

Branston Solar Park



Commissioned	March 2015
Site area	92 acres
Installed capacity (MW)	18.9 MW
Annual production (MWh)	18,196 MWh
Households powered per annum	5,870
CO2 emissions saved (tonnes per annum)	8,993 tonnes

Overview

About 1km south of the village of Branston, Lincolnshire, Branston Solar Farm is sited on level rural terrain ideally suited to photovoltaic energy production. Historically the surrounding land has been agricultural, with scattered residential properties and farm buildings the only local dwellings. The strong working relationship between the site's two joint owners was key to development and will be crucial to the long-term success of the project. With the added assistance of the land agent, the scheme was completed with very few complications.

Biodiversity

The site is typified by good existing landscaping in the form of well-established hedgerows and tree belts. These have been complemented by extra planting along perimeter boundaries and, within the site, the creation of a biodiverse grassland. Fencing has been erected to protect the new trees and hedgerows, while the landscaping will help improve habitats in the otherwise intensively arable-farmed Lincolnshire countryside.