

# UFTON NEWS

## November 2024 Diary

Tues	5	Food Waste Ufton Parish Council 8.00 pm VH
Tues	12	All bins
Sat	16	Christmas Craft Fair and Coffee morning VH 10am to 2 pm
Tues	19	Food Bin
Tues	26	Food Waste , Green and Blue

## December

Tues	3	Food Bin and Grey Bin
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## Christmas Craft Fair and Coffee morning, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 10 am – 2 pm, Ufton Village Hall

Come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake with your neighbours. Everyone welcome.

## Radford Semele Solar Farm

Staffordshire Solar 1 Ltd have submitted a planning application for a Solar Farm on land to west of Fosse Way (B4455) and to the south-east of Radford Semele, Leamington Spa CV31 1XJ



The picture above shows the land concerned edged in red. The land is

adjacent to the Fosse Way, when turning left at the roundabout at the bottom of the hill. The solar farm will cover 280 acres which is clearly larger than Ufton, but it is also larger than Radford Semele.

We have learnt from our experience with the Ufton Solar Farm, that whilst we can ask people to sign a form against the proposal, the planning authority treated all the signed forms as a petition. Petitions do not hold as much weight as individual objections.

Therefore, if you do not wish to see another solar farm join the plethora of solar farms granted permission down the Fosse Way please object to this proposal.

You need to quote “material planning reasons” for your objections to be taken into consideration. The “No Solar Farm in Radford Semele” group, which can also be found on Facebook using this name have put forward the following reasons, which you can use in your objection.

**Size and scale** – larger than the village envelope of **166 acres**.

**Cumulative impact** – the 3<sup>rd</sup> development on this stretch of the Fosse. More at Harbury, Southam, Newbold Pacey, Ufton, Bishops Itchington, Long Itchington, Southam.

**Negative visual impact** – it won't protect or enhance the landscape. It's not appropriate for a rural location. It will be highly visible, restricting views, with **2.4m** steel fencing around paths, and panels that extend to **3.1m**. The comms tower will be **15m** high.

**Loss of amenity** – Public Rights of Way and bridleways criss-cross the area. 88% of users surveyed said they'd stop using it completely or use it less often.

**Lack of scrutiny** – it's been limited to 49.99MW to avoid it being called in as a '**nationally significant infrastructure project**.'

**Loss of wildlife habitats** – the fields are home to **19 skylark territories**, as well as grey partridge and red kite. Five BNOCC Red list species and seven BOCC Amber list species

have been identified. Six are priority species under Section 41 of the NERC Act. Eight of them are listed as rare and most threatened.

**Loss of productive arable land** – solar should be on rooftops, brownfield sites and developed land, not on good quality farmland. 230 acres could grow enough wheat to make two million loaves of bread each year.

**Irreversible** – contamination and compaction will damage the natural soil structure. It will take many years for it to return to agricultural use.

**Traffic and transport impact** – the access point on the Fosse Way has a mean traffic speed of 50mph and is a recognised accident blackspot. Over the lifetime of the development, there could be four years of traffic disruption.

**Local policies** – it directly conflicts with Policies NE4, BE1, CC2, EC2 and BE3.

**This proposal will turn our countryside into an industrial development.**

#### How to object:

- Go to [www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk).
- Click on 'Planning' and search for **W/24/1404**.
- Alternatively, you can write to Warwick District Council  
Town Hall, Parade  
Royal Leamington Spa  
CV32 4AT.
- Use our material planning objections as a basis but put them in your own words. **You need to object before 15 November 2024.**

**DON'T FORGET, EVERY ADULT IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD CAN OBJECT.  
TRY TO SUBMIT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.**

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