

Uniper is developing a solar farm at Totmonslow and this newsletter is designed to tell you a bit more about where we are with the project, what to expect over the coming weeks, and how to find out more.

Who we are

Uniper is a European energy company that operates roughly 14 GW of flexible power generation capacity, in its core markets of Germany, UK, Sweden and the Netherlands. In the UK, Uniper owns and operates a flexible generation portfolio of power stations, and a fast-cycle gas storage facility.







In addition to the solar farm at Totmonslow, Uniper has started construction on a site in Tamworth, and is looking to expand its renewable portfolio across the UK and Europe.

Totsmonlow Solar Farm

Our contractor, working on Uniper's behalf, –Sustainable Bright–has made a lot of progress over the last few months and the Totmonslow Solar Farm is taking shape.

We wanted to give you some information about what will be happening for the rest of this year before the team takes a break for the Christmas holiday on 18 December 2025. We expect to restart work on 5 January 2026.

There are a number of main areas of work, that are still to be completed and these will take place up to 18 December and recommence in January. These main activities include:

-  installation of solar panel mounting frames [this will involve a limited amount of ramming in early December, lasting perhaps two days];
-  installation of the solar modules onto the frames [using handtools];
-  small trench excavations for cabling associated with the CCTV and sensors [by excavator];
-  electrical connections [handtools];
-  site compound maintenance [keeping things tidy];
-  ground profiling [by excavator].

We will be using industrial machinery to carry-out these works, including excavators [for earth works], small flatbed dumper trucks and a telehandler [for material distribution], tractor and trailers [for moving materials around], ramming machines [for solar frame foundations], and small All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) for security patrols.

The site is regularly patrolled by our security team throughout the night using ATVs, and unfortunately, they can be noisy. We're sorry if this causes a disturbance. Unfortunately, there's already been one instance of theft of materials from site, and we want to ensure the site is kept secure. We'd appreciate your help if you spot something suspicious, please let us know.

Any noisy activities on the site are limited by condition 26 of the planning permission issued by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council [reference SMD/2023/0197]. The condition says that "all noisy activities shall be restricted" to the following times of operations:

- 🕒 08:00 - 18:00 hours (Monday to Friday);
- 🕒 08:00 - 13:00 hours (Saturday);
- 🕒 No working is permitted on Sundays or Bank Holidays;

The only time that a noisy activity might take place outside of these times is if there is a safety issue that requires immediate attention, or if a particular activity has been 'pre-agreed' with the Council beforehand.

Totmonslow Solar Farm has a Community Benefit Fund (CBF) which will be administered by both Draycott Parish Council and Checkley Parish Council. Both Parish councils will receive £5,000 each, every year to help support local projects. If you have any ideas, please contact the relevant Parish council and let them know.

Uniper strives to be a good neighbour and to minimise the impact of our development work. If you have any questions about the upcoming works then please contact us by email at info@totomonslowsolar.co.uk; or by phone call 0333 358 0502, answering service before 09:00 and after 17:30.

For emergency/out of hours enquiries only, call 07355 958523.

We hope you have an enjoyable Christmas period and a Happy New Year.