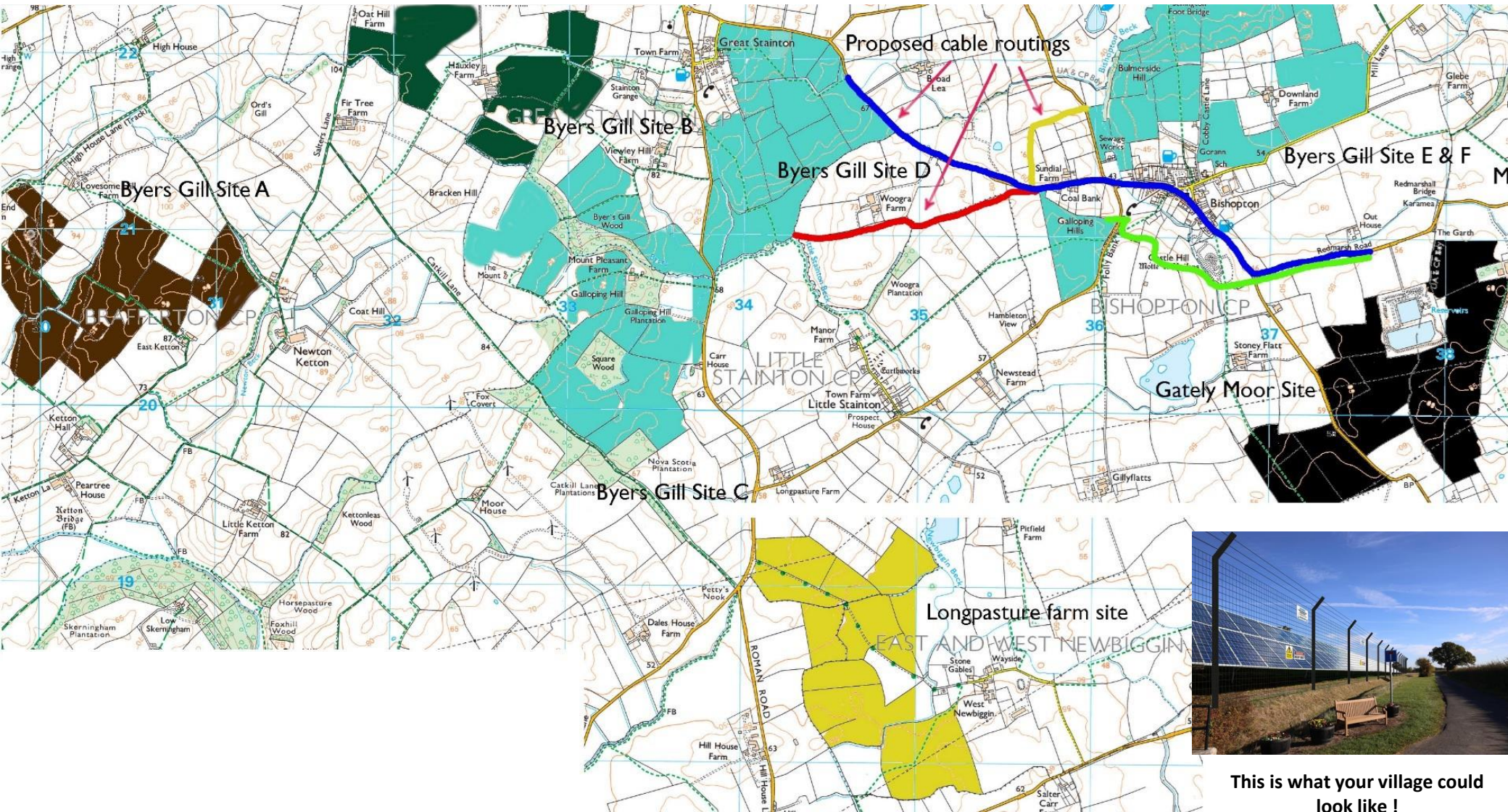


NEXT Community Meeting
Bishopton Village Hall
14th December 2022
7pm

BISHOPTON VILLAGES
ACTION GROUP
SOLAR POWER FARM OBJECTION



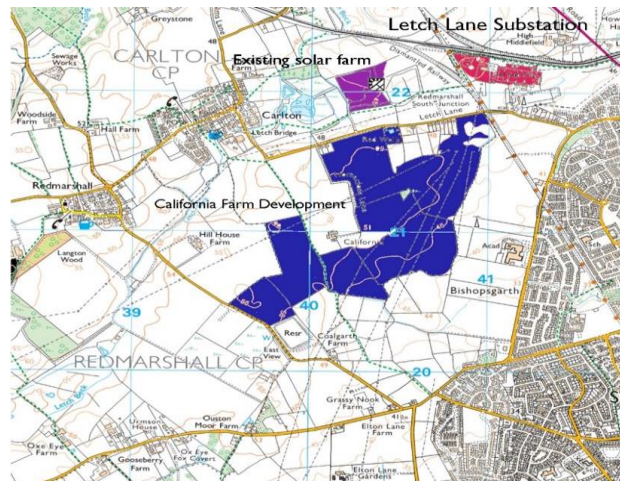
This is what your village could look like !

- 90+ Shipping Container sized battery storage units
- 5m communication masts at each Byers Gill site
- 4900m² control & substation - location TBC
- 3m Security fences around each site
- Combined – these three projects alone will remove almost 2000 acres of productive arable land for a minimum of 40 years - then what happens to the brownfield sites left behind?
- For perspective – A football pitch is circa 2acres
- Security lighting around key site infrastructure
- Footpaths maintained but surrounded by security fences
- 12month initial estimate for construction phase of Byers Gill sites
- Every approach or exit from the villages will present people with a solar farm view
- 135 acres of underground cables
- Each individual solar panel up to 4.5m in height – numbers not yet confirmed but likely to be many hundreds
- Benefits to the local residents and community –

NONE!

- Industrialisation of this rural landscape and the communities within
- What are the effects of living close to multiple lithium battery storage containers?
- What are the effects of living within a vast area of solar power generation systems
- Bishopton Village school is surrounded by Byers Gill Site E
- Gately Moor construction starts first
- Longpasture Farm site follows. How many years of heavy construction traffic are likely?

All figures quoted within this flyer are from JBM's own Scoping documentation



- It is not intended for this opposition to be just Bishopton; this affects much more than just Bishopton. The other communities affected are part of the objections.
- Longpasture Farm & California Farm sites will go through local planning approval with Darlington Borough Council & Stockton Borough Council; objections need to be made via the respective planning websites for each council
