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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'). The PAC Report accompanies a planning application (the 'Application') for a Greener Grid Park ('GGP') comprising of battery storage units and associated electrical infrastructure with a storage capacity of up to 50 megawatts (MW) (the 'Proposed Development'). The Proposed Development is to be located immediately east of Coylton substation, on land to the south of the A70, National Grid Reference (NGR): NS 46528 19641. (the 'Site'). The Site lies wholly within the administrative area of East Ayrshire Council ('EAC').

The statutory requirement for a PAC is defined within the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (the 'DMP Regulations'), which entails that a PAC report is to be submitted along with any planning application that is classed as a 'major' development under the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 ('the Hierarchy of Developments Regulations').

Regulation 2(1) of the Hierarchy of Developments Regulations states that development will be classed as a 'major development' where the applicable threshold in Schedule 1 of the Regulations is met or exceeded. In this instance, the proposal would be classified as 'Other Development', with the threshold for being considered as a major development as where:

- a) The gross floor space of any building, structure or erection constructed as a result of such development is or exceeds 5,000 square metres; or
- b) The area of the Site is or exceed 2 hectares.

In this instance, the Site area exceeds 2 hectares and triggers the second threshold. Therefore, a PAC is required to be undertaken.

This PAC Report outlines that the statutory requirements under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 ('the Planning Act 1997'), as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 ('the Planning Act 2006') and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 ('the Planning Act 2019') have been complied with during the PAC process. The PAC Report sets out the pre-application consultation carried out by the Applicant prior to submitting the planning application. No written comments were received by the Applicant however the key themes raised by those that attended the exhibition have been summarised in this report. The report also includes the Applicant's response to how the issues have been considered, where appropriate.

It is the intention of this report to demonstrate that, in respect of the Proposed Development the Applicant has complied fully with the Development Management Procedures ('DMP') and the Council's approach to community involvement, to engage the public fully with the proposals prior to submitting a planning application. According to the Circular 3/2022 DMP, it is required to hold at least two in-person public consultation events however, in prior consultation with EAC (email dated 11 May 2022 – See Appendix A) a representative from the Council agreed to one in-person and one online consultation event for Coylton GGP PAC process.

2 Background to the Proposed Development

2.1 The Applicant

Statkraft UK Limited is fully committed to public involvement and engagement, and believes it is important to provide opportunities for the local community to view the proposals and discuss the Proposed Development with members of the project team at an early stage. The Applicant strives to ensure that where reasonably practicable developments bring forward initiatives to support economic opportunities and societal benefit for the areas in which they operate.

Throughout the pre-application consultation activities carried out for the Proposed Development, every effort has been made to consider comments and queries raised and to respond accordingly. A programme of consultation was undertaken prior to the submission of the Application, allowing the Applicant to take account of feedback¹ in the final design iterations of the Proposed Development where possible. 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 planning permission for the construction and operation of a GGP. This pioneering project will help achieve zero carbon emissions 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 March 2022, the project was awarded a contract to provide stability services to National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO). The Proposed Development would store electricity and provide fault current support to the grid using grid forming converters. It will not generate any additional electricity and will not create any emissions. The Applicant is seeking planning permission for storage capacity of up to 50 MW.

The Proposed Development would consist of twenty-eight containerised battery storage units, electrical infrastructure (including grid forming converters, transformers, generators, grid connection, a client switchgear container and underground cabling), which would all be contained within a 4.5 metre (m) high perimeter security fence. In addition, landscape planting is proposed to soften the appearance of the Proposed Development.

As well as stabilising the grid and storing energy should the project gain consent it would provide a variety of community benefits the surrounding area. During the construction phase of this project, Statkraft will encourage the use of local suppliers where reasonably practicable utilise a dedicated web page where local suppliers can register their interest in supplying goods and services to the project. Statkraft is the first developer to offer a Community Benefit Fund for this kind of development. The Fund comprises £20,000 per annum for the lifetime of the project, with the first payment made at the start of construction. The purpose of this benefit scheme is to provide a regular stream of funding dedicated to projects that help accelerate the transition to a low carbon society.

¹ No constructive feedback was received in Coylton GGP public consultation event.

3 Pre-Application Consultation

3.1 Proposal of Application Notice

A Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) was submitted to the Council on 5 April 2022 (Planning Reference: 22/0004/PREAPP). The PoAN was prepared and submitted in accordance with the provisions of the DMP Regulations, Section 35b of the Planning Act 1997, as amended.

As the PoAN was submitted before 1 October 2022, under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 as amended, it means that the old DMP regulations apply as long as an application is made prior to 31 March 2024 and as this application has been submitted in October 2022 the existing PoAN is valid.

3.2 Pre-Application Public Consultation Measures

Guidance on PoAN procedures dictates that the Applicant must hold at least two public events. As mentioned above, prior to commencement with public consultation, EAC agreed to one in-person and one online consultation for Coylton GGP (Appendix A). The guidance also states that the developer needs to engage and consult with every Community Council whose area is within or adjoins the Site.

The consultation measures proposed in the PoAN by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Council were as follows:

- Two public events – one in-person and one online consultation event.
- Notified Community Councils and Councillors of the PoAN (please see Section 3.2.1 for respective dates);
- Letter/leaflet distribution to local residents (16 May 2022);
- A dedicated project website (Live 23 May 2022);
- Provision of non-electronic methods to ask questions and provide comments via a freephone number and freepost address (confirmed in letters/notifications);
- Six posters in the local area including the shop, the community board, and the community hub (19 May 2022);
- An advert published in a locally circulated newspaper (published in Cumnock Chronicle on 4 May 2022 and Kilmarnock Standard on 18 May 2022); and
- Two Public Exhibition Events (Correspondence between Statkraft and EAC, provided in Appendix A, has confirmed that one in-person and one virtual exhibition is acceptable in this instance). The in-person event was held at Ochiltree Community Hub on Thursday 26 May 2022 from 14:30 to 20:30. A virtual exhibition was held on a dedicated project website from 23 May 2022 to 30 May 2022, with an online interactive chat on Thursday 16 June 2022 between 11:00 – 13:00 and 17:00 – 19:00.

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.

3.2.1 Community Councils and Councillors

All relevant bodies were notified via the PoAN and were encouraged to engage with the Applicant and the proposal moving forward. As required by Regulation 7 of the DMP Regulations, a formal letter was sent via email (shown in Appendix B) to the representatives and Community Councils listed below, informing them that a PoAN had been submitted and that the public consultation measures, including exhibition events, would be duly advertised:

- Auchinleck Community Council (16/05/2022).
- Drongan, Rankinston and Stair Community Council (28/04/2022).
- Ochiltree Community Council (28/04/2022).
- Cronberry – Lugar and Logan (16/05/2022).
- Comnock Community Council (16/05/2022).
- Dalmellington Council (16/05/2022).
- Netherthird Community Centre (16/05/2022).
- New Cumnock Community Council (16/05/2022).
- Patna Community Council (16/05/2022).
- Skares Community Council (16/05/2022).

3.2.2 Letters and Leaflet Distribution

Prior to the public exhibition, local residents were notified of the event through a letter drop on 16 May 2022 (Appendix C) to properties within a 2 km radius of the Site. A total of 99 properties (94 residential and 5 businesses) were provided with notification letters that enclosed key information about the Proposed Development and how to respond. (Appendix C).

3.2.3 Pre-Application Consultation Website

In line with the approved consultation measures, outlined in Section 3.3 of this PAC Report, the Applicant has established a project website for the presentation of information and as a mechanism to ensure that interested parties are kept up to date with developments. All information materials that were available at the exhibition event were also provided via the dedicated project website.

The website is available at the following address: <https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/coylton/>

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 with answers and a freephone contact telephone number which is answered by a member of Statkraft's community liaison team.

The website was initially launched on 23 May 2022 and was visited 66 times by 58 visitors on the main project page. Visitors to the website were encouraged to ask questions on the Proposed Development or the Site Plan (Appendix G), provide feedback by filling an Online Feedback Form, and/or complete a questionnaire (Appendix J).

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.

3.2.4 Newspaper Publications

Two newspaper adverts were issued the 'Cumnock Chronicle' (published on 18 May 2022 and 'Kilmarnock Standard' (published on 04 May 2022).

The consultation event advert published in the two local papers is provided in Appendix D.

3.2.5 In-Person Public Exhibition Event

An in-person public exhibition was held at Ochiltree Community Hub on 26 May 2022 from 14:30 to 20:30 to outline the Proposed Development plans and to meet local residents and organisations.

Representatives from Statkraft conducted the exhibition and offered a range of information to those who attended. Six poster boards displayed information on:

- Who Statkraft are;
- What GGPs are;
- Why we need GGP's;
- 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 exhibited a range of information in various formats such as statistics, maps, and pictures as well as small amounts of text – this allowed information to be as accessible as was 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 E). Information brochures which provided the same information as that displayed on the boards were also available for members of the public to take away.

