

Information regarding:

Proposed installation of a solar PV farm and battery energy storage, plus ancillary infrastructure and equipment, landscaping and access Trevarthian Farmhouse Plain An Gwarry Marazion Cornwall TR17 0DU.

A request has been made on 3rd March 2021 to Cornwall Council for a **Screening Opinion** as to whether an **Environmental Impact Assessment** (an **EIA**) was required in respect of the following:

A proposal for the installation of a solar PV farm on land at Trevarthian Farm, Golsithney, Cornwall

This is a proposal for a large scale PV farm (PV arrays with total capacity of 49.9MW) on farm land that lies within the Parish of St Hilary.

The applicant is aiming for the maximisation of the number of electrical hours of production per hectare and will seek to improve on the industry standard that allows for 1 MW PV modules per 2.8 hectares and use less than **139 hectares or 349 acres** of land that an industry standard PV farm would need.

PA21/02843 Screening opinion for proposed installation of a solar PV farm and battery energy storage, plus ancillary infrastructure and equipment, landscaping and access Trevarthian Farmhouse Plain an Gwarry Marazion Cornwall TR17 0DU.

Cornwall Council decided that an EIA would be required –

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The development therefore requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) because it comprises a Schedule 2 development, exceeds the relevant threshold and would be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of the scale, location and cumulative impact of the development proposed.

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The applicant has now asked Cornwall Council for a **Scoping Opinion** - PA21/05352 Scoping opinion for proposed installation of a solar PV farm and battery energy storage, plus ancillary infrastructure and equipment, landscaping and access Trevarthian Farmhouse Plain An Gwarry Marazion Cornwall TR17 0DU.

This is now under consideration by Cornwall Council who will consult with a number of consultees to determine the “Scope” of the **EIA** that the applicant will have to undertake. The date set by Cornwall Council for their determination of this application for the scoping opinion is 28th June 2021.

Details of PA21/02843 and PA21/05352 can be found on the Cornwall Council website Planning Portal <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/>

The site location plan submitted by the applicant in PA21/05352 is shown overleaf.

This is all the information that we have on this proposal at the moment. We will post any further information and news as and when it becomes available so please keep checking the St Hilary Parish Council website for updates.
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Update 2021-07-02

Cornwall Council issued the Scoping Opinion requested in PA21/05352 in a decision notice on July 1st 2021. This sets out in detail (but not exhaustive) the environmental issues that should be included in the Environmental Statement (ES) which must be submitted with any planning application for this proposed solar PV farm.

The Scoping Opinion Decision Notice may found on the Cornwall Council website Planning Portal.

Alternatively there is a link to the document below.