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community
solar farm

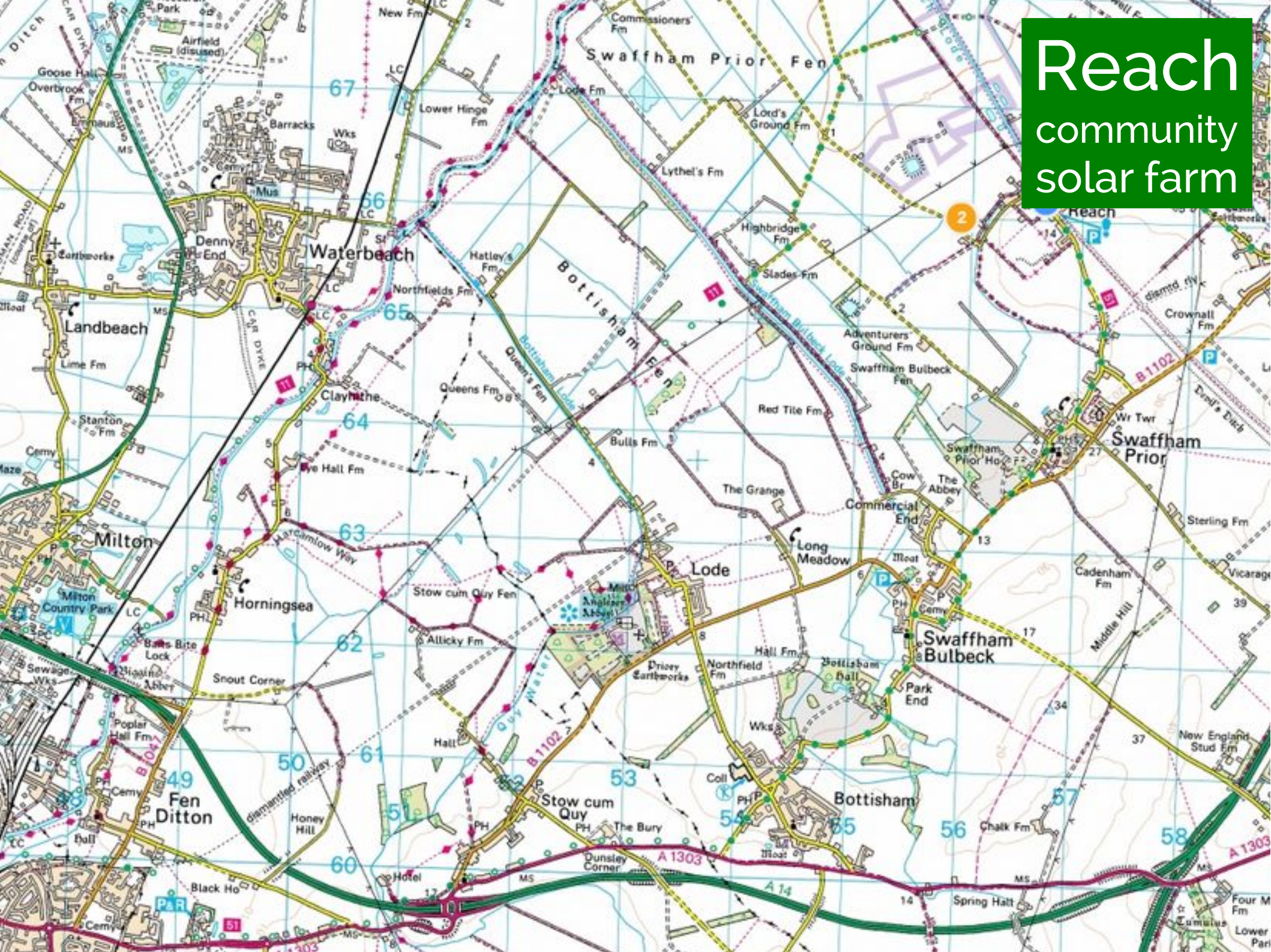
The plan

- 500KW Solar farm: approx 2000 ground-mounted solar panels
- 1/2 mile from Reach village
- Should generate approximately as much electricity as is used in the village each year

The plan

- Owned by a Co-operative, with community benefit as one of the objectives
- Local people will be able to invest between £500 and £20,000 and will receive annual interest payments on their investment

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Little Fen Drove

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Blackberry Drove

Barston Drove

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-  Solar panels
-  Substation
-  Proposed hedge
-  Mature planting
-  Recent planting
-  Fence

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Story so far...

- **April 2013:** village meeting
- **May 2013:** steering group formed
- **August 2013:** DNO application & screening opinion
- **November 2013:** community-led archaeology assessment
- **January 2013:** registered as a Co-op
- **February 2013:** planning application submitted

Next steps

- Tenders for high-voltage work, finalise design with DNO
- Legal agreement with landowner
- Application for EIS / SEIS
- Share Offer
- Start building!

Financial

- The solar farm will cost around £600,000
- We aim to raise this via a share offer
- While we hope many villagers will choose to invest, we will have to look further afield too.

Financial

- Expected income approx £50,000 / yr
- Around £10,000 / yr costs: admin, land lease & maintenance
- Remainder in share payments, repaying capital, and to community fund

Get involved

- We'll be issuing the share offer in a couple of months
- Newsletter sign up at reachsolarfarm.co.uk
- Offers of help with tax, share offer, marketing etc also gratefully received!

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