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

Twelve members of the public attended the in-person exhibition, attendees included residents and members of the Community Council. All attendees provided either positive or neutral feedback on the proposals. The key themes and responses from conversations with the project team are detailed below:

Theme	Response
Access to site and traffic controls during construction period	<p>As part of the planning submission to East Ayrshire Council, Statkraft will submit an integrated Transport Statement and Construction Traffic Management Plan. The plan includes traffic management procedures, which would ensure the safe operation of the approach route to the site during construction. Such measures could include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direction signage signposting traffic on the agreed access route; 2. Providing the public with details of how to report use of unapproved routes or driving issues of concern; 3. All materials delivery lorries (dry materials) being sheeted to reduce dust and stop spillage on public roads;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Wheel cleaning facilities at the site entrance; 5. No vehicles reversing onto unmanaged public roads; 6. Temporary traffic lights and; 7. A banksman at the site access to help guide traffic within the site and to ensure health and safety access for the site. <p>The traffic associated with the operational phase of the development is minimal with occasional maintenance trips expected during the operation of the development.</p>
<p>The visual impact of the project and opportunities for screening the site</p>	<p>The landscape and visual assessments have considered the visual impact of the scheme from local viewpoints.</p> <p>The layout incorporates visual screening in the form of planted trees and vegetation around the eastern and western boundaries of the site to integrate the site into its surroundings and soften the visual impact.</p>
<p>Opportunities for community benefit and how it will be distributed.</p>	<p>Statkraft is the first developer to offer a Community Benefit Fund for this kind of development. The Fund comprises £20,000 per annum for the lifetime of the project, with the first payment made at the start of construction.</p> <p>We have appointed GrantScape to set up and administer funds from our Greener Grid Parks. They are a highly respected charity and experts in community fund management with over 20 years' experience and one of the UK's major grant-makers having distributed nearly £90 million to local communities. They administer funds on behalf of Local Authorities, renewable developers, and landfill operators. GrantScape will work with each community to establish their local fund and operate a fully open and transparent grant-making process.</p>
<p>Opportunities for training and apprenticeships</p>	<p>We work with our contractors to encourage them to provide opportunities for workplace training where appropriate.</p>

3.2.6 Virtual Public Exhibition Event

To provide a consultation that was accessible to all, Statkraft also held a virtual consultation from 23 May 2022 to 30 May 2022. The virtual exhibition included details of the project through the means of a brochure and visualisation images. The updated visuals included in this planning application have been uploaded on to the project website.

The website highlighted various elements of the project and introduced the key team members who are leading the project forward. The website has since been updated with a video explaining the components of a GGP.

Approximately 8 visits from 5 members of the public viewed the virtual exhibition. An online interactive Q&A session was also live to answer all the questions from members of the public on 16 June 2022 between 11:00 and 13:00 and 17:00 to 19:00.

4 Comments and Feedback

The in-person and virtual public exhibitions introduced the Proposed Development to the local community and provided an opportunity for members of the public to provide their feedback. All attendees were encouraged to provide feedback either by completing a feedback form or leaving a comment on the project website. During both in-person and virtual public exhibitions, the public were also made aware of their right to comment when the planning application is submitted.

When the planning application is submitted, update letters will be sent to residents and businesses who asked to be kept updated about the project informing them of how to make representations on the application, including the planning reference number. The project website will also link to the planning portal to signpost how to comment on the planning application.

5 Conclusions

The Applicant has carried out a pre-application consultation with the local community in a proportionate manner to the scale of the Proposed Development.

In terms of engagement, it is considered that the information reached a significant number of people and the conversations had at the in-person exhibition were engaging and have been considered and addressed within this PAC Report.

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 taken account of, and the construction is carried out in as appropriate a way as possible.

The consultation and engagement that the Applicant has carried out with the local community and consultees is in line with the relevant statutory requirements and those of the Council. The Applicant will continue to update the project website and members of the public will still be able to ask questions and comment through the website, freepost address and telephone number. The Applicant will continue to engage with the community and elected representatives throughout the planning process.

Appendix A – EAC E-mail Consultation

EAC E-mail Consultation

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
(as amended by The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006)**

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(Scotland) Regulations 2013

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PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED APPLICATION: Major development up to 50MW capacity energy generation with battery containers, transformers, approx.. 350m tracks & planting.

AT: Land South Of Ayr Road
Coylton

BY: Statkraft UK Ltd
Per Arcus Consultancy Services

**REQUIREMENT FOR MORE CONSULTATION ACTIVITY IN RESPECT OF PROPOSAL OF
APPLICATION NOTICE**

Your Proposal of Application Notice (PAN), reference no. **22/0004/PREAPP**, has been examined and, given the nature, extent and location of the intended development, the Council considers that additional consultation activity will be required to be undertaken by yourselves with regard to the proposed development. The Council considers that the requirements listed below are proportionate, specific and reasonable having regard to the development.

The Council considers that the 9CC group representing nine community councils should be consulted on the pre-application process, and that they are also informed on the progress of the development proposal post submission. For the avoidance of doubt, the Community Councils are as listed below.

The Community Councils to be consulted are:- New Cumnock, Dalmellington, Auchinleck, Cumnock, Netherthird, Cronberry – Lugar and Logan, Patna, Drongan – Rankinston & Stair and Ochiltree and Skares. Combined these form the '9CC Group'.

Further details of the necessary pre-application consultation the Council expects to be undertaken is set out below:

Description of proposed development

Planning Circular 3/2013 *Development Management Procedures* states that descriptions should accurately and adequately convey to the layman what the development involves. The description set out in the PAN uses a degree of shorthand but does outline the main elements of the proposed development. The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, with regard to proposal of application notices, does require a description in general terms, but any subsequent planning application must be clearly linked to the development described in the PAN. A full and detailed description without abbreviations must be used in all notifications, press notices, on-line content and all other pre-application consultation documentation to ensure the public and all

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those consulted are fully informed and are left in no doubt as to what the development involves, in the interests of full engagement. Descriptions have to clearly explain that the 50MW figure is the generating capacity.

Press Notice

The Council is satisfied that the Press Notice will be placed in the Cumnock Chronicle and the Kilmarnock Standard newspaper.

The press notice, in addition to including a link to a dedicated project website must include the following detail:

- 1) The description and location of the proposed development
- 2) Details as to where further information on the proposed development may be obtained including online
- 3) The appropriate dates, times and location of the two public events.
- 4) A statement explaining how and by when persons wishing to make comments on the proposed development can do so to the prospective applicant.
- 5) A statement explaining that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to East Ayrshire Council and if the prospective applicant submits a planning application there will be an opportunity to make direct representations to East Ayrshire Council's Planning Department

The above listed details should also be shown on a dedicated project website and on information leaflets, and posters.

The Council require to review a copy of the advertisement before it is released for publication.

Publicity of the events

Aside from notifying the aforementioned Community Councils and elected members the Council would expect notices and leaflets to be placed in public places at least 7 days prior to each of the two events. In Coylton, notices and leaflets can be placed in, albeit not exclusively, the following places – Pharmacy (13 Joppa) – Coylton Primary School (Main Street) – Claude Hamilton Hall (Hill Head). In Dronagan, notices and leaflets can be placed in the following, albeit not exclusively; Primary School and Community Centre (Coronation Road) and Taiglum Medical Practice (Mill of Shield Road). In Ochiltree, notices and leaflets can be placed in the following, albeit not exclusively; Ochiltree Primary School (Main Street) and Pharmacy (also Main Street).

The leaflets should include visual material on the form of the proposed development, in addition to the details (dates, times and locations) of the public events, and links to a dedicated website and any social media pages created for the proposed development.

The dates set out in the PAN (Proposal of Application Notice) are satisfactory. Both dates avoid the school holiday period and should maximise public attendance. The public event of Thursday 26 May 2022 is listed as ending at 18:30 – this should be extended to 20:30 to allow people sufficient time to return home from work and still be able to attend the event should they wish to do so.

Under the Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 and the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2022 the applicant has the option (until 30th September 2022) to replace face to face in person public events with virtual public events. The Council is satisfied that the applicant has opted to organise one in person physical public event and an additional virtual event. The virtual event should be arranged to include the option of being able to dial in by phone as well as using a video link to account for any bandwidth issues for those in rural areas where video conferencing can cause problems for slower internet speeds.

Time and duration of the events

The submitted documentation does correctly outline a time, place and duration for the public events, though as noted previously, the duration of the physical event should be extended so that it runs until 20:30 to provide sufficient time for people to attend after work.

