



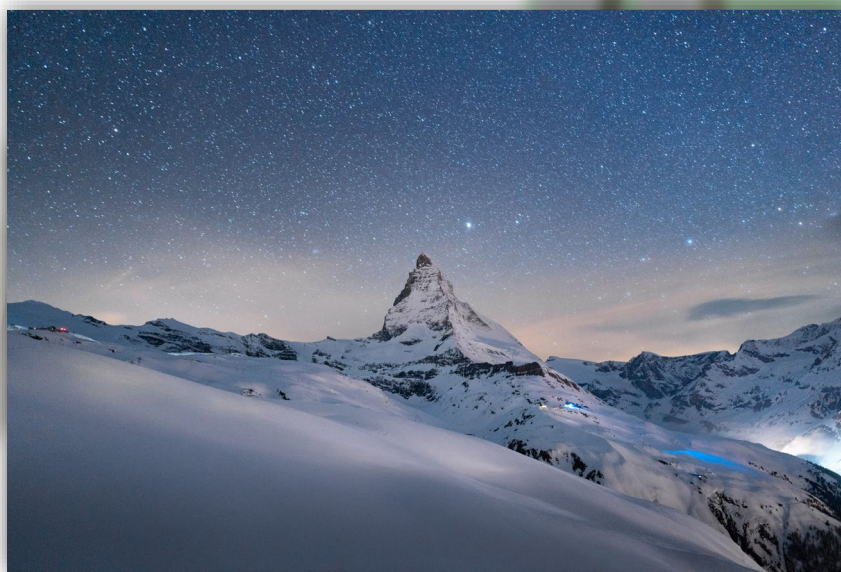
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Environmental Impact Assessment and The Cleve Hill Solar Park



Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

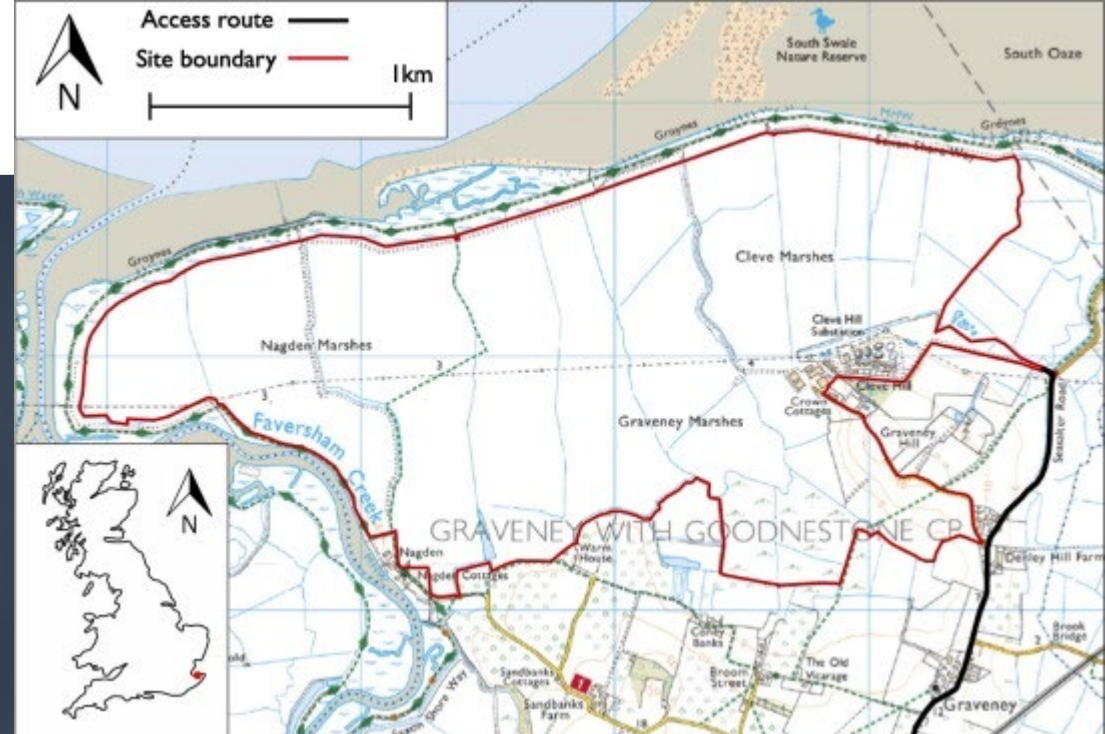
- The Purpose (Croner-1 Ltd, 2021)
- Why are we here?



