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# 1 Introduction

TNEI Services Limited (TNEI) have prepared this Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report on behalf of Statkraft UK Limited (the Applicant). This PAC Report accompanies an application to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) for consent (the Application) under Section 36 (S36) of the Electricity Act 1989 (the Electricity Act) and associated deemed planning permission for the construction and operation of a Greener Grid Park (GGP) comprising of battery storage units and associated electrical infrastructure with a storage capacity of up to 750 megawatts (MW) (the Proposed Development).

The Proposed Development is to be located on land 400 m to the northwest of Sergeantlaw Road, to the southeast of Gleniffer Road, Paisley (the Site). The Site has an approximate National Grid Reference (NGR): NS 45101 59845. The Site lies wholly within the administrative area of Renfrewshire Council (the Council).

Under the provisions of the Electricity Act, there is no statutory requirement to undertake Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) for a S36 application for this type of development. Nevertheless, the Applicant has a policy of being a good neighbour and believes that undertaking public consultation is an important part of the planning process and has elected to undertake PAC for the Proposed Development. This public consultation aligns with the guidance published by the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) in February 2022 and later updated in July 2022, titled '*Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989*'<sup>1</sup>, specifically Section 3.2. The Guidance stipulates the expectations of an Applicant with regard to pre-application consultation and engagement. This is summarised as follows:

- Two public exhibition events are expected to be held by the Applicant before the submission of an application, at least 14 days apart.
- At least seven days before holding a public event, a notice should be provided within a local newspaper and on the Applicant's, website detailing the date, time, and location of the public events, as well providing information on how the Applicant can be contacted for commenting on the Proposed Development.
- The applicant should provide a description and a plan of the development, as well as detailing how the applicant can be contacted, at the public events and on the Applicant's website.
- The preparation of a Pre-Application Consultation Report is expected to be undertaken to detail the public consultation which has been undertaken in accordance with this guidance.

The PAC carried out for this project included two public exhibition events and the submission of this PAC report. The PAC Report sets out the background and details of the PAC process carried out by the Applicant in the preparation of the Application. Issues that were raised during the course of the consultation by local stakeholders or residents have been recorded in this report, along with the Applicant's response to how the issues have been considered, if appropriate.

This PAC Report demonstrated that the Applicant has fully complied with best practice guidance and advice as specified by the Energy Consents Unit in order to provide meaningful engagement with local stakeholders during the design phase of the Proposed Development.

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<sup>1</sup> Energy Consents Unit (2022) '*Good Practice Guidance for Applications under Section 36 and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989*' [online] Available at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/good-practice-guidance-applications-under-sections-36-37-electricity-act-1989/documents/> [Accessed 5 Apr 2024].

## 2 Background to the Proposed Development

### 2.1 The Applicant

Statkraft, with offices in Glasgow, is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy. In the UK, Statkraft develop, own, and operate wind, solar, hydro and Greener Grid Park projects. Since 2006, Statkraft has invested over £1.4 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure and is a leading provider of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), having facilitated over 6 GW of new-build renewable energy generation through PPAs. Statkraft is contracted to deliver grid stability services to National Grid ESO, supporting their target to deliver a zero-carbon electricity system by 2025.

Statkraft UK Limited is fully committed to public involvement and engagement, and believes it is important to provide ample opportunity for locals to view the proposals and discuss the Proposed Development with members of the project team at an early stage. Statkraft strives to ensure that developments bring forward initiatives to support long-term economic opportunities and societal benefit for the areas in which they operate.

Throughout the pre-application consultation activities carried out for the Proposed Development, Statkraft made efforts to consider comments and queries raised and to respond accordingly. A programme of consultation was undertaken prior to the submission of the Application, allowing Statkraft to gather feedback that could inform the final design iterations of the Proposed Development. The programme of consultation is fully set out in Section 3 of this Report.

### 2.2 Description of the Proposed Development

The Applicant is seeking consent from the Scottish Ministers at the ECU for the construction and operation of a GGP to support the flexible operation of the National Grid and decarbonisation of the electricity supply in Scotland by increasing the stability of the electricity grid and the amount of renewable energy that can be delivered to the grid network. In December 2022, the project was awarded a contract to provide stability services to National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO). The Proposed Development would import and export electricity, however, it will not generate any additional electricity nor have any direct on-site emissions. The Applicant is seeking Section 36 Consent for the construction of up to 750 MW of Battery Storage. The Proposed Development would include:

- Up to 88 battery storage container blocks and associated infrastructure;
- Storage containers;
- Welfare;
- Diesel generators;
- CCTV and lighting columns;
- Associated access and internal access roads;
- Hard and soft landscaping;
- SuDS Basin;
- A perimeter fence; and
- Underground grid connection cable.