The Council would expect that prior to the events presentational material in a hard copy form is sent to the 9CC Group to aid engagement.

Online website

It is welcome that a dedicated project website should be created. This should contain information and details about the proposed development and downloadable documents, along with contact details for anyone to contact the Applicant or their Agent about the project. It is expected that in addition to this, details are provided whereby any comments people wish to make can also be made electronically (such as email) and by post. The Applicant or their Agent should be available for contact by phone during standard office hours (9am-5pm weekdays). The dedicated project website is noted within the Proposal of Application submission as being provided within 6 weeks of submission, which would mean it was live approximately the week prior to the first public event. It would be beneficial if the website was available for view as soon as possible to enable people to view information about the project in good time before attending any public consultation event.

No details have been provided in the PAN submission regarding time periods for feedback on any information from the two public events. However the Council expects the applicant to follow the guidance set out by the Scottish Government in paragraph 24 (*Scottish Government's guidance on Covid 19 pre-application consultations*), and ensure the deadlines for responses to all the different events and feedback opportunities are clearly set out in the press advert and displayed prominently on the website and any other publicity (such as mail drops).

The 9CC Group (representing a number of Community Councils in the wider area) should receive a copy of the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN). The Council also expects that regular progress reports and details are sent to the 9CC Group keeping them up to date with the progress of the project and providing them with the opportunities to discuss the proposals further should they wish to do so. It is welcome that the applicant has suggested consulting Ward 9 elected members. Please note since the Local Council Elections two of the three ward councillors have changed. Please ensure the list is up to date in respect of this (<https://newsroom.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/news/east-ayrshire-council-election-results-2022>). The applicant should consider engagement with other stakeholder such as MSP's and MP's. The 9CC Group and local councillors may be able to provide further details on local community groups or other forums which could be utilised to promote the proposed development and associated public events more widely.

Further advice on planning community engagement activity can be found in the Planning advice Note 81: *Community Engagement – Planning with People*.

Please be advised that the Council is statutorily obliged to maintain a list of Proposal of Application Notices received. Any member of the public can access the information contained in the list (which includes contact details for prospective applicants). It has been brought to the Council's attention that information obtained from its various lists of applications has, in certain instances, led to individuals being approached by businesses offering their services. Applicants / prospective applicants should note that the Council does not encourage such approaches and does not endorse the services of any persons who may contact you having accessed its various lists of applications.



Date: 11th May 2022

signed

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Appendix B - Letters to Community Councils and Councillors



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16 May 2022

Dear Councillors,

Statkraft – Coylton Greener Grid Park

I am writing to introduce Statkraft and to outline our plans for a potential Greener Grid Park (GGP) at Coylton substation. We would welcome the opportunity to meet (either in person or virtually) to introduce some of the team and outline our investment plans to support renewable energy technologies in East Ayrshire.

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have over 4800 employees across 18 countries. 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.

We have recently submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to East Ayrshire to start a formal consultation process on our plans prior to a future planning application.

Our plans for a Greener Grid Park, on the A70, have progressed since our initial application in 2021. We have recently been successful in a tender with National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) to deliver the next round of Greener Grid Parks which will deliver stability services to the grid. In order to provide the requisite stability services, changes are required to the project at Coylton which will be reflected in a new planning application.

A Greener Grid Park will help increase the amount of renewable energy to be delivered onto the grid network. At times although renewable technologies can meet the energy demand on the grid in the UK, NGESO is having to turn renewable generation off and switch on fossil fuel power plants to stabilise the network, which is costing the environment and the consumer. A Greener Grid Park would be able to provide the same stability services as a fossil fuel plant but in a clean, green way; making fossil fuels a thing of the past. NGESO has ambitions to deliver a zero carbon grid by 2025 and our proposals at Coylton will help achieve a renewables ready grid network. Statkraft will utilise our world class expertise to support this ambition and enable the UK's transition to operating a fossil-free, 100% zero carbon electricity network.



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16 May 2022

Dear Councillors,

Statkraft – Coylton Greener Grid Park

I am writing to introduce Statkraft and to outline our plans for a potential Greener Grid Park (GGP) at Coylton substation. We would welcome the opportunity to meet (either in person or virtually) to introduce some of the team and outline our investment plans to support renewable energy technologies in East Ayrshire.

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have over 4800 employees across 18 countries. 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.

We have recently submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to East Ayrshire to start a formal consultation process on our plans prior to a future planning application.

Our plans for a Greener Grid Park, on the A70, have progressed since our initial application in 2021. We have recently been successful in a tender with National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) to deliver the next round of Greener Grid Parks which will deliver stability services to the grid. In order to provide the requisite stability services, changes are required to the project at Coylton which will be reflected in a new planning application.

A Greener Grid Park will help increase the amount of renewable energy to be delivered onto the grid network. At times although renewable technologies can meet the energy demand on the grid in the UK, NGESO is having to turn renewable generation off and switch on fossil fuel power plants to stabilise the network, which is costing the environment and the consumer. A Greener Grid Park would be able to provide the same stability services as a fossil fuel plant but in a clean, green way; making fossil fuels a thing of the past. NGESO has ambitions to deliver a zero carbon grid by 2025 and our proposals at Coylton will help achieve a renewables ready grid network. Statkraft will utilise





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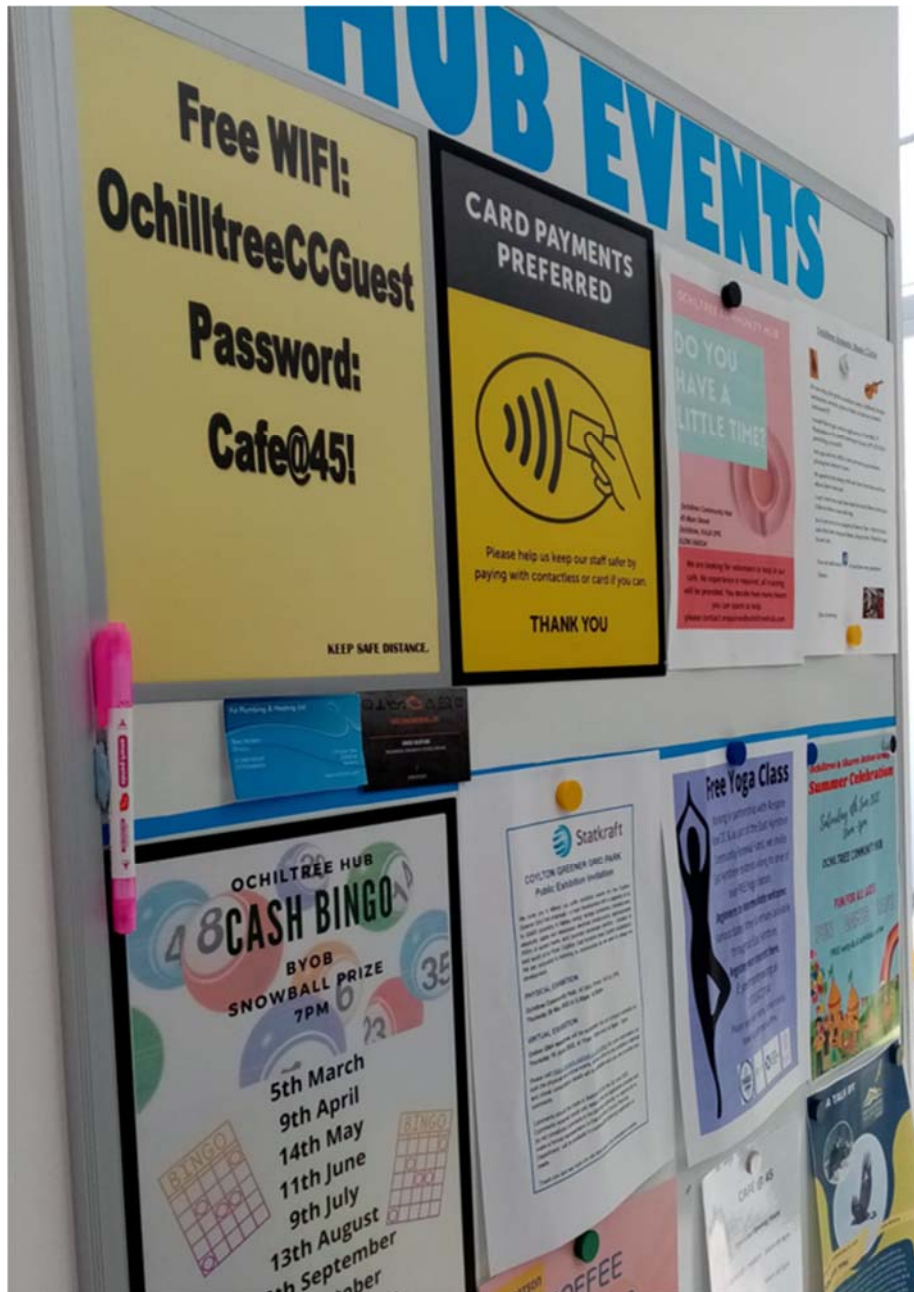
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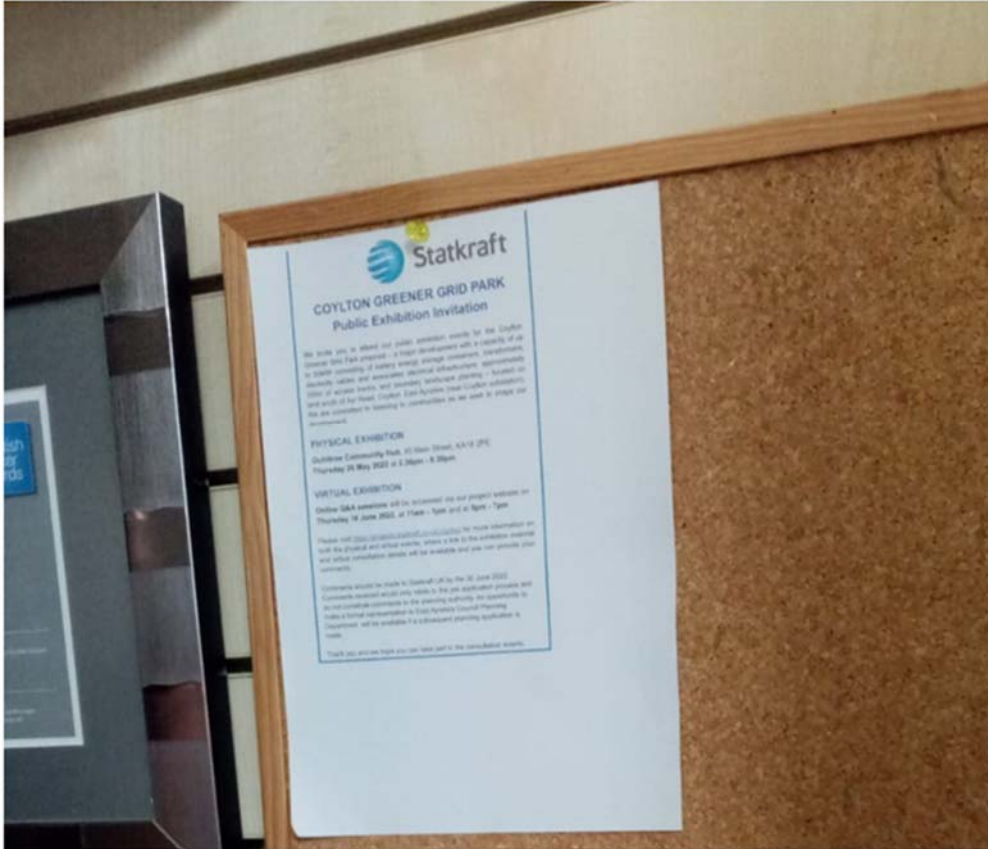
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Public Notices