The Case Study: Cleve Hill Solar Park

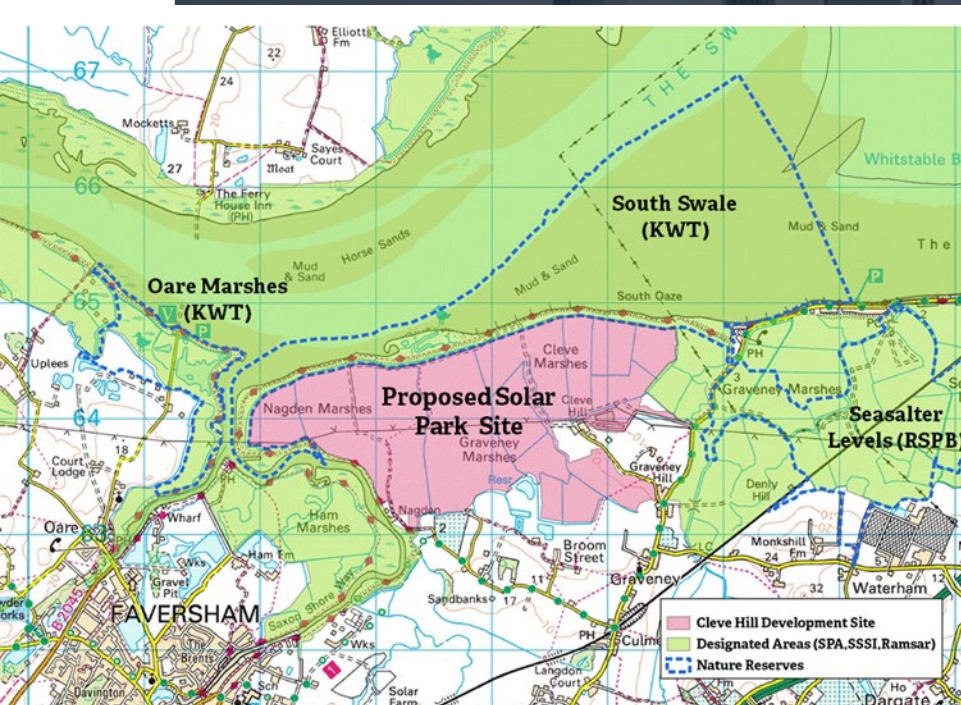
- Location: North East Coast of Kent (Kent Wildlife Trust, 2021)
- 14 Designated Sites (Kent Wildlife Trust, 2021)
- The Community and Organisation Against the Project (Save Graveney Marshes, 2019)

The proposed Solar Park Site with designated area shown (Natural England, 2020).



Map of Cleve Hill Solar Park site. (Ordnance Survey, 2017)

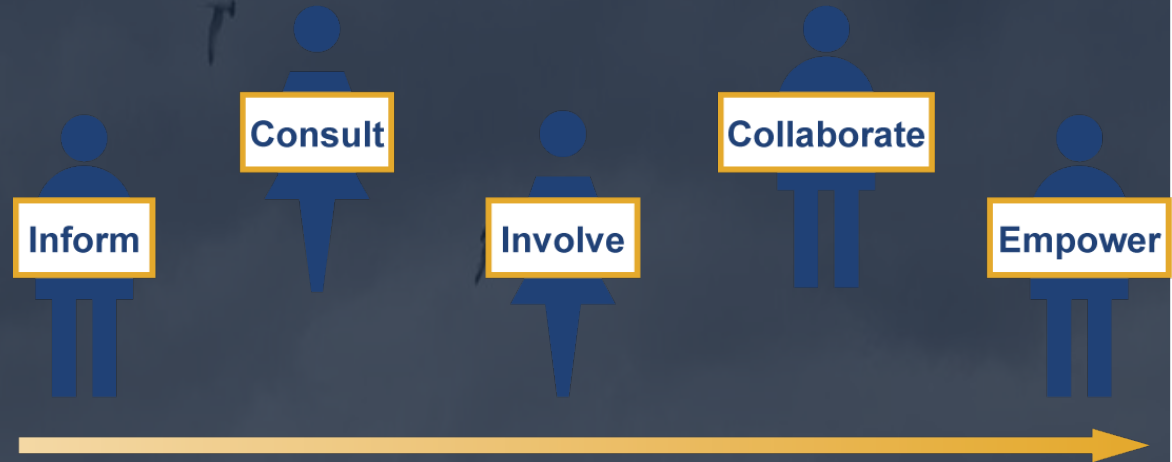
“Kent Wildlife Trust is not opposed to solar parks and is supportive of initiatives to reduce reliance on fossil fuels - but this must not be at the expense of other aspects of the natural environment. As with many development issues, it is as much about ‘where’ as ‘what’ and in this case the development site is ‘functionally linked’ to the surrounding habitats and plays a vital role in supporting the species for which the area has been designated. In particular, significant numbers of Brent geese, lapwing and golden plover use the farmland. Marsh harrier breed and feed in the area and may be displaced by the presence of the solar panels.”
(Kent Wildlife Trust, 2021. P. 1).





