

# New policy for solar power generation

What will changes to UK planning policy mean for solar power plants?

Co-written by Tom Edwards of Pinsent Masons. Proposed changes to UK planning policy remove uncertainty about the priority given to the development of major solar power plants and will spur a greater number of 'utility scale' projects in the years ahead.

Do you need planning permission to install solar panels?

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 able to install more solar panels on rooftops without the delay and cost of applying for planning permission.

Can solar power help decarbonise the UK energy sector?

Co-written by Matthew Fox and Toby Yeates of Pinsent Masons. 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 renewable energy projects.

Does government support solar?

It sets out that government is supportive of solar that is "co-located [footnote 80] with other functions (for example, agriculture, onshore wind generation, or storage) to maximise the efficiency of land use".

Will solar power increase global renewable power capacity by 2030?

Globally, solar PV alone accounted for three-quarters of renewable capacity additions worldwide. Prior to the COP28 climate change conference in Dubai, the International Energy Agency (IEA) urged governments to support five pillars for action by 2030, among them the goal of tripling global renewable power capacity.

Can solar projects be promoted under the NPS?

This has meant that, while utility scale solar projects have been able to be promoted under the NPS for energy infrastructure, developers have had to follow a more protracted route to gaining planning permission: developers have had to rely on the general policy support within EN-1 for their solar projects.

Removing the 1MW restriction for industrial rooftop solar will help us meet our target of 70GW of solar power by 2035 while supporting hundreds of long-term skilled British jobs, bolstering our ...

Kunshan issued the new policy in 2022 to promote the large-scale development of ... the electricity generation from solar power increased from only 22 GWh in 2000 up to 223 800 GWh in 2019 ...

Solar farms occupy less than 0.1% of the UK's land; In the UK, new solar farms occupy roughly four acres of land per megawatt (MW) of installed capacity; To meet the UK government's net zero target, the Climate Change ...

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With ambitious targets and policies like the Production Linked Incentive ... These solar parks act as hubs for solar energy generation, attracting investments and fostering a conducive environment for solar power ...

For the generation of electricity in far flung area at reasonable price, sizing of the power supply system plays an important role. Photovoltaic systems and some other renewable ...

To deliver our clean power mission, Labour will work with the private sector to double onshore wind, triple solar power, and quadruple offshore wind by 2030. We will invest in carbon capture ...

In the main case forecast in this report, almost 3 700 GW of new renewable capacity comes online over the 2023-2028 period, driven by supportive policies in more than 130 countries. Solar PV and wind will account for 95% of global ...

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