- A second community meeting will take place at Bishopton Village Hall on:

14th December 2022 at 7pm

- As things develop, we will need further volunteers for the action group, this may involve flyer distribution, putting up signs, attending meetings
- JBM the company involved with Byers Gill's multiple sites will start public consultation during the spring of 2023 – Dates to be announced. Individuals wishing to object will need to attend and voice their concerns
- Unfortunately the Gately Moor Solar farm has already been granted planning approval by both Stockton & Darlington Borough Councils. The Stockton acceptance was much closer with only one vote deciding the decision. The intentional lack of public consultation around this site will not happen again, we will ensure everyone in the area knows all of the details of what is COMING!!

What Can We Do? Everybody needs to Object !

- The Action Group is currently investigating the possibility of appointing planning experts who can build a professional case against the schemes
- We are also looking to recruit technical experts to provide factual evidence in support of our objections
- In order to pay for the experts, we will need to fund raise
- We have established a steering group to organise the objections
- These maps will be the first of many flyers circulated, highlighting the scale of this proposed change to our communities
- Objections to the Byers Gill solar farm can be made via the government National Planning Infrastructure website
- The action group is now part of the Solar Campaign Alliance – This is a national organisation co-ordinating all of the many groups of objectors to the spread of solar farms across the UK
- A Facebook Group has been established to help communications and update people:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bishoptonvillagesactiongroup/>

- An action group website has also been established and will act as the hub to contain all relevant documentation information and dates. It can be found at:

<https://bishoptonvillagesactiongroup.org/>