

3 July 2026

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Dear [REDACTED],

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Your request for information was received on 24 June 2026 and requested information about Harmony Energy Solar Farm. Your questions and our response can be found below:

On 29 August 2024 the EPA expert consenting panel granted resource consents, subject to conditions, for the solar farm - Marton to Harmony Energy NZ #3 Limited.

We are quite majorly affected (our house is only 80m from the boundary to the proposed solar farm) and have made this clear to the EPA consenting panel. Therefore one of the conditions was: Landscape boundary plantings

C33 The Consent Holder must as soon as practicable, but not later than two years from the commencement of the consent in terms of section 116 of the Resource Management Act 1991, implement landscape boundary screening planting as shown on the Concept Plans identified in Condition A1. Any staging of the landscape plantings must include the easternmost boundary as the first stage, followed by boundaries with Whales Line and Pukepapa Road and then the northern boundary.

Boundary screening and landscaping must be maintained in accordance with the certified Restoration and Planting Management Plan.

This August (2026) it will be 2 years from granting of consent and no planting has been done.

Question 1:

Can you please inform us if the solar farm is still going ahead

Response:

Whether or when the development proceeds is a commercial decision for the consent holder. Council is not involved in those decisions and does not hold information confirming the consent holder's current intentions or programme for the project. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the information requested is not held by the Council.

Council is therefore unable to confirm whether the project will proceed or what the timeframe is if its intentions are to do so, these questions would need to be directed to the consent holder.

Making this place home.

Question 2:

When planting will be done and who will make sure this happening?

Response:

The original consent condition C33 that you refer to remains, with the landscape plan amended – attached is the approved plan for your reference. The consent holder has until March 2028 to implement the consented works.

The consent holder is responsible for undertaking the planting in accordance with the resource consent conditions. Rangitikei District Council is responsible for ensuring the consent holder complies with the approved resource consent.

- Attachment - Marton Solar Farm Concept Plan – Planting Areas and Species

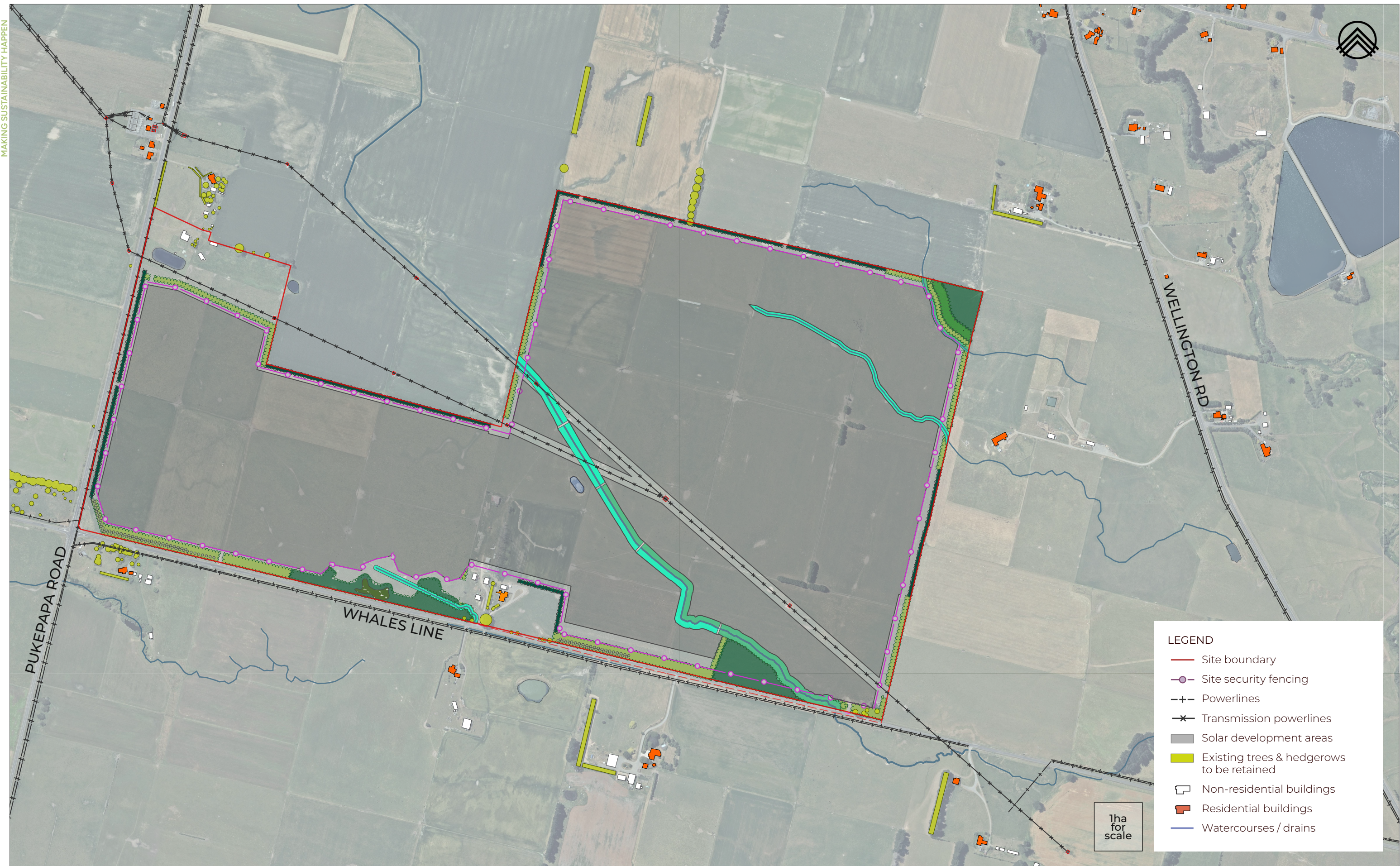
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at [RDC Official Information - Proactive Release](#) with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Officer
Rangitikei District Council