Theory, Practice and the Middle

- Public Participation: The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, The Action, The Public Point of View and Improvement.



- Mitigation: The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, The Actions, The Public View and improvements.



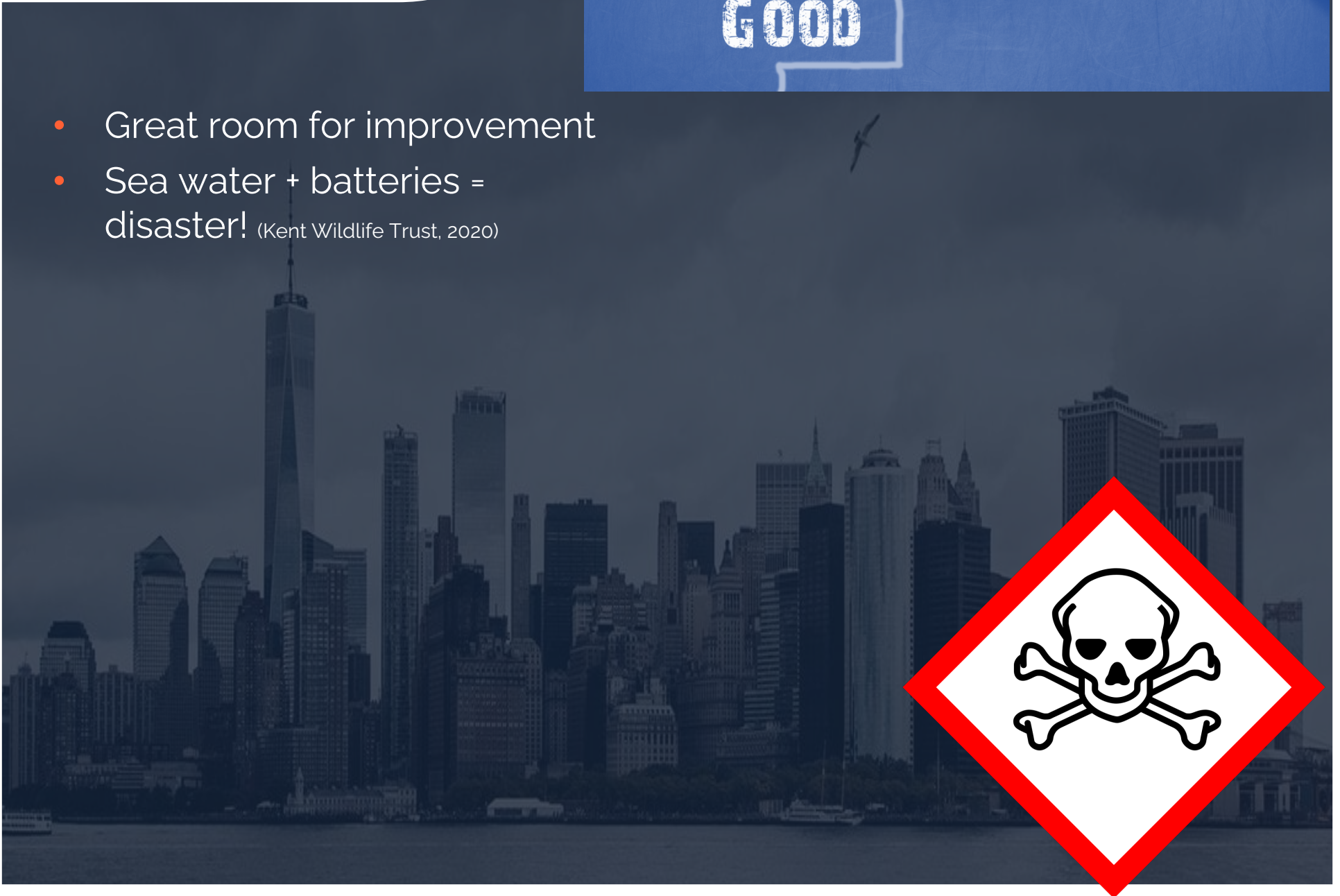
- Government, 2020b
- Community Consultation Leaflet, 2017
- UNECE, 2017
- Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd, 2018
- International Institute for Sustainable Development, 2021
- Arcus Consulting Services Ltd, 2021



Conclusion



- Great room for improvement
- Sea water + batteries = disaster! (Kent Wildlife Trust, 2020)



Thanks!

Any

Questions?



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