As well as being beneficial for storing energy, should consent be granted, it would provide a variety of community benefits in the surrounding area. During the construction phase of the Proposed Development, the Applicant will encourage the use of local services and suppliers – where reasonably practicable and utilise a dedicated web page where local suppliers can register their interest in supplying goods and services for the Proposed Development. Furthermore, as of the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, the Neilston Greener Grid Park Community Fund opened with the

purpose of supporting the community and environmental projects located within a 3 km radius of the Site. This will continue throughout the lifetime of the Proposed Development. This fund has been set up as a result of the consented Neilston development, which is currently under construction. A further £20,000 per annum would be available within this fund from the commencement of construction of the Proposed Development, should consent be granted.

### 2.3 Section 36 Application for the Proposed Development

The S36 Application for the Proposed Development is supported by a suite of documents which include the following:

- Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan;
- Covering Letter;
- Construction Traffic Management Plan and Transport Statement;
- Detailed Drainage Design;
- Ecology Breeding Bird Report;
- Fire Water Management Plan;
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment;
- Landscape and Ecology Management Plan;
- Landscape Mitigation Planting Plan;
- Noise Impact Assessment;
- Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan;
- Plans and Figures;
- Planning, Design and Access Statement;
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal;
- Pre-Application Consultation Report; and
- Visualisations.

These documents demonstrate how any potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development, including cumulative effects, have been considered and, to the fullest extent possible, mitigated through the design process.

## 3 Pre-Application Consultation

### 3.1 Pre-Application Consultation Measures

As aforementioned, the Applicant has elected to undertake PAC and submit an accompanying PAC Report in accordance with best practice guidance outlined within good practice guidance published by the ECU – ‘Electricity Act 1989 – Sections 36 and 37: Applications Guidance.’

Section 3.2 states the following:

#### *“Pre-application consultation events*

*The applicant is expected to hold at least two public consultation events prior to submitting the application. The final public events should be held at least 14 days after the first public event.*

*The public events are to give members of the public the opportunity to make comments to the applicant as regards the proposed development.*

*At the final public event, the applicant should provide feedback to members of the public in respect of comments received by the applicant as regards the proposed development.”*

#### *“Notice of the pre-application consultation events*

*At least seven days before holding a public event, the applicant should publish on the applicant’s website and in a local newspaper circulating in the locality in which the proposed development is situated a notice containing:*

- *A description of, and the location of, the proposed development;*
- *Details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the proposed development;*
- *The date and place of the public event;*
- *A statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the applicant relating to the proposal may do so; and*
- *A statement that comments made to the applicant are not representations to the Scottish Ministers and if the applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the Scottish Ministers.”*

#### *“Details of the pre-application consultation events*

*The applicant should provide the following details at the public event and publish these details on the applicant’s website:*

- *A description of the development to be carried out;*
- *a plan showing the outline of the site at which the development is to be carried out and sufficient to identify that site; and*
- *details as to how the applicant may be contacted and corresponded with.”*

#### *“Content of public event and pre-application consultation report*

*The applicant is expected to prepare a pre-application consultation report (“PAC Report”) setting out what has been done to accord with the guidance set out above. The PAC Report should be submitted with the application.*

*The PAC Report should contain the following information;*

- *The dates on which and places where public events were held;*



- *A description of any additional steps taken by the applicant to consult with members of the public regarding the development;*
- *A list of bodies, groups, organisations who were consulted by the applicant and a description of how they were consulted;*
- *A description of any materials sent to consultees and materials provided to those attending public events;*
- *Copies of any visual presentation shown or displayed at a public event, and photographs of any display boards or models at public events;*
- *Confirmation as to whether consultees and attendees at public events were informed that pre-application consultation does not remove the right or the potential need to comment on the final application once it is made to the Scottish Ministers;*
- *A summary of the written responses to consultations and views raised at public events, including an indication of the number of written responses received and the number of persons who attended the public events;*
- *An explanation of how members of the public were given feedback on the applicant's consideration of the views raised during the pre-application consultation process."*

In light of this legislation, the consultation measures of which have been elected to be undertaken are as follows:

- 2 public exhibitions;
- 1 virtual public exhibition;
- 1 newspaper advert; and
- Resident Letters.

The consultation period provided various measures through which the local community could discuss the Proposed Development and raise any questions or concerns they might have. Any comments made and feedback raised are discussed in Section 4 of this PAC report.

### 3.1.1 Community Councils and Councillors

The Applicant sent an invite letter via email (Appendix A) on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 to the local representatives and Community Councils (CC) listed below. The letter detailed relevant information about the Proposed Development, as well as informing each recipient about the upcoming public exhibition events, including the date, time, and location of each event. The following Community Councils (CC) and Councillors (Cllr) were notified:

- Cllr Burns (Renfrewshire – Ward 07 - Paisley Southwest);
- Cllr Hannigan (Renfrewshire – Ward 07 – Paisley Southwest);
- Cllr L. Cameron (Renfrewshire – Ward 07 – Paisley Southwest);
- Cllr Montgomery (Renfrewshire – Ward 07 – Paisley Southwest);
- MSP George Adam;
- MSP Tom Arthur;
- Foxbar CC; and
- Elderslie CC.

