

Statement to the Scruton Community Liaison Group

AMPYR Solar Europe (ASE) is delighted to announce its acquisition of the Solar and Battery Storage project at Scruton from Lightrock and Bluefield. The deal concluded on 30th September 2024 and ASE is looking forward to moving into the construction phase in 2025, ready for grid connection and operation in 2026.

ASE is an independent solar developer and power producer (IPP), working across Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. We are a joint venture between AGP Sustainable Real Assets, Hartree Partners and NaGa Solar Holding B.V., with an aggregate solar project pipeline of over 7 GWp.

With a wealth of experience behind us and a rapidly growing portfolio of solar development, we've got our sights set on a brighter, more sustainable energy future; we are passionate about powering a greener tomorrow. Our business model is to develop, construct and operate large-scale, grid connected solar farms, so we invest in all of our projects and the local communities for the long term.

A critical consideration for ASE is ensuring robust Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles are integrated at every stage of the project. This involves not only minimising environmental impact and promoting sustainable land use but also engaging with local communities to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed. We work to implement transparent governance structures to enhance accountability and long-term success.

Acquisition of solar projects after a planning consent has been awarded is very common and we are keen to demonstrate that this should not be cause for concern. We will not make any fundamental changes to the project from the way in which it was proposed during the planning process and we will honour all of the commitments that the team at Lightrock have made. We plan to construct and operate the solar farm in strict accordance with Lightrock's design, which the community will have helped to influence.

We are looking forward to meeting and working with the Scruton Liaison group and local community to deliver a positive community impact and a clean, renewable form of electricity generation that will help North Yorkshire and the UK to meet its climate commitments.
