

SITE DETAILS



SITE HISTORY

The site was the location of an aeroplane crash in September 1999, which killed eight people and injured three. The plane had taken off from Glasgow Airport, encountered engine problems and ultimately hit the ground on land at Middleton Farm. There is a memorial to this tragedy on the eastern edge of the red line boundary, unaffected by the proposals.

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The proposed development site is located on the northeastern fringe of Linwood. Access is proposed via Middleton Road. The Linwood Recycling Centre and Incinerator is located to the west of the farmhouse property at 5 Middleton Road and Black Cart Water bounds the southern and eastern edge of the farm boundary.

The area outlined for the solar array consists of open, flat farmland positioned either side of Middleton Road, currently in use as a turf farm. Existing field entrances are to be optimised during the construction and operational phases of the development to minimise works. The site is located approximately 830m west of Glasgow Airport, 790m from the M8 and 250m north of the A737 and it is considered that the site is easily accessible via these large trunk routes.

PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT

A Screening Opinion request was submitted to Renfrewshire Council in January 2024 (reference: 24/0007/EA) by Cogeo, with the resultant Opinion received from the LPA in March 2024. This Opinion determined that an environmental assessment (EIA) is not required to accompany any future planning application.

Taking feedback into consideration from consultees, the project has progressed through various site design iterations, ultimately reducing the volume of solar proposed and including biodiversity improvements.



Layout illustrated shows initial site design, which has now reduced in size