUCTION ROUTE

The Site is proposed to be accessed via an unnamed track off Pound Lane. Construction traffic will be routed via the A20, before using Stone Hill, Plain Road, and Pound Lane to access the Site. This will be confirmed with the Council, and deliveries will likely be restricted to certain times of day, to reduce any potential traffic impacts.



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THANK YOU FOR COMING

Thank you for taking the time to attend our consultation event today. We hope that you have found this event informative and would encourage you to submit feedback via the provided forms, on our website, or in-person to a member of the project team. This is your chance to have your say and influence the proposals as we progress our designs for the Site.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

There are several ways you can get involved with this consultation. You can write to us by post or email, or submit feedback through the dedicated website. All written responses will be recorded in our Statement of Community Involvement, which will accompany the forthcoming Planning Application to the Council.

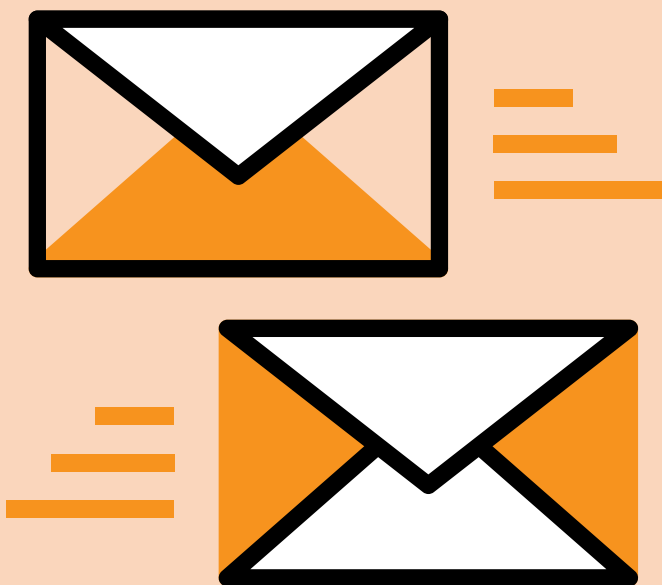
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