

# Latest national policy on solar power generation

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 covered by a national policy statement?

Although solar farms are not covered in the existing suite of National Policy Statements, the draft National Policy Statement for renewable energy infrastructure covers solar farms at the scale of nationally significant infrastructure. The draft National Policy Statements are currently undergoing Parliamentary scrutiny.

What are energy national policy statements?

Energy National Policy Statements provide planning guidance for developers of nationally significant energy infrastructure projects. The energy National Policy Statements cover: The guidance makes it easier for decision makers, applicants and the wider public to understand: The 2023 revised NPSs (EN-1 to EN-5) came into force on 17 January 2024.

When did the national policy statements on energy come out?

The then Energy and Climate Change Committee conducted an inquiry into the six energy NPS approved in 2011. The Committee published its report The revised draft National Policy Statements on energy on 18 January 2011. HC 648 5 Energy White Paper, Powering our net zero future, published 14 December 2020

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Should a target for solar generation be included in the NPS?

This equates to roughly 40GW of solar by 2030, and the solar industry body, Solar Energy UK, has demonstrated in its 2021 report "Lighting the Way" that this target is possible. We recommend that a target for solar generation should be included in the NPS.

In its draft revised overarching policy statement, the government acknowledged that much of its plans to decarbonise the UK's economy involves electrification, such as in the areas of transport, heat and industry, and that ...

To meet the UK government's net zero target, the Climate Change Committee estimates that between 75-90 gigawatts (GW) of solar power will be needed by 2050. Analysis by Solar Energy UK indicates this would ...

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Current rules that require businesses to apply for planning permission if solar panels will generate more than one megawatt of electricity will also be scrapped, meaning organisations will be...

The central role envisaged for solar power generation in supporting the decarbonisation of the UK energy sector is reflected in a draft revised planning policy designed to shape decision making on major ...

The National Wind-Solar Hybrid Policy aims to provide a framework for promotion of large grid connected wind-solar PV hybrid system for optimal and efficient utilization of transmission ...

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