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East Ayrshire Council
Road of Roads - Ayrshire Road Alliance
Queen House, 8 John Foster Street, Kilmarnock KA1 2JD
Email: enquiries@ayrshireroadsalliance.org
For more information visit: www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org



EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(C108 Cabroc Hill, Stewarton, (Temporary Road Closure) No.2 Order 2022
On 17/05/22 the Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and of all other enabling powers, made the above-named Order, that continues the restrictions imposed by East Ayrshire Council (C108 Cabroc Hill, Stewarton, (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2022 which expires at 24:00 hrs on 05/04/22. The Order will make it unlawful for any person to drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle or for any person to travel on C108 Cabroc Hill, Stewarton from a point approximately 100m North of the access to Gateside Farm, northwards for approximately 300m to a point approximately 300 m south of the access to Merryhill, (except for vehicles engaged on the Culvert replacement works), by reason of works to be executed on or near the road.

Road Closure and Banned Turns
No person shall drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle on the south east side of Morton Place between Park Street and the car park access.
No person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven such that the vehicle enters Morton Place, Kilmarnock from Park Street 90m north.
Vehicular access from Morton Place north east to Park Street is not affected.
Diverted traffic will be signed via Park Street, North Hamilton Street and Woodstock Street.
Vehicular access for Emergency Services, residents/owners/occupiers of Morton Place is via the diversion route.
Pedestrian access will be maintained.
The Order shall come into force at 00:01 hrs on 23/05/22 until 23:59 hrs on 01/06/22, or until the Scottish Power Connection works are completed whichever is earlier and the Order will be implemented only when appropriate signs are displayed.

Back Road, Dalry - From the junction of Main Street to the junction of Greenhead Street / The Loaming; From the junction of Greenhead Street / The Loaming to the junction of Bridge Street.
The Order commences on 23 May 2022 and has a maximum duration of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is earlier. The works are expected to commence from 8.00am Monday 23 May until 5.00pm on Friday 3 June 2022.
The road is expected to be closed between 8.00am and 5.00pm each day with it being open out-with these times. The days and times of the works may be dependent upon the weather conditions but the Order will be implemented only when the appropriate signs are displayed.
Emergency Services access will not be affected and access to businesses, for residents, deliveries and pedestrians out-with the working zone will be maintained.
An alternative route will be signed via Bridge Street - 8341 Main Street - Linfern Road - Main Street in both directions.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(U33 Dykescroft, Kilmarnock) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2022
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SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(C29 North Water of Girvan) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2022
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C29 North Water of Girvan - From junction of the B841 Dailly Road, north-eastwards for a distance of approximately 10,290 metres.
The Order commences on 23 May 2022 and has a maximum duration of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is earlier. The works are expected to commence from 8.00am Monday 23 May until 5.00pm on Friday 10 June 2022.
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An alternative route will be signed via Dailly Road - Ladywell Road - Abbot's Street - 87023 Crosshill Road - 87023 King Street - 87023 Dailly Road - B841 Stratton / Dailly and the C29 Buglen to North Water of Girvan / Kilhenzie in both directions.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(Castle Street, Cowgate, B443 High Street and B743 Loudoun Street, Mauchline) (Temporary Road Closures, Prohibition of Waiting and Suspended Waiting Restrictions) Order 2022
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SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(Hunters Avenue, Ayr) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2022
On 12 May 2022 the Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and of all other enabling powers, made the above-named Order, for cartage way resurfacing.
Hunters Avenue - For its entire length.
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(Allan's Hill & Dailly Road, Maybole) (Temporary Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2022
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Allan's Hill, Dailly - Both sides: From the boundary between Nos.33/34 & 36/38 northwards to the junction with Dailly Road; Dailly Road, Dailly - East side: From the junction of Allan's Hill, southwards for a distance of approximately 32 metres. West side: From the north-westernmost boundary of No.21 south-eastwards for a distance of approximately 42 metres.
The Order commences on 19 May 2022 and has a maximum duration of 18 months or until the works are completed, whichever is earlier. The works are expected to commence from 7:00am Thursday 19 May with the restrictions being removed by 5:00pm on Monday 23 May 2022.
The days and times of the works may be dependent upon the weather conditions but the Order will be implemented only when the appropriate signs are displayed.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(Morton Place, Kilmarnock) (Temporary Road Closure and Banned Turns) Order 2022
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NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
(Mailing Waves Festival) ORDER 2022
Notice is hereby given under section 11(2)(b) of the Local Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (The Act) that North Ayrshire Council proposes to make the North Ayrshire Council (Mailing Waves Festival) Order 2022 (The Order) under section 11(1) of the Act.
The effect of the Order will be to exempt a section of Irvine Beach Park from access rights which would otherwise be exercisable in respect of that land by virtue of Part 1 of the Act. The purpose for which the Order is being proposed is the Mailing Waves Festival and all purposes related thereto. This includes making a charge to be made for admission and is provided for public safety and security prior to, during and after the event. It is proposed that the Order will take effect from 00:01hrs on 21 July 2022 and will expire on 24:00hrs on 25 July 2022.
Objections or representations in respect of the Order may be made to the Local Authority at the address given below, for its consideration, by 25 May 2022 quoting reference URAS 18 IMR22. These should be made in writing for the attention of the Active Travel and Transport Team and emailed to: access@north-ayrshire.gov.uk. In the case of objections, the grounds on which they are made should be stated. Details of the proposals can be viewed at Irvine Library (Mon and Fri - 9.30, Tues and Thurs 9 - 8, Wed 9:00 - 1:30, Sat 10 - 1pm). Or obtained on request from the above address. Or obtained on request by contacting the above address.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1987
Applications listed below together with the plans and other documents may be examined online at:
www.planning.north-ayrshire.gov.uk
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Any representations received will be open to public view.
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013 REGULATION 20(1)
22/00224/P: Units 1-5, Shevaton Sand Quarry, Shevaton Road, Irvine Business Park, Application under Section 43 to modify condition 5 of planning permission 10/02224/P to allow the acceptance of general waste and glass (for waste transfer only), to increase the total quantity of waste permitted on site of any one day from 800 tonnes to 2000 tonnes and to increase operational hours to include Sundays from 08:00 - 16:00 hours.
PLANNING LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1987
Applications for development affecting the setting of a Listed Building:
22/00225/P: Periton House Stables, Periton, Irvine, Ayrshire: Section 5 of town zoning plan and access gates.
attractive to dwellings.
Craig Hutton
Chief Executive
Consultation Officer
BYWIE KAT12 80E
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North Ayrshire Irvine

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NEWS 5

Perfect Pets: Meet the winners of our 2022 competition



MEET Ayrshire's Perfect Pup of 2022. Luna, main picture, topped the Ayrshire Weekly Press voting in this

year's over popular competition. The dog, proudly pictured in a Scotland football top, above, took pride of place with votes coming in

from right across the county. In second place was Jimi, top right and in third place was Hunter, below right.



