

Minutes

Project	Soay Solar & Greener Grid Park Construction
Meeting	Community Liaison Group (CLG)
Date	19.00-20.00, 15 August 2024
Location	Online or at Phoenix Software, YO42 1NS
Attendees	Alison Hood (AH), Statkraft John Cross (JC), Statkraft Gavin Metcalfe (GM), Thornton Parish Council Jane Smith (JS), Clerk, Allerthorpe Parish Council Mike Sutton (MS), Allerthorpe Parish Council Debbie Forster (DF), panel member Grantscape Clare Metcalfe (CM), Phoenix MD and Waplinton resident

1. Project Overview and Construction update

JC provided a project update –

HV yard construction (Phase 1) All air insulated switchgear (AIS) is in. Low voltage alternating current container installed. 11KV cable now installed, waiting for Northern Power to energise it. Cold commission testing of multi-core cables started, ready for going live.

Battery Units – phase 2.

Field 1 – excavation of topsoil below overhead lines to create extra construction laydown, also installation of temporary drainage.

Field 2 - Upcoming work installation of cable ducting, foundation for battery cubes. Will be electric fencing round this. The battery cubes are to have space between them to comply with fire regulations. The batteries are leaving Vietnam next week, will be stored in Middlesborough, and will start coming on site in the Autumn.

Traffic Management – concerns about traffic, especially when battery cubes delivered. JC said there will be 15 cubes per day (5 wagons) Monday to Friday. The transformer will need a special transport licence when it is delivered in late January. It was suggested that the village needs advance warning to ensure no cars parked on the road.

The grass has been cut back at the bellmouth. The 2 extended curbs are to be cut back. A post and rail fence is to be erected shortly- will need traffic management for 2 to 3 days.

Traffic Overview

2024	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
HGV totals per day	50	45	40	40
LGV totals per day	18	17	15	15
Total	68	62	55	55

All wagons are washed before leaving the site.

Some vehicles belonging to the National Grid are also coming through Allerthorpe. The numbers should decrease in October/November.

JC asked to be informed if there is any dust in the village - he will send down the road cleaner.

May be some potential excess concrete, and potential to help with village projects e.g. planters.

2. Communications

AH – will put page in Parish News Aug-Sept. Next postcard planned for mid August.

Website had 424 visits in May-June. Project Updates are the most visited.

3. CLG meetings

All agreed that are happy with the format of the meetings and for AH to continue Chairing.

4. Grantscape

MS gave positive feedback on the process managed by Grantscape. Allerthorpe Village Hall should be in a position to draw down the grant for solar panels very soon.

5. Local Suppliers

DF said nurseries need to know timescales for landscaping so that they can be prepared and competitive. AH will send this info.

6. Response to CLG actions

Extended road sweeping into Thornton.

Trimmed foliage on A1079 to ensure site signage visible.

AH requested people contact them if any problems.

7. Actions from meeting

Delivery Schedule – share with CLG members for awareness and preparation.(JC)

Landscaping timing – provide Henley's and other nurseries with an estimated timing for landscaping.

(AH)

Postcard & Parish News (AH)

8. Next meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2024 7pm