

Wittering Solar Farm, Peterborough

Phoenix Sustainable Investments

● Planning



Planning Potential secured planning permission for a solar farm extension delivering modern renewable energy infrastructure at Wittering, Peterborough.

Demonstrating our ability to deliver energy infrastructure projects, combining proactive engagement, technical evidence and commercial focus to secure consent aligned with client ambitions.

The Challenge

The proposal sought planning permission for a solar farm extending an existing consented scheme on neighbouring land, delivering modern and efficient solar technology to maximise energy generation. The site extended by 13 hectares and proposed an output of 11 MWp, requiring careful consideration of landscape, visual and operational impacts.

The application needed to progress efficiently through the planning system while addressing statutory consultee comments, confirming that Environmental Impact Assessment was not required, and demonstrating biodiversity and landscape benefits.

Without a clear planning strategy and proactive authority engagement, the scheme risked delay, EIA scoping requirements, or refusal of consent for critical renewable infrastructure.

Our Approach

- Prepared and submitted a planning application for a solar farm extending an existing permission
- Led EIA screening and secured agreement that Environmental Impact Assessment was not required
- Undertook proactive pre application discussions to resolve issues early in the process
- Coordinated technical assessments including Landscape Visual Impact and Glint and Glare
- Engaged proactively with statutory consultees to address and challenge outstanding concerns
- Presented a comprehensive submission aligned with client aspirations and policy objectives

The Outcome

- Planning permission secured under delegated powers for a 40 year solar farm consent
- Approval granted for a 13 hectare extension delivering 11 MWp of renewable energy
- EIA screening agreed confirming no Environmental Impact Assessment was required
- Biodiversity net gain delivered through dual land use for grazing or wildflower planting