### 3.1.2 Letters and Leaflet Distribution

Prior to the public exhibition, local residents were notified of the event through a letter drop on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2024 (Appendix A) to local affected properties and businesses. A total of 25 properties

(22 residential and 3 business), within an approximate radius of 3 km from the Site, were provided with notification letters that enclosed key information about the Proposed Development including:

- Details of the in-person and virtual public exhibition events (including the date, time and location).
- A freepost reply card (Appendix B) No reply card responses were received.
- A freephone number to allow recipients to respond.

### 3.1.3 Pre-Application Consultation Website

In line with the approved consultation measures, the Applicant established a project website (Appendix C) for the presentation of information and to ensure that interested parties are kept up to date with developments. Details of the public exhibition events were advertised on the website. Public exhibition materials were uploaded to the website on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2024.

All information materials that were available at the exhibition events were also provided via the dedicated project website. The website is available at the following address:

<http://www.statkraft.co.uk/Neilston>

The website also provides ways to contact the project team, should members of the public wish to raise any questions or comments. This includes an online question section, FAQs, and a freephone contact telephone number which is answered by a member of Statkraft's community liaison team.

The project website was initially launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 (for the previously consented development), with the S36 Application announced on the website in January 2024. The main project home page was visited 254 times (489 page views) by 207 visitors during the period from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2024 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024. Visitors to the website were encouraged to ask questions, provide feedback, and complete a questionnaire (Appendix D).

The project website will remain available throughout the planning process to keep local residents and representatives updated on project developments. The website will include the full list of planning application documents and will provide a link to the planning portal to direct people on how to comment on the application.

### 3.1.4 Newspaper Publications

A newspaper advert was issued in the Renfrewshire Gazette to notify the local community of the Proposed Development, and to provide details of the upcoming public exhibition events. The publication also advertised the dedicated project website for the Proposed Development, as well as the relevant contact information by which local residents could contact the Applicant regarding any concerns or queries in regard of the Proposed Development.

The newspaper advert was published on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

The consultation event advert used in the Renfrewshire Gazette local paper is provided in Appendix E.

### 3.1.5 In-Person Public Exhibition Event

Two in-person public exhibition events were held by Statkraft at the Foxbar Community Centre to detail the Proposed Development plans, to meet local residents and organisations, and to answer any questions. The first event was held on the 1st of February 2024 from 15:30 to 19:30 with the second event being held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 from 15:30 to 19:30. These events were spaced out to provide appropriate opportunities for local residents to attend an in person event.

The venue was chosen as it was one of the nearest community centres to the Proposed Development and the events took place during the afternoon and evening to give residents flexibility on attending the exhibition event.

Representatives from Statkraft conducted the exhibitions and offered a range of information to those who attended. At the first event, six poster boards displayed information on the following:

- Who Statkraft is;
- What GGPs are;
- Why we need GGPs;
- A general overview of the project;
- The community benefits associated with the Proposed Development; and
- How to find out more and comment on the project before and after submission.

The boards also included a range of contact formats in which individuals could use to comment in the immediate term. The boards exhibited a range of information in various formats such as stats, maps, and pictures as well as small amounts of text – this allowed information to be as accessible as reasonably practicable.

The series of exhibition boards and visualisations were prepared and put on display in the event hall to demonstrate and explain the details of the proposal (Appendix F). Newsletters which provided an outline of the proposed Development, as well contact information were available for members of the public to take away (Appendix G).

A Site Plan and a number of photomontages were developed and displayed at the public exhibition to show what the project might look like if developed (Appendix H).

A total of 10 members of the public attended across both exhibition events.

### 3.1.6 Virtual Public Exhibition Event

Statkraft also held a virtual public exhibition event (Appendix I) in the case that members of the community were unable to attend the two in-person events. This was held between the 1<sup>st</sup> of February and the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. This event was held on Statkraft's dedicated project website ([www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston)).

The virtual exhibition presented the same information on the Proposed Development as was provided at the in person events. This included:

- A newsletter;
- Site plans;
- Indicative drawings; and
- Exhibition banners.

A video was made available on the website detailing what GGPs are, how they work, and the benefits the Proposed Development would bring.

The website introduced the key team members who are leading the project forward.

Attendees of the virtual exhibition event were also provided with the appropriate contact information to allow them to raise any concerns or questions they held regarding the Proposed Development.

The virtual public exhibition page was visited 29 times (48 page views) by 23 visitors across the event duration.

