

Minutes

Project	Soay Solar & Greener Grid Park Construction
Meeting	Community Liaison Group (CLG)
Date	19.00-20.00, 11 June 2024
Location	Online or at Phoenix Software, YO42 1NS
Attendees	Alison Hood (AH), Statkraft Max Glover (MG), Statkraft John Cross (JC), Statkraft Cllr Derek Carey (DC), ERYC Dave Whitwell (DW), Thornton Parish Council Gavin Metcalfe (GM), Thornton Parish Council Jane Smith (JS), Clerk, Allerthorpe Parish Council Mike Sutton (MS), Allerthorpe Parish Council Bronya Emmison, Barmby Moor Parish Council Debbie Forster (DF), panel member Grantscape Clare Metcalfe (CM), Phoenix MD and Waplinton resident Steve Robshaw (SR), Waplinton resident

1. Introductions

First attendance for John Cross, Site Manager, from Statkraft.

2. Project Overview and Construction update

JC provided a project update – the civil works are very near complete despite being hampered by much rain. The steelwork for the post insulators has commenced. The portable Relay Room housing all the communication equipment has been delivered.

Top soil has been removed and stone put down on the HV yard, roughly 1000 tonnes daily, brought in by Fenstone, at the time of the meeting it is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete.

The road sweeper will come down into Allerthorpe to help manage the dust from the stone deliveries.

DW was concerned about the run-off of water onto his land. JC will meet the landowners to discuss and invite DW to visit site.

The northern field is where 150 megawatts of battery energy storage is going to be located.

There will be some post and rail fencing installed on the bell mouth in the coming months which will necessitate temporary traffic management on the road, probably 24hrs a day until complete.

Around Warren Farm, the solar farm is not planned to start until February 2025.

Noise – MG said he will try to give advance warning if there is anything upcoming that is noisy and disruptive to Thornton residents.

Volume of traffic information was shared

Construction Traffic Overview

	May 24	June 24	July 24	Aug 24
Daily Total Phase 1&2				
HGV Total per day	88	61	65	50
LGV Total per day	22	22	25	18
Total traffic per day	110	83	90	68

3. Communications

Recent local electricity outages – MG explained that these cannot be caused by the present works because there is no connection between the Thornton substation and the local supply of power. They are two completely separate systems and can't technically impact each other. JS will ensure this information goes out to local people via the Parish Council website and parishioner's emails. AH to put in resident postcard.

MG also explained that the batteries are to help balance the grid because solar and wind power generation is dependent on the weather. They will be only be connected to the grid to input power.

JC explained that there are temporary welfare buildings for the construction workers in the Southern field.

Postcard – AH said that these meetings inform what information goes out to the local residents in the postcard delivery. Let her know of any other items for it.

Website – since beginning of the year there has been 163 visits to site, most heading straight to project updates.

Grantscape – MS said he had submitted an application for solar panels for Allertorpe Village which has been approved to go to the decision making panel. MS asked if there was any scope to increase the initial funding, as there appears to be more applications than money to fund in the first round. After some discussion, AH summed up by saying that there is no harm in asking, and there is a balance to be struck. It is considered that it is a good thing to have more applications than funding available, to ensure that the best quality applications that most meet the criteria and appropriate for the local area can be selected.

4. Other items for discussion

List of local companies to supply trees – not received from DF – she will re-send.

5. Next meeting

15th August 7 pm.

Action Summary	Person
Instruct road sweeper to come into Allertorpe	JC
Postcard– include info re local outages	AH
PC website and parishioner's emails – info re local outages	JS



Soay

Community Liaison Group

11 JUNE 2024



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Project Update

Introducing John Cross, Site Manager

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Managing the construction site on a day-to-day basis, including the supervision of the labour force, monitoring subcontractors, checking materials, inspecting work and overseeing quality control & standards.
- Ensuring that the project is delivered on time and on budget, by setting benchmarks, agreeing budgets and monitoring progress from conception to completion.
- Planning ahead to foresee and prevent any potential problems and resolve any emerging ones.
- Ensuring that site safety compliance is adhered to in relation to all construction activities.



Project Update

HV Yard Construction (Phase 1)

- Construction is approx. 75% complete.
- Works complete – 11KV cable duct installation from Melbourne Road to Bess compound. Delivery and installation of portable relay room.
- Upcoming Works – Installation of precast trough network. Installation of steelwork (M&E)



Project Update

Battery Units (Phase 2)

Field 1

- Removal of topsoil and transport to the South tipping field
- Import of stone

Field 2

- Removal of topsoil and transport to the South tipping field
- Import of stone
- Constructing temporary drainage on the Eastern elevation

Upcoming works

- Removal of topsoil from site
- Potential temporary traffic lights

Field 1



Field 2



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Site Images



Note on recent local power-cuts

- Statkraft is using Thornton Substation for works related to Soay Solar and Greener Grid Park
- Local energy for households and businesses is provided by Northern Power Grid, which is not connected to Thornton Substation
- This means our work onsite cannot have any impact on the local electricity supply

Communications Update

Postcard to approx. 250 nearest homes, 13 May.
Next postcard proposed July



**Soay Solar Farm and Greener Grid Park
Community update**

Hello from Statkraft

Construction of the Soay Solar Farm and Greener Grid Park is continuing. When completed, the project will generate renewable electricity equivalent to the needs of 18,500 homes*, and reduce the UK's reliance on fossil fuels.

Construction Latest

Construction and installation of the battery units for the Greener Grid Park has begun and is contained to a relatively small area of the site. The site remains for construction traffic access the same. HGVs (if growing) have been approved to prepare the ground for battery installation, which will continue into August 2024. HGVs are a restricted access route. Company will repeatedly conduct SWV of energy to the grid workbooks.

For a temporary period, HGV movements to the site will be higher than in previous months to facilitate greater levels of activity onsite. We are taking steps to minimise disruption on local roads through speed checks on vehicles and a temporary 20mph zone on Millbourne Road. We will keep you updated as construction progresses, and more regular news will be published on our project website.

Community Benefit Fund Open!

We are pleased to announce the Community Benefit Fund is now open to applications, with an initial sum of £200,000 available. The Fund will support community and environmental projects across five local parishes - Allertorpe, Thornton, Melbourne, Barmby Moor and Bielby. Applications will be administered through GrantScape, a leading UK community fund administrator. The first closing date for this new fund is 5 June 2024 and applicants will be notified of their application's outcome by mid-July.

Community groups can apply at www.grantscape.org.uk/statkraft/soay/ or call GrantScape directly on 01908 247630.

Local suppliers

A variety of goods and services are required through the construction period, and many local businesses would be suited to get involved. Register your interest or recommend a supplier at www.statkraft.co.uk/soay

Contact us

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Ad in Parish News, June-July 2024

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Community Benefit Fund Opened!

We are pleased to share that the first round of Community Benefit Funding opened in the Spring with an initial sum of £20,000 available. The Fund will support community and environmental projects across five local parishes - Allertorpe, Thornton, Melbourne, Barmby Moor and Bielby.

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Scan the QR code below to visit www.statkraft.co.uk/soay for project updates and to contact us or be added to our mailing list

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Find out more at: www.statkraft.co.uk/soay



*Consumption of 3578 kWh pa (BEIS, Dec 2020)



Communications Update

Contact Summary since last meeting

- No calls to 0800 number
- Under 10 emails to inbox, mainly supplier register
- 863 visitors to project website since January, most popular page is “Project Updates”

Apply by 5 June

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