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MARTON SOLAR FARM
CONCEPT PLAN WITH AERIAL OVERLAY

SLR Project No: 880.016874.00001
Site Address: Pukepapa Rd, Marton, Rangitikei

Client: Harmony Energy Limited

Date: 19/09/2025

A3 Scale: 1:7,000

0 50 100 150 m

SPECIES LIST

Wetland planting areas:

- *Austroderia toetoe*
- *Carex geminata*
- *Carex secta*
- *Carex virgata*
- *Coprosma propinqua*
- *Coprosma tenuicaulis*
- *Cordyline australis*
- *Cyperus ustulatus*
- *Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*
- *Eleocharis acuta*
- *Juncus pallidus*
- *Leptospermum scoparium*
- *Machaerina tenax*
- *Phormium tenax*

Riparian & Wetland buffer areas:

- *Austroderia toetoe*
- *Carex geminata*
- *Carex secta*
- *Coprosma robusta*
- *Carex virgata*
- *Coprosma robusta*
- *Cordyline australis*
- *Dacrydium cupressinum*
- *Hebe stricta*
- *Hoheria sexstylosa*
- *Kunzea ericoides*
- *Leptospermum scoparium*
- *Leptospermum scoparium var. scoparium*
- *Melicytus ramiflorus*
- *Olearia solandri*
- *Phormium tenax*
- *Pittosporum eugenioides*
- *Pittosporum tenuifolium*
- *Pseudopanax arboreus*
- *Sophora microphylla*

Exotic Hedgerow:

- *Species to be confirmed...*

Boundary revegetation areas:

- *Coprosma robusta*
- *Cordyline australis*
- *Dacrydium cupressinum*
- *Hoheria sexstylosa*
- *Kunzea ericoides*
- *Leptospermum scoparium*
- *Melicytus ramiflorus*
- *Myrsine australis*
- *Olearia solandri*
- *Pittosporum eugenioides*
- *Pseudopanax arboreus*

Native shrub areas:

- *Carex virgata*
- *Hebe stricta*
- *Phormium tenax*

Species allocation relating to plant heights to be refined