## 4 Comments and Feedback

### 4.1 Summary of Consultee Responses

The key themes and responses generated from the public exhibition events and any subsequent communications are detailed below in Table 4.1.

**Table 4.1 Public Comments Received**

Theme	Date	Method	Comment	Resolution
Community Benefit Fund	24 Jan 2024	Email	A nearby resident of the Proposed Development, who was unable to attend the in-person events, queried where they could find further information regarding the community benefit fund, as well as how they can go about applying for the fund.	The Community Liaison Manager responded with clarification that further information would be uploaded to the project website from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of February. They also forwarded on the link which details how different organisations can access the community benefit fund.
Visual Impact and Screening	24 Mar 2024	Email	A near resident of expressed their confusion surrounding the photomontages of the Proposed Development. They queried the colours of the BESS and associated infrastructure. They further expressed concern over a reduction in the amount of tree planting which would be undertaken to provide screening to the south of the Proposed Development.	It was confirmed by the Community Liaison Manager that the consented 50 MW of BESS is being installed in the colour white as per agreement with the LPA, and the BESS included within the S36 Application is proposed in a green colour in order to be in keeping with the surrounding landscape. It was noted that an assessment was undertaken to determine an appropriate shade of green. With regard to the concern over tree planting, it was confirmed that there would be no reduction in the level of tree planting undertaken when compared to the original planning permission.

<p>Opportunities provided by the project, traffic and noise.</p>	<p>25 Aug 2023 – 28 June 2024</p>	<p>Email and Public Exhibitions</p>	<p>A charity local to the project got in touch via email and attended the public exhibitions.</p> <p>They had questions about opportunities for partnership, advice on reducing their carbon footprint and accessing the potential Community Benefit Fund.</p> <p>They also had queries about the potential noise from the project and the traffic management that would be required during the construction phase of the project.</p>	<p>The Community Liaison Manager explained how the community benefit fund would be administrated by a third party and the process for applying to the fund. They also sent over some leads as to where the charity could access information to reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>The community manager also advised that the noise limits and surveys would be submitted as part of this planning application and would be within limits set by the council.</p> <p>With regard to traffic management the Community Liaison Manager was able to confirm that though there would be temporary traffic lights and speed limits implemented there would be no road closures required for the construction of the project.</p>
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## 4.2 Analysis of Responses

A total of 10 people attended the in-person public exhibition events. All attendees provided either positive or neutral feedback on the Proposed Development.

Specific comments were obtained during the consultation process via email. These were all queries requiring further information or clarification to be shared with the resident. These were dealt with promptly by the Project team. These queries, detailed within Table 4.1, were centred around obtaining further information or clarification on the topics of visual impact, screening, and the community benefit fund. A further comment was made whereby interest was expressed in offering land to be used for future projects, which was particularly positive.

All consultation responses were received via email. No response was collected via the reply card.

The Applicant is very pleased with the level of responses received overall and are grateful for everyone who attended and commented.

## 5 Conclusions

The Applicant has conducted pre-application consultation with the local community in an appropriate and proportionate manner to the scale of the Proposed Development, as well as complying with the guidance set out by the ECU.

In terms of engagement, it is considered that the information reached a number of people and the conversations experienced at the in-person exhibitions were engaging and resulted in no negative comments needing to be resolved. There were, however, queries obtained via email regarding visual impacts, screening and the community benefit which were swiftly resolved. These have been considered and addressed within Section 4 of this PAC report. No responses were obtained, via the reply card provided within the resident letters or the dedicated web page.

The Applicant is committed to continuous liaison with the local community and key stakeholders throughout the life of the project to ensure that local views continue to be considered and the construction is carried out in as appropriate manner as possible and that all measures outlined in the CEMP and CTMP, submitted as part of this Application, are fully implemented.

The consultation and engagement that the Applicant has undertaken with the local community and consultees is in line with the relevant guidance from the ECU. The Applicant will continue to update the project website and members of the public will continue to be able to ask questions and comment through the website, freepost address and telephone numbers. The Applicant will continue to engage with the community and elected representatives throughout the planning process.

# Appendix A – Letters to Community Councils, Councillors, and Residents



POSTAL ADDRESS:  
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10 Montrose Street  
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G1 1RE

INTERNET:  
[www.statkraft.co.uk](http://www.statkraft.co.uk)

E-MAIL:  
[ukprojects@statkraft.com](mailto:ukprojects@statkraft.com)

PHONE:  
0800 772 0668

Dear Neighbour

## Neilston Greener Grid Park

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Project Manager, provide a short update on our proposals for Neilston Greener Grid Park and invite you to our upcoming public exhibitions.