Luna's proud owners collect a magnificent £500 first prize, with both Jimi and Hunter's owners picking up a tidy £250 each.

Final for Talbot

AUCHINLECK Talbot will take on Bonnyrigg Rose in the FA South Region Challenge Cup Final. Auchinleck Talbot FC v Bonnyrigg Rose FC this Sunday, May 22. The match kicks off at 3pm at the Falkirk Stadium. Admission: Adults £10, Concessions and Under 16s £5. Talbot supporters will be housed in the South West area of the stand. There will be four turnstiles in operation, two at each end. The turnstiles will open at 2pm and close between 3.15 and 3.30pm. The gate will be cash only. No card payments or pre-sold tickets. There will be a limited number of match programmes available for purchase, costing £2. The car park will open from 1pm. Team buses will park in the designated coach parking area. Supporters buses will also park in this area.

Over 500 houses suffer water issues

BY STUART REID
stuart.reid@newsandmail.co.uk

MORE than 500 properties in Holmhead had their water supplies affected last week, after disruptions to supplies. Repairs were carried out, but issues with water pressure and supply remained for some time. The supplier fixed a "faulty valve" on Wednesday night (May 11), in attempt to fully solve the issue. One man said his water returned at around 9pm on Tuesday night (May 10), after being off since around 6pm. But his water had again gone off the next morning. Work was then carried out to fix the issue, which would again leave some residents without water. Scottish Water said the issue in Holmhead last Tuesday night was caused by a burst water main, after revealing around 500 homes were affected. Residents asked if any bottled water would be made available while the issues



Scottish Water at work at were fixed.

A Scottish Water worker replied: "We are currently carrying out repairs to a burst water main in your area with a new estimated time of repairs to be around 8.30pm. "As the water is due back on shortly, they have they have taken the decision not to do any bottled water deliveries at this time." Another spokesperson added later: "Our teams attended to repair a burst pipe in Roseburn Drive, in the Holmhead area of Cumnock at around 6pm on Tuesday night. "Water supplies were

interrupted to around 520 properties although repairs were completed and supply restored by 9pm. "We returned to attend a secondary burst at King's Drive on Wednesday morning affecting approximately 30 customers and the majority were back on supply by mid-afternoon. "A handful of properties were affected for a while longer and bottled water was supplied. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank anyone affected for their patience and understanding." Some residents were less than happy. Simon Fraser wrote: "Three days in a row with the water off/on. No bottled water. Local supermarkets are closed out. Full marks to the folk fixing it. No marks to the managers telling us what is going on." And David McCubbin wrote: "How am I not surprised - very quick at digging up a road and sitting temporary traffic lights up but actually doing the job takes forever."



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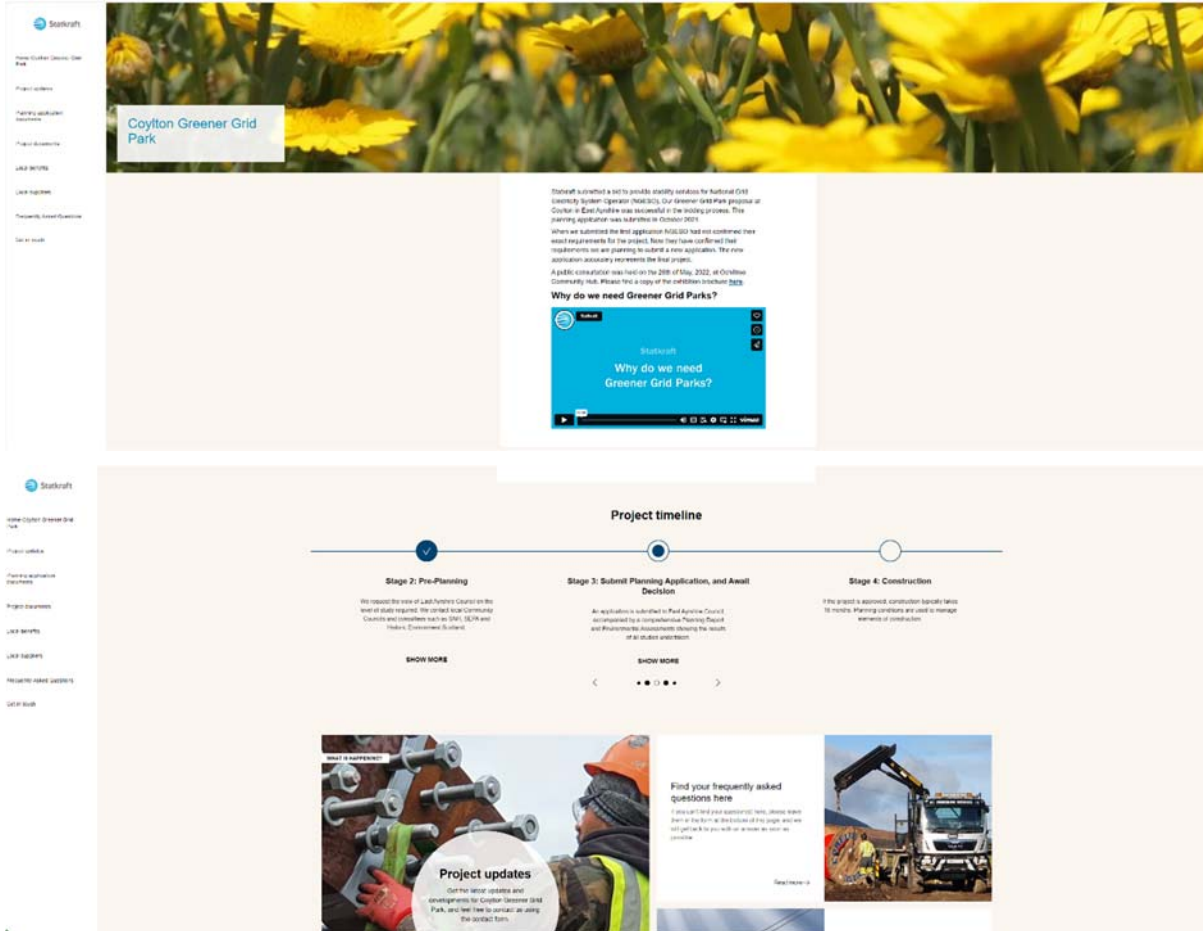
Appendix E - Public Exhibition Pictures



