

Appendix 5 S.36 Public Exhibition

5.1 Public Exhibition Councillor Invitation Email

From: [UK Projects](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [UK Projects](#)
Subject: Coylton Greener Grid Park - Construction Update and Upcoming Public Exhibition
Date: 06 September 2024 15:40:05
Attachments: [Coylton S.36 GGP Resident invite.pdf](#)
[Coylton Construction postcard.pdf](#)

Dear Councillor **Hogg**

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This will help guide our approach to providing construction updates to local residents, and is a separate discussion to that surrounding administration of the Community Benefit Fund.

Community Benefit Fund

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Public Exhibition

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Ochiltree Community Hub, KA18 2PE
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About Greener Grid Parks

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Why do we need Greener Grid Parks?

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Next Steps

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this update on the Coylton Greener Grid Park.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Neighbour

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What is a Greener Grid Park?

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Project Manager for Section 36 application

5.4 Construction Update Postcard

Coylton Greener Grid Park

Community update



Hello from Statkraft

Statkraft is building Coylton Greener Grid Park to help achieve zero carbon emissions in Scotland by increasing the stability of the electricity grid and storing electricity. Our planning application was granted planning permission by East Ayrshire Council in February 2024.

Construction of the Coylton Greener Grid Park has recently started. We anticipate construction will conclude in early 2026.

We appreciate that construction projects can cause some disruption to local residents and we are committed to minimising impacts wherever possible.

Throughout construction, we will keep you informed of progress and next steps through regular updates including updates to our website and mailings like these.



Meet our Project Manager



Graeme Hannah joined our team in summer 2023 and manages the construction on site on a day- to-day basis. His role includes supervision of the team, inspecting work and overseeing quality control, safety & standards.



You can get in touch with our team at
[ukprojects@statkraft .com](mailto:ukprojects@statkraft.com)

Local suppliers

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

Contact us



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5.5 Newspaper Advertisement 11 September 2024

'It's a great place to live'

Locals have their say on area's population decline

Stuart Reid
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LOCALS in Cumnock and the surrounding areas believe there are a variety of reasons holding the area back from "flourishing".

As part of our look into the area's decline in population over the past four decades, and projected decline in the future, we spoke with locals to hear what they had to say about the places they live.

Opinions ranged from the need for more leisure facilities for youngsters, to a need for improved transport links to and from the area.

Kevin, 31, from Cumnock said: "There's obviously a lot that can be improved about the place, including the need for better transport links.

"I used to go to uni in Glasgow and having to get there from here was a nightmare at some points. "I can see why people move away from the place for convenience for stuff like that, and when you move away it must be hard to find a reason to come back. "If I had moved away and found a job elsewhere then I probably wouldn't be living here just now, and I think a lot of people would be like that."

Tracey, 40, from Logan said: "I think it's a great place to live. Don't get me wrong, it's far from perfect, but there's a sense of to-



getherness and community in wee place like this. "When you grow up in there areas you feel like you belong. "I think the main improvements it could make would be to bring more stuff for the youngsters to do, like better place parks and activity groups and stuff like. "Bringing stuff like that would keep them out of trouble and maybe keep people from moving away to places where you get these things."

Jeffrey, 55, from Cumnock said: "I grew up in Cumnock when I was younger and then I moved

away for work, but moved back again with my wife when my kids had grown up. "I think these places have a certain charm about them, but I think that's more prevalent for people who are from these places. "I can see why it puts people from out-with these places moving to them. From the outside looking in, it looks like there's not many job opportunities or great education or things like



that. "The place is growing with the amount of big employers there now are and I don't think the place is too far away from really flourishing. "A bit of common sense investment into things like transport and leisure facilities and things like that could really make a difference."

Bethany, 48, said: "I've always kind of toyed with the idea of moving away from the place for things like better job opportunities and education and things like that.



"I work in Glasgow so involves me travelling up there three times a week, so moving away from the area and closer to my work would make my life a lot easier. "Pure remote working must surely be helping the area with people be able to have a better work/life balance. "I don't think there's anything major that needs done to improve the place. These places have things that big cities don't have and big cities have things that these places don't have. So it really depends on what you're looking for."

Devastating impact of coal mining's demise is 'still being felt in East Ayrshire today'

THE devastating economic impact of the demise of the East Ayrshire coal mining industry is still being felt today, according to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT).

Gary Porter, regeneration and development manager for the CRT in Scotland, is working to arrest a predicted population decline in places like Cumnock, Auchinleck and Dalmellington, where coal was once king, and to attract more secure long term jobs.

He says the problems these towns and villages are facing with depopulation is almost identical to that of other coalfield areas across the UK.

He added: "We are seeing second and third generation unemployment in former mining communities like Auchinleck and



Dalmellington which we want to change. "These areas are still feeling the impact of the mine closures, which also had a knock-on effect for other local businesses such as cafes and newsagents. "We believe there is huge untapped potential in the former coalfield communities. "The problem was, when the pits closed, nothing was put in their place at the time. "We are encouraging people

in these communities to take ownership of their problems and find solutions and employment opportunities using local knowledge and experience. "We will work with these communities to provide the resources that they need to help build a positive future. "There is a lot of self aspiration in the former coalfield communities and we are trying to support that as best we can."

Coal miners on strike in East Ayrshire in 1984; the last pits in the area would close by the end of that decade, and the CRT says the effects are still being felt today. Image: Newsquest



COYLTON GREENER GRID PARK PUBLIC EXHIBITION INVITATION

We invite you to attend a public exhibition for our Coylton Greener Grid Park proposal in East Ayrshire, close to the Coylton substation.