Statkraft received consent for the Neilston Greener Grid Park in April 2022. The initial phase of the project is currently under construction. We are now proposing some changes and are submitting a Section 36 planning application to the Energy Consents Unit in mid 2024. In summary, we aim to:

- increase the electricity capacity;
- refine the layout and remove non-essential infrastructure

We would like to reconnect with the local community about our plans for the site and are holding two consultation events. These events are a chance to discuss our plans and next steps.

Our community benefit fund which is launching in early 2024 and the additional community benefit funding which would be available should the project get consent from the Energy Consents Unit. We are keen to hear from communities on how they would like to see the community benefit fund being spent and our public exhibition is an opportunity to discuss this.

**Public Exhibition**  
**Foxbar Community Centre**  
**Thursday 1 February 2024, 3.30pm - 7.30pm**  
**Thursday 7 March 2024 3.30 - 7.30pm**





**What is a Greener Grid Park?**

Greener Grid Parks are a collection of buildings and zero carbon technology which stabilise the grid, allowing more renewable energy to be transmitted through the network. They are not a wind or solar farm, the buildings resemble agricultural barns, storage units or shipping containers.

Greener Grid Parks enable the UK's energy system to handle increasing amounts of renewable energy without relying on coal and gas-fired turbines.

**Why do we need Greener Grid Parks?**

Batteries capture and store energy for future use. They increase the amount of renewable energy consumers can use by storing and releasing it when demand is high. This project will provide battery storage services at Neilston Greener Grid Park which is currently under construction and already helping us move towards the UK zero carbon emissions targets by increasing the stability of the electricity grid.

**Next Steps**

We look forward to meeting members of the local community at our Public Exhibitions on 1 February 2024 and 7 March 2024 3.30 - 7.30pm at the Foxbar Community Centre to update you on our plans and answer questions about the project.

For those unable to attend our event in person, you can review all of the information from the exhibition on our project website, [www.statkraft.co.uk/Neilston](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/Neilston) or contact us with any questions via the following:

**Phone:** 0800 772 0668  
**Email:** [ukprojects@statkraft.com](mailto:ukprojects@statkraft.com)  
**Online form:** [statkraft.co.uk/neilston/Contact/](http://statkraft.co.uk/neilston/Contact/)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giselle Crowder".


Giselle Crowder **Project Manager**





# Appendix B – Reply Card

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**PUBLIC EXHIBITION  
FEBRUARY 2024**

**NEILSTON GREENER  
GRID PARK**

You can use this form to let us know your views or ask any questions. We will respond to all queries as quickly as possible.

**PRIVACY STATEMENT**  
Respect for privacy and personal data protection is part of Statkraft's corporate culture. This enables us to maintain an environment where our customers, vendors and other stakeholders can trust Statkraft to process their personal data. Our online privacy statement explains how, why and for how long Statkraft processes your personal data. Go to [www.statkraft.co.uk/privacy-statement/](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/privacy-statement/)

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. An application will be submitted to the Energy Consents Unit in 2024. There will be an opportunity to make representations on that planning application to the Energy Consent Unit prior to determination.

**Please tell us what you think – complete and return in the envelope provided**

Your questions and comments:

continue overleaf...

Yes please, I would like to receive project updates (mainly by email)

No thank you, I do not want project updates

Do you think this site is an acceptable location for a Grid Stability Project?