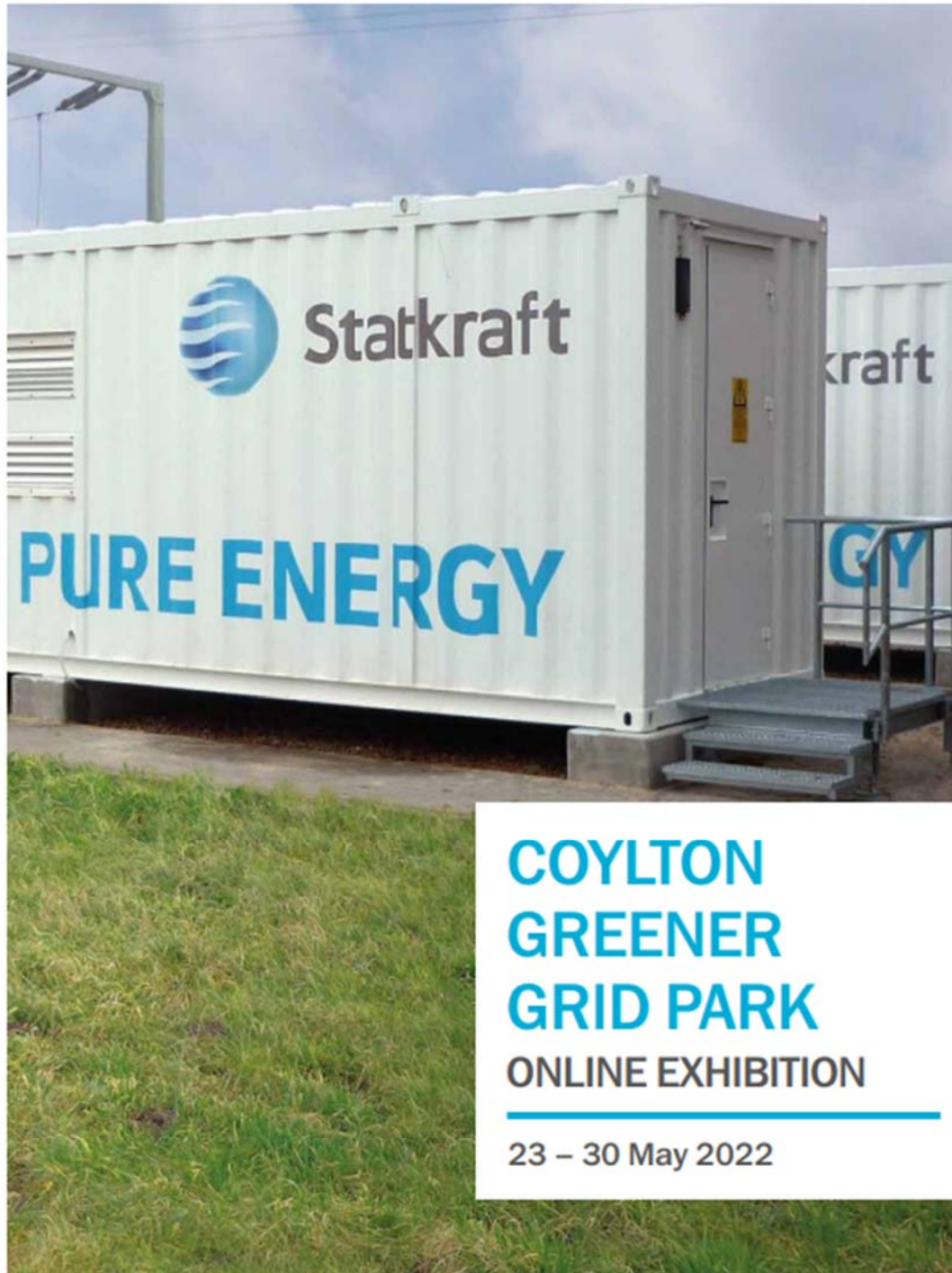


Appendix F – Project Website

<https://projects.statkraft.co.uk/coylton/>



Appendix G – Online Exhibition



www.statkraft.co.uk/coylton





Berry Burn Wind Farm, Moray, 29 turbines, 100m tip height

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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
- A state owned utility with origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- Offices accross the UK
- Development pipeline includes wind, solar and grid stability services
- Distributed over £2 million to communities near operating renewables projects

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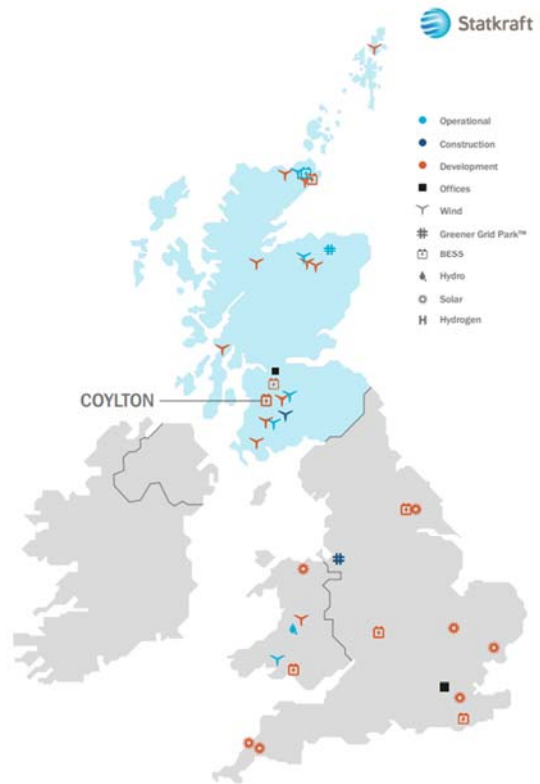


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Welcome

Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Operational portfolio includes one Greener Grid Park, five wind farms and one hydro plant
- Delivering grid stability services for National Grid in Moray and Liverpool
- Recent expansion into solar development and electric vehicle charging points
- Over 700MW of renewable projects in development



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About Greener Grid Parks



Greener Grid Parks are a collection of buildings, containing zero carbon technology which stabilise the grid, allowing more renewable energy to be transmitted through the network.

Find out more at: www.statkraft.co.uk/grid-services

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



Synchronous Compensator

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

Greener Grid Park at Keith

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Batteries (Grid Forming Converter Battery Energy Storage System)

Batteries capture energy and store it for use later. Grid-forming converters combined with batteries always stay in 'grid-forming' mode which means they inherently resist changes in voltage and frequency on the electricity grid. This is another innovative way we can provide stability to the grid.

BESS at Kilathnoy Ireland

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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.

"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 Grid Integration,
Statkraft UK.

**£128
MILLION**

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

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Keith Greener Grid Park, Moray



**MORE RENEWABLES
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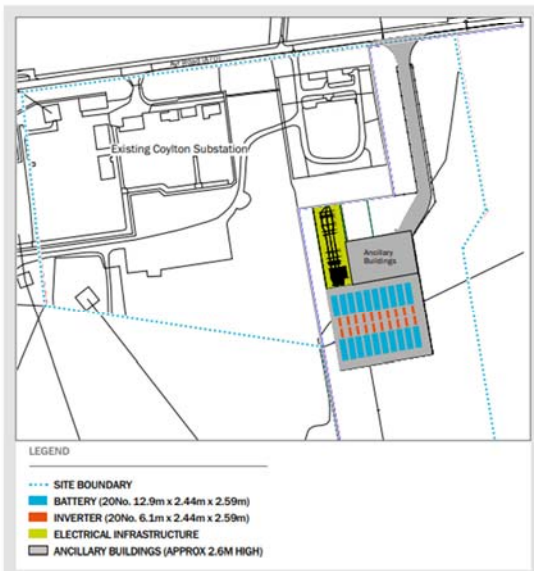
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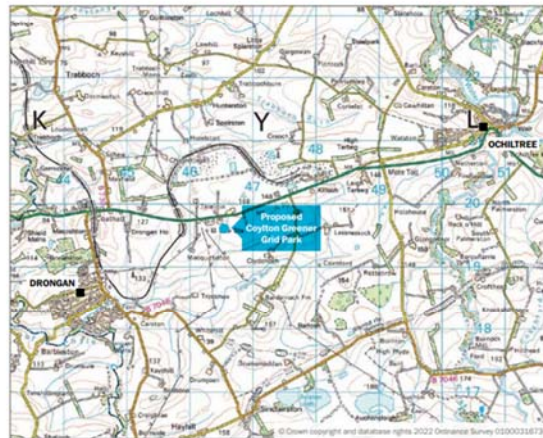
About Coylton Greener Grid Park



National Grid Electricity Systems Operator contracts and ongoing studies have informed our proposal.



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For more information and to provide your comments please go to our website:
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About Coylton Greener Grid Park



Coylton is an excellent site location for a Greener Grid Park because:

- National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) identified area with a stability need
- It is next to the existing Coylton substation meaning the cable connection is short and less intrusive
- Located at a transmission network bottleneck
- Coylton is an area of high wind generation and export
- Low impacts on flooding, cultural heritage and ecology
- Existing roads infrastructure for access
- Coylton is an excellent site to contribute to Scotland's ambitions of reaching net zero emissions by 2045

If Coylton was granted planning permission we estimate it could be operational by 2024.

"I very much welcome the benefits that the project will bring to the local community, and I also welcome the community benefit initiative that you have mentioned. This project and the significant investment in the local economy will bring benefits for local supply chains while also helping put the region at the forefront of our continuing journey to put renewable energy at the centre of our journey to net zero."

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport at launch of Keith Greener Grid Park, March 2022.

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Community Benefits



We look forward to engaging with the communities to find out different ways we can bring positive benefits to the local area.

We are often asked by residents near our projects what benefits they can bring. We are the first to offer community benefit funds for grid stability projects.



