

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.

What is a responsible UK energy policy?

55. Bringing forward appropriately sited solar PV installations is an essential part of a responsible UK energy policy. Recently solar has achieved highest public approval rating of all renewable energy technologies at 85 per cent⁵³.

What is solar PV policy?

Solar PV policy is not without its challenges. In particular, solar PV deployment requires careful consideration to ensure appropriate use of land and buildings, and ensures that the views of local communities are heard (see page 24).

Should solar PV be supported in the UK?

I. Support for solar PV should allow cost-effective projects to proceed and to make a cost-effective contribution to UK carbon emission objectives in the context of overall energy goals - ensuring that solar PV has a role alongside other energy generation technologies in delivering carbon reductions, energy security and affordability for consumers.

How much solar PV will be deployed in the UK?

As set out in the UK Renewable Energy Roadmap Update 2012, analysis indicates that there is a potential deployment range of 7-20GW (equivalent to 6-18TWh), with 20GW being the technical maximum level of solar PV deployment by 2020¹⁴.

What is the National Policy Statement (NPS)?

1.1.5 This National Policy Statement (NPS), taken together with the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1), provides the primary policy for decisions by the Secretary of State on applications they receive for nationally significant renewable energy infrastructure defined at Section 1.6 of this NPS.

Solar farms with a generating capacity below 50 megawatts (MW) fall under the remit of the LPA and require planning permission. Solar farms with a generating capacity above 50 megawatts ...

Guidance to help local councils in developing policies for renewable and low carbon energy and identifies the planning considerations.

After a long, 13-year wait, we now have national level, technology specific policy support for solar. This will

expedite the deployment of solar towards the 70GW expectation in ...

Solar Energy UK welcome the opportunity to provide comment on the National Policy Statements (EN-1, EN-3, EN-5). We welcome the Government's commitment to sustained growth of the ...

A policy set out at Section 4.2 of EN-1 which applies a policy presumption that, subject to any legal requirements (including under section 104 of the Planning Act 2008), the urgent need for...

As is outlined in the National Policy Statement, the starting position for solar PV developers in taking forward Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects is that applicants ...

It provides a forum for discussion of Government policy relating to solar PV deployment; and identifies solutions to barriers to the sustainable deployment of solar PV in the UK.

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