Yes  No  Unsure


Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

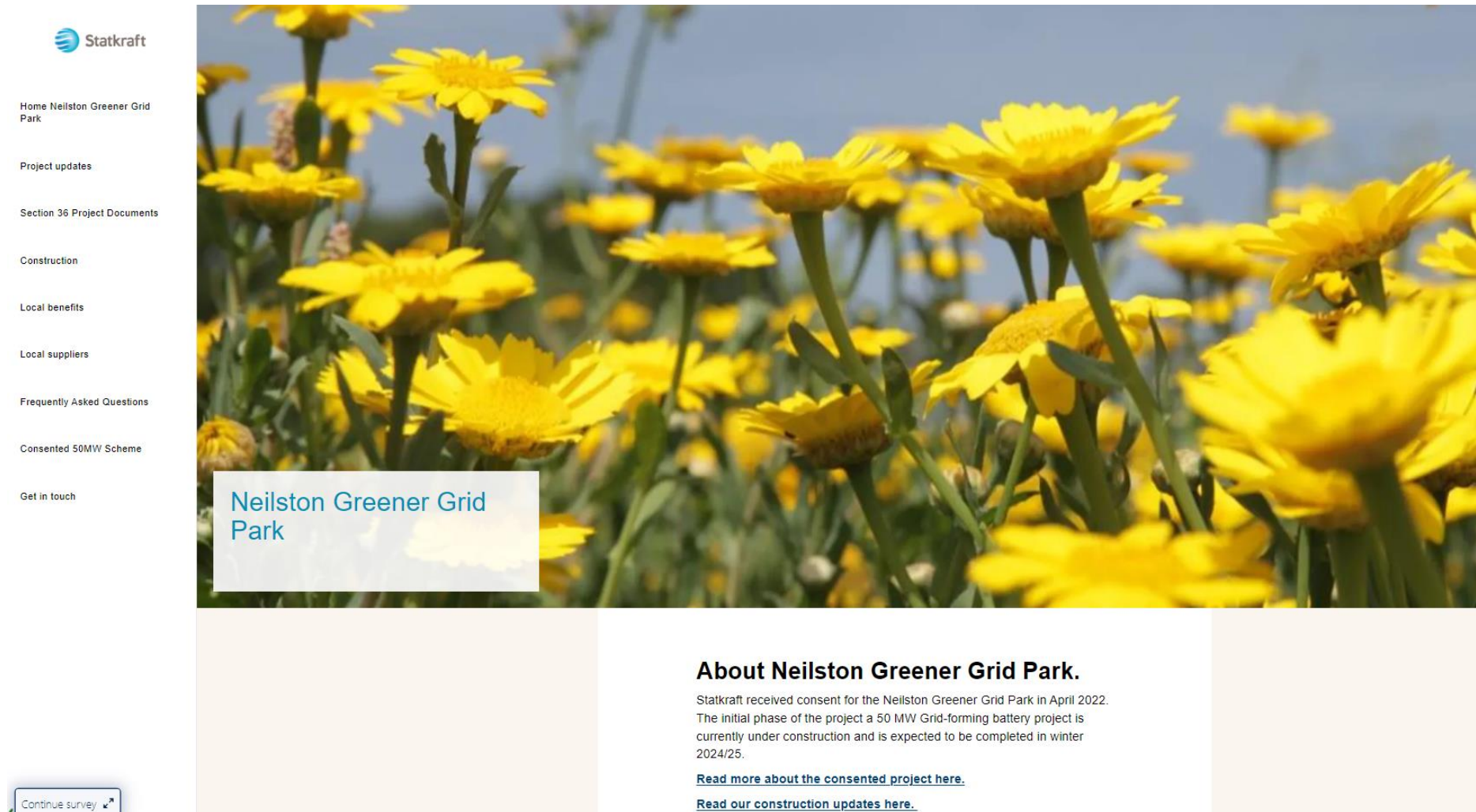
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## Appendix C – Website



**Statkraft**

- Home Neilston Greener Grid Park
- Project updates
- Section 36 Project Documents
- Construction
- Local benefits
- Local suppliers
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Consented 50MW Scheme
- Get in touch

**Neilston Greener Grid Park**

**About Neilston Greener Grid Park.**

Statkraft received consent for the Neilston Greener Grid Park in April 2022. The initial phase of the project a 50 MW Grid-forming battery project is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in winter 2024/25.

[Read more about the consented project here.](#)

[Read our construction updates here.](#)

Continue survey ↗

We are now proposing some changes and are submitting a Section 36 planning application to the Energy Consents Unit in mid 2024. In summary, we aim to:

- increase the electricity capacity;
- refine the layout and remove non-essential infrastructure

Statkraft is also delighted to be providing an additional £20K per annum community benefit fund for all of its developed Greener Grid Park projects.

### Why do we need Greener Grid Parks?



## Project timeline



SHOW MORE

## Appendix D – Questionnaire

### Get in touch

On this page you can provide your feedback, ask a question or request a call back from our team.

### We want to hear from you!

Do you have any questions or comments on the project during the construction period? \*

- Yes
- No

Include your email address if you would like a response (this won't add you to our mailing list)

We would like to keep you updated with news on this project. You can expect to receive about 2 or 3 emails per year. \*

- Yes, add my email to the mailing list. By submitting this form, I consent to the processing of my e-mail address by Statkraft AS, for the purpose of sending me information on the project in question.
- No, I would not like to receive project updates.

- By submitting this form, I agree to the processing of my personal data by Statkraft, in accordance with and as described in the privacy policy (see link below).

[Privacy policy of Statkraft](#)

- I have read and understood the Privacy Policy by Statkraft AS (link above)

SUBMIT

## Appendix E – Newspaper Advert



### **NEILSTON GREENER GRID PARK Public Exhibition Invitation**

We invite you to attend a public exhibition for our Neilston Greener Grid Park proposal – located on Gleniffer Road, Paisley (immediately east of the Neilston substation).

Statkraft received consent for Neilston Greener Grid Park in April 2022 and started construction in August 2023. The public exhibition outlines our plans for a new S36 application to increase the capacity of the site. Greener Grid Parks enable the UK's electricity system to handle increasing amounts of renewable energy without relying on coal and gas-fired turbines.