"We are extremely grateful to Statkraft for the ongoing sponsorship of our Winter Trail Series which is an important part of our calendar. The sponsorship helps us promote running as a healthy and sociable pastime for a wide range of ages and levels across Caithness and Sutherland."

Donna Stewart, Vice-chair of North Highland Harriers



"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

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Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to setting up a Community Benefit Fund of £20,000 per annum. Our community benefit is the **first of its kind** for grid projects.

Biodiversity Enhancements

Statkraft looks to actively improve the environment around our projects by planting wildflower meadows, hedgerows and trees. We look to improve habitats for a range of species where needed.

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.



MEMBER:



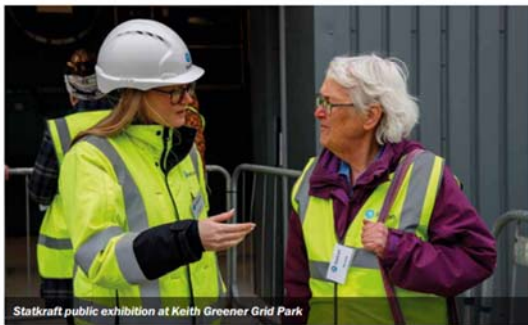
Next Steps



Your comments and feedback are important to us.

There will be an opportunity to formally comment on the application when a proposal is submitted. All of the information will be available to view on the consenting authority's and our project website at the time of submission.

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.



Statkraft public exhibition at Keith Greener Grid Park

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We would like to keep you updated as our plans progress:



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Appendix H – Invitation to Public Exhibition

What is a Greener Grid Park and why do we need them?

A Greener Grid Park will help increase the amount of renewable energy which can be delivered onto the grid network. At times although renewable technologies can meet the energy demand on the grid, NGENSO has to turn the renewable supply off and switch on fossil fuel power plants to stabilise the network, which is costing the environment and the consumer. Statkraft's Greener Grid Parks are helping to fix this problem and supporting National Grid's target to operate a zero carbon grid by 2025.

Visit our exhibition and find out how the zero carbon technology in our Greener Grid Parks will enable more green electricity to run, are cheaper for consumers, and will allow the market to deliver as much renewable energy generation as possible.

We're innovative and community focused

Statkraft is dedicated to engaging with communities and bringing meaningful benefits.

We want to talk to you about how our project can bring new investment to your community. We are open to your ideas.

Community Benefit Fund

We are committed to a Community Benefit Fund that delivers £20,000 per year for the operational lifetime of the project.

Local supply chain


We want to work with local businesses to deliver our projects. Visit our project website for information on how local businesses can register their interest.

Invitation to Public Exhibition:

Ochiltree Community Hub, 26 May 2022, 2.30pm – 8.30pm

Coylton Greener Grid Park Proposal

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know more about us and our proposal for Coylton Greener Grid Park.




Statkraft submitted a bid to provide stability services for National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO). Our Greener Grid Park proposal at Coylton in East Ayrshire for a battery energy storage and grid stability system with a capacity of up to 50MW was successful in the bidding process and therefore we are submitting a planning application to deliver this service.


This is our second planning application on this site. When we submitted the first application NGESO had not confirmed their exact requirements for the project. Now they are confirmed this new application accurately represents the final project. Find out more by visiting our public and online exhibition.


About Us


Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back 125 years in Norwegian hydro power. Our Scottish headquarters are in Glasgow and we have 4,600 employees across 18 countries.

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 Come and meet us at the Ochiltree Community Hub drop in sessions.

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Coylton Greener Grid Park Proposal



Community engagement is very important to us.

We would like to invite you to review our plans online or in person before we submit them to the local planning authority. We are committed to listening to communities and keeping you informed about our proposals. If you can't make it in person we are running an online exhibition where you can comment and ask questions about the project.



ONLINE EXHIBITION



23 May – 30 May

PUBLIC EXHIBITION



26 May: 2.30pm – 8.30pm
Ochiltree Community Hub

Ask questions and provide feedback on our proposal.

View our online consultation by visiting:
projects.statkraft.co.uk/coylton

We would like to hear your suggestions on how our project can bring benefits to the area – from community funding to educational gains. Please visit our public and online exhibition to find out more.

You can find out more about our projects and the way we work at www.statkraft.co.uk

Appendix I – Site Plan

Coylton Greener Grid Park Proposal



Appendix J – Online Feedback Form

Get in touch

On this page you can provide your feedback on the project and request a call back from our development team in the forms below. Thank you for engaging!

Give your feedback

Hello, thank you for your interest in the project. We hope you will have your say and complete our survey. This will enable us to gather community views which can shape our plans.

Was this website useful to understand the proposal?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Do you support increased renewable energy generation in the UK?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Do you support this Greener Grid Park proposal?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Do you have comments or feedback on the project?

Add your comment here

Do you have any questions on the project? We will respond to any questions but this won't add you to our mailing list.

Add your question here

Appendix K – Reply Card



**PUBLIC EXHIBITION
MAY 2022**

COYLTON 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 <http://bit.ly/SKU/Kp2>

Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. An application is expected to be submitted in 2022, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that planning application to the consenting authority. Please note all comments should be received no later than 30 June 2022.

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

Your questions and comments:

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Yes please, I would like to receive project updates (mainly by email) **Yes, please respond to my comment and advise when the project is submitted**

