

# Solar power generation access threshold policy

Do solar farms need planning permission?

Planning permission must be sought from the Secretary of State. Below this threshold, solar farms will require planning permission from the local planning authority (LPA); under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, LPAs are responsible for renewable and low carbon

Do solar farms need development consent?

Solar farms with a generating capacity above 50 MW need development consent from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, because they are nationally significant infrastructure projects' (NSIPs). Planning is a devolved matter.

Do LPAs approve small-scale solar farms?

LPAs in England will decide applications for smaller-scale solar farms in line with their local plan and the national planning policies. Government guidance advises LPAs to approve renewable energy developments whose "impacts are (or can be made) acceptable".

Should guidance on solar PV be included in the National Policy Statement?

The solar industry very much welcomes the addition of guidance on solar PV to the National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure. However, there are several provisions which could be strengthened, which we have outlined below.

Are solar farms considered a nationally significant infrastructure project?

Planning and consenting regimes in the other UK countries.<sup>1</sup> Above a threshold (set out in Section 15 of the Planning Act 2008) of more than 50MW for onshore and more than 100 MW for offshore generation, solar farms will be treated as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, for which a Development Co

How much solar PV will the UK have by 2020?

The Roadmap further states that in November 2012 the UK had 1.4GW of installed solar PV capacity in operation and that analysis indicates that the market could bring forward a total of 7-20GW of solar PV by 2020. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the national planning policy context for renewable energy.

(The Guardian, 6 Jul 2023) Next generation cells surpass limits of today's cells and will accelerate rollout of cheaper, more efficient solar power. Solar power cells have raced past the key ...

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1.6.2 In England, this NPS will also apply to renewable generation proposals of the types listed above, whose capacity is below the relevant threshold, which are directed into ...

government believes that solar PV has the potential to form a significant part of the renewable energy generation mix. The Roadmap further states that in November 2012 the UK had ...

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advancement of solar energy in Ireland. A recent report by AFRY, "The Value of Solar in RESS-3" (AFRY, 2022) 2. commissioned by ISEA, found that increasing solar capacity will result in a ...

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