#### **PUBLIC EXHIBITION EVENTS**

First Exhibition

**Foxbar Community Centre, Amochrie Road, Paisley, PA2 0LB  
Thursday 1 February 2024 at 3.30pm - 7.30pm**

Second Exhibition

**Foxbar Community Centre, Amochrie Road, Paisley, PA2 0LB  
Thursday 7 March 2024 at 3.30pm - 7.30pm**

Please visit [www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston) for more information on the project and we will upload public exhibition material on the project website from 1 February 2024. Please get in touch with us on:

- Phone: 0800 772 0668
- Email: [ukprojects@statkraft.com](mailto:ukprojects@statkraft.com)
- Website: [www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston)

Comments should be made to Statkraft UK and do not constitute a formal representation.

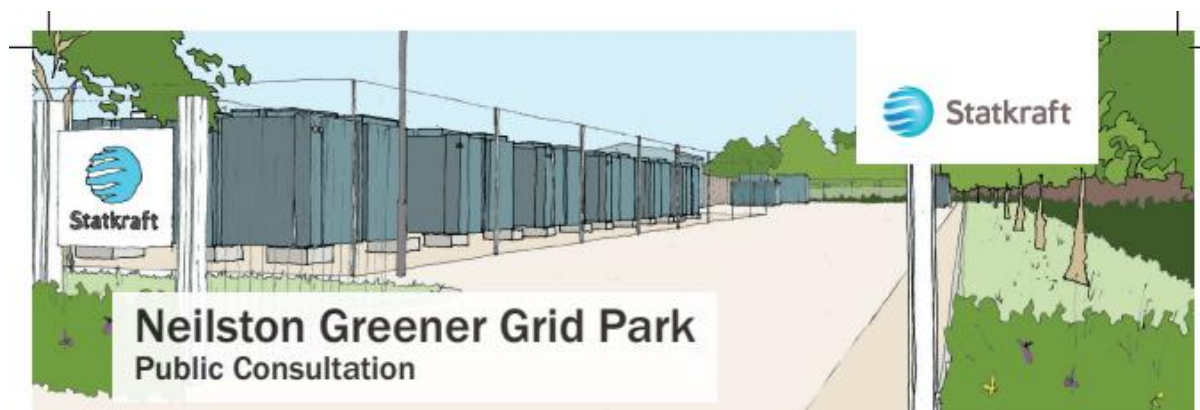
An opportunity to make a representation will exist if a subsequent application is made.

Thank you and we hope you can take part in our consultation events.

## Appendix F – Public Exhibition Photos



## Appendix G – Information Brochure



### Thank you for attending public consultations for Neilston Greener Grid Park.

Neilston Greener Grid Park is located near Paisley, Renfrewshire in South West Scotland, an area of high wind generation and export. This BESS project will increase the amount of renewable energy can utilise and is next to the existing Neilston substation meaning the cable connection is short and less intrusive.

### Why do we need Greener Grid Parks?

**Greener Grid Parks are pioneering projects which help achieve zero carbon emissions.**

- As we move towards a zero carbon world we need to keep the power network stable as gas and coal units close.
- National Grid has had to pause renewables and run gas power stations – even when there is enough renewable energy to meet demand.
- National Grid pay to switch on fossil fuel powered plants and pay constraint payments – this has a cost to the environment and consumer.
- Greener Grid Parks remove this need by providing zero carbon stability so we can utilise as much renewable energy as possible.

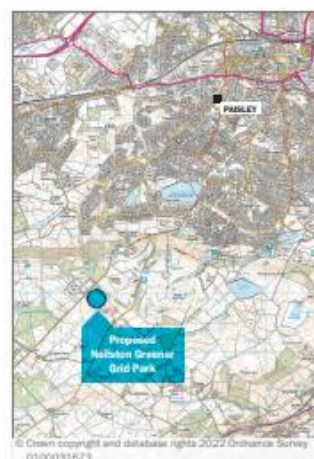


Find out more at: [www.statkraft.co.uk/greenergridparks](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/greenergridparks)

### Community Opportunities

We look forward to discussing with you the different ways that our projects bring positive benefits. We were the first to offer community benefit funds for grid stability projects, and we would like to hear your ideas for worthwhile local projects. We are committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund of £20,000 per annum. Our community benefit funds are dedicated to projects that help accelerate the transition to a low carbon society.

**Project website:** [www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston)



## Neilston Greener Grid Park

### Public Consultation



### About Neilston Greener Grid park

**Neilston is an excellent site location for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS):**

- This BESS project will increase the amount of renewable energy consumers can utilise
- South-west Scotland is an area of high wind generation and export
- Neilston GGP is an excellent site to continue contributing to the UK's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2050
- It is next to the existing Neilston substation meaning the cable connection is short and less intrusive.
- Low impacts on flooding, cultural heritage and ecology
- Existing roads infrastructure for access

**If Neilston was granted planning permission, we estimate construction will commence in winter 2025 and the project will be operational in spring 2028**

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Please complete the  
feedback form provided





## Appendix H – Site Photomontages

**VIEWPOINT 1:  
B775 JUNCTION**  
Neilston Greener Grid Park



Baseline view



Year 0 at Completion



Year 5 after Completion



**VIEWPOINT 2:  
B775**  
Neilston Greener Grid Park



Baseline view



Year 0 at Completion



Year 5 after Completion



## Appendix I – Exhibition Boards<sup>2</sup>



### Welcome

Our team are here to discuss our plans, listen to your views and outline the next steps of the Proposed Development.

