

Are there plans to build a solar farm in Jersey?

Concerns have been raised over plans to build six solar farms across Jersey. The first site is nearing completion at St Clement and two other sites have passed the planning stage, with building work expected to begin in early 2025.

What do people in Jersey think about solar farms?

Jersey Electricity (JE) is asking people in St Mary what they think about proposals for two solar farms. The solar farms would produce enough energy to power nearly 1,200 homes in Jersey, said JE. Land earmarked for the siting of the panels would continue to be used for grazing and growing crops, it said.

How much does a solar farm cost in the Channel Islands?

The first solar farm in the Channel Islands will be finished by the end of the year, Jersey Electricity (JE) has said. The power provider has leased an 11-acre site on St Clement fields where it is setting up nearly 7,500 solar panels. JE said the solar farm had cost about £5m to build and would provide electricity to 600 or 700 homes.

Will solar panels bring more sheep to Jersey markets?

“The sheep really enjoy the shade and the shelter that the solar panels bring and the sheep graze the grass and keep it nice and short which means the panels stay very efficient.” Mr Hughes said “solar shepherding” was completely new to Jersey but he hoped it would bring more lamb to Jersey markets.

Will a ground-based solar installation at Mont Fondon increase Jersey's energy security?

Jersey Electricity (JE) is inviting St Peter parishioners to attend a consultation for a ground-based solar installation at Mont Fondon. Bosses said the plans for the 2.7 hectare site, meant electricity would be returned to the grid in a process which would “increase Jersey's energy security”.

Does Jersey electricity want to protect green space?

Steve Tanner, head of capital delivery for Jersey Electricity (JE), said the company wanted to “protect green space on the island” and “the total of all six sites is only 0.8% of the total agricultural land available”. Ms Layzell said: “These fields in St Mary are in the top 50% of land for Jersey Royals.

No one is suggesting Jersey should be carpeted in solar panels. But with the right locations in terms of unused farmland and low visual impact offer an opportunity to diversify our electricity supply and - with careful management - improve the environment, whilst maintaining a farming use.

It is the first of a number of solar sites being brought forward by Jersey Electricity, which aims to deliver 25MW of renewable energy, equivalent to approximately 5% of the local annual demand.

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