No thank you, I do not want project updates

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms

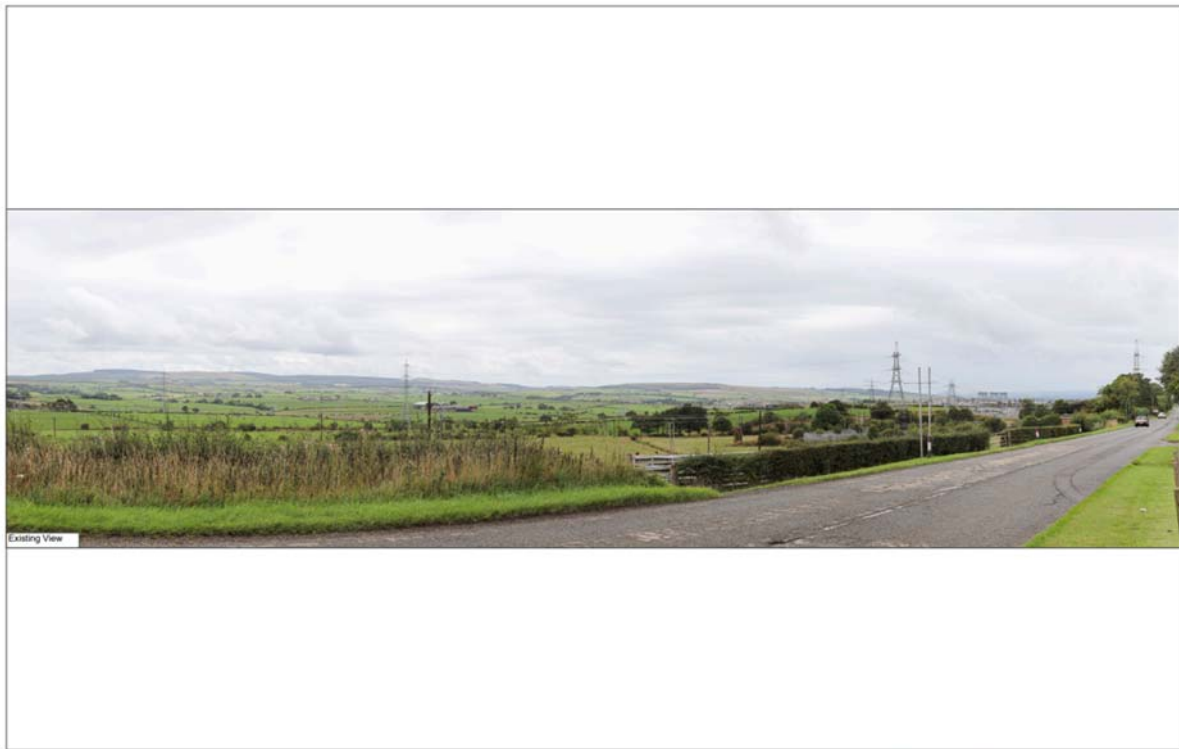
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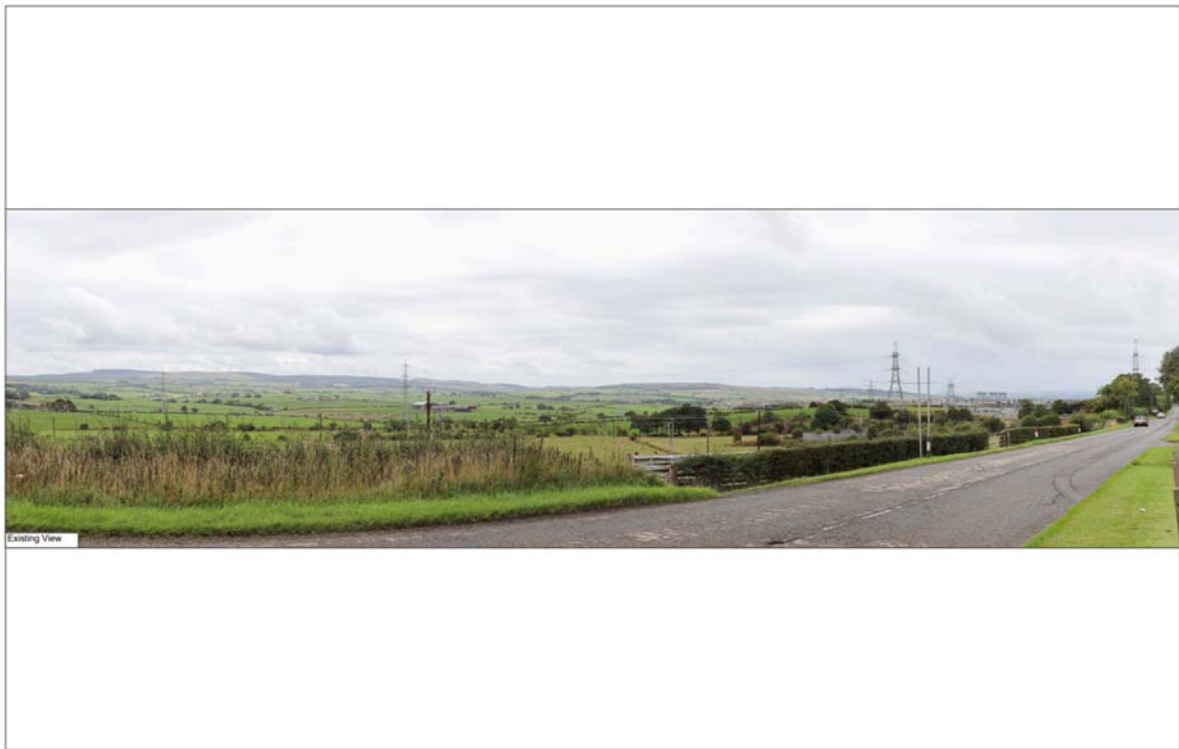
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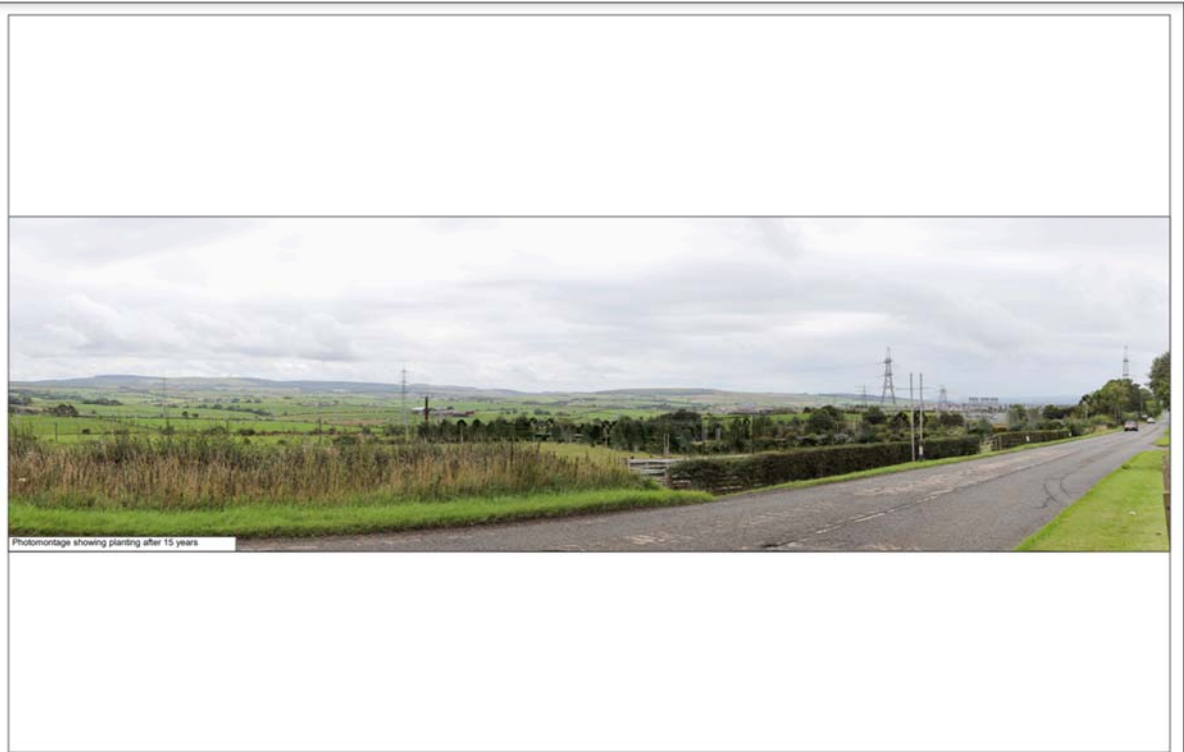
Appendix L – Site Photomontages



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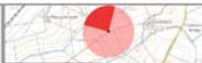


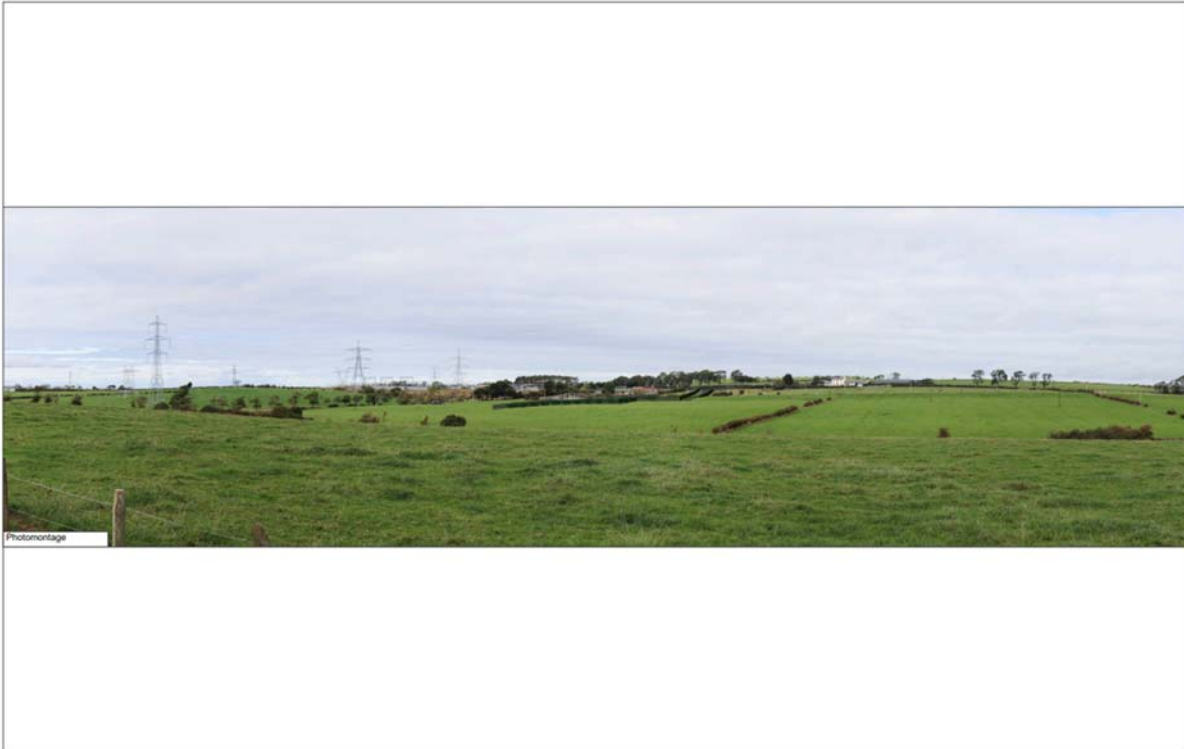
Photomontage showing planting after 15 years

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Existing View

Coylton Greener Grid Park  		Viewpoint Location: 2467526 6190926 View Direction: 330° Camera Elevation: 135 m AOD Distance to Development: 420 m Horizontal Field of View: 90 degrees Date of Photography: 20/09/2021	Paper Size: 420 mm x 297 mm Image Size: 113.06 x 79.6 mm Camera: Canon EOS 505 Lens: 50 mm Camera Height: 135.5 m Time of Photography: 12:07		Existing View Viewpoint 2: Core Path
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Appendix M – Consultation Invitation Distribution Area