### About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- Over 40 projects in operation or development across the UK
- Origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Expertise in developing and operating wind, solar, hydro, and grid stability services
- Mer, our EV charging company, is helping the shift towards net zero transportation
- Distributed over £4 million to support local communities near renewable energy projects



For more information and to register for updates, visit [www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston](http://www.statkraft.co.uk/neilston)



Scan the QR code to view the project webpage



<sup>2</sup> These exhibition boards were also displayed on our virtual exhibition webpage.



## Statkraft in UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Employ almost 500 staff across our UK businesses

- Operational
- Operational (sold)
- Consented
- Construction
- Development
- Offices
- ✈ Wind
- ⌘ Greener Grid Park™
- ⚡ Hydro
- ☀ Solar
- H<sub>2</sub> Hydrogen





## About Greener Grid Parks

Greener Grid Parks are facilities comprised of zero carbon technologies which stabilise the grid, allowing more renewable energy to be transmitted through the network. They are not a wind farm or solar farm, but include equipment to import, store and export energy for use at a later date.

This is provided by one or both of the following innovative technologies.



Greener Grid Park at Keith

### Synchronous Compensator

Large machines with built-in flywheels provide grid stability without emitting any carbon dioxide – decarbonising the grid and saving consumers money.



BESS at Kilathmoy, Ireland

### Batteries (Battery Energy Storage System or BESS)

Batteries capture energy and store it for use later to keep supply and demand balanced. This is another innovative way we can provide stability to the grid.



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**£128 MILLION**

Saved (estimated by NGENSO) across contract period for Phase 1 Pathfinder. Saving consumers money; meeting local, regional and national targets.

(NGESO: National Grid Electricity Systems Operator)

“ Sometimes it's been necessary to shut down wind farms and switch on gas fired power plants - projects such as our Greener Grid Parks will make this a thing of the past. ”

*Guy Nicholson -  
Head of Greener Grid Parks, Statkraft UK.*



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## Community Benefits

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Our first Greener Grid Park Community Benefit Fund at Keith, Moray, helped fund the purchase of a new solar panel and battery storage for the local Keith and District Men's Shed, a men's health and wellbeing charity.

"Windy Rig Wind Farm is another valuable contract for GTR. We are just one of several local businesses who are directly benefiting from the many wind farm developments within this area. This can only be a good thing for both local businesses and the local economy especially during the current pandemic." Tanya Russell, Director, GTR Contracts Ltd

### Community Benefit Fund

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### Local Supply Chain

We work with local business groups to increase awareness of opportunities to get involved in the construction and operation of our projects.

**Over £1.6million was invested in the local supply chain at our Keith Greener Grid Park in Moray.**

Visit our website to find out how to register interest.

### Biodiversity Enhancements

Statkraft looks to actively improve the environment around our projects. We are committed to including enhancements suited to the local climate to improve habitat and biodiversity.





## Thank you for visiting

### Your views are important to us

We are committed to engaging with the local community and would like to keep you informed. Contact us with your questions, comments or to subscribe for project updates.

All of the information is available to view Energy Consents Unit's website and on our project website.



Please return the freepost reply card provided.



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MEMBER:







## Design Evolution

### Timeline

- **January 2021**  
First application submitted
- **April 2022**  
Planning consented at appeal 50MW
- **Autumn 2023**  
Construction of 50MW scheme commences
- **2022 - 2023**  
Design works and technical assessments
- **Spring 2024**  
New Section 36 application submitted

### 50MW Planning Permission Approved

In April 2022, the Energy Consents Unit approved our 50MW application at appeal

### 50MW Construction commenced 2023

The area highlighted in green is currently under construction.

LEGEND

— APPLICATION SITE BOUNDARY	● INTERNAL ROADS
● BATTERIES (approved/planning application area)	● EXISTING PLANTING
● HIGH VOLTAGE 98RD	● PROPOSED PLANTING
● BATTERIES (Section 36 application area)	● GRASSLAND
● MEDIUM VOLTAGE ROOMS	

### Section 36 Application

Statkraft intends to submit a Section 36 application in 2024 to increase the energy capacity of the project above 50MW.

- We aim to:
- increase the energy capacity
  - refine the layout and required infrastructure
  - to remove the synchronous compensators