Statkraft received consent for Coylton Greener Grid Park in February 2024 and construction started in July 2024. This exhibition outlines our plans for a Section 36 application to increase the capacity of the site. We expect the visual appearance of the project to remain the same as the consented 50MW application.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION DETAILS

Ochiltree Community Hub, 45 Main Street, KA18 2PE
Thursday, 19 September 2024, from 3.30pm to 7.30pm

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Comments made to Statkraft are not representations to the consenting authority. When an application is submitted, there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the consenting authority. Please note all comments for this community consultation should be received no later than 4 October 2024.

Thank you and we hope you can take part in the consultation event.

5.6 Public Exhibition A1 Display Boards



Welcome

Our team are here to discuss our plans, listen to your views and provide an update on the project.

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 £4.5 million to support local communities near renewable energy projects



For more information and to register for updates, visit www.statkraft.co.uk/coylton

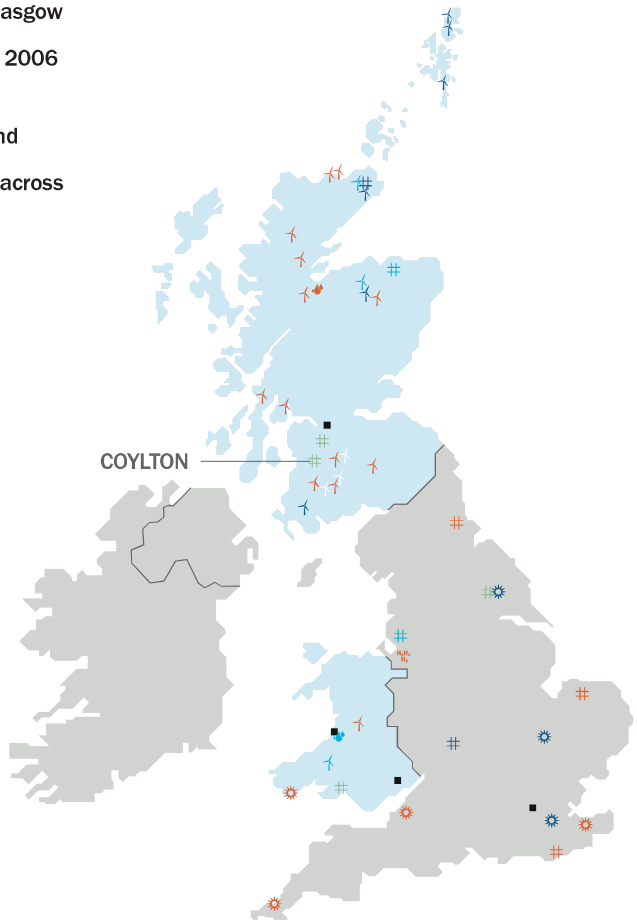
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Statkraft in the UK

- Scottish Head Office in Glasgow
- Operating in the UK since 2006
- 24 projects operating or in development in Scotland
- Employ almost 500 staff across our UK businesses

- Operational
- Operational (sold)
- Consented
- Construction
- Development
- Offices
- ⚡ Wind
- ⌘ Greener Grid Park™
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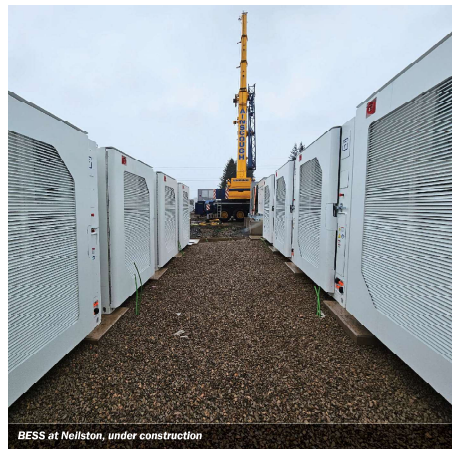
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This is provided by one or both of the following innovative technologies.



Synchronous Compensator

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



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.



Coylton Greener Grid Park



Coylton Greener Grid Park, under construction. Photo taken August 6 2024



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Coylton already has planning permission for a Greener Grid Park of up to 50MW, currently under construction. We are making an application to the Scottish Government under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to increase the operating capacity of the Greener Grid Park.

- National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) identified area with a stability need
- Statkraft have been awarded a contract by NGESO to provide this service at Coylton
- It is next to the existing Coylton substation meaning the cable connection is short and less intrusive
- Low impacts on flooding, cultural heritage and ecology
- Existing roads infrastructure for access

If Coylton Section 36 application was granted planning permission, we expect the visual appearance of the project to remain the same as the consented 50MW application.

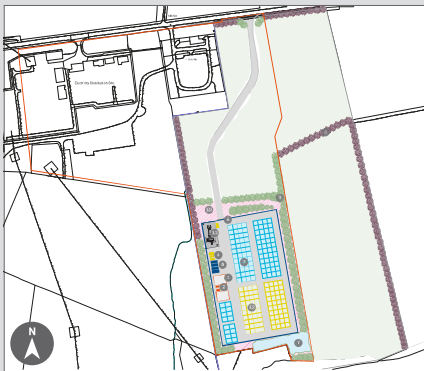
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Increased Capacity, Same Visual Appearance

Consented 50MW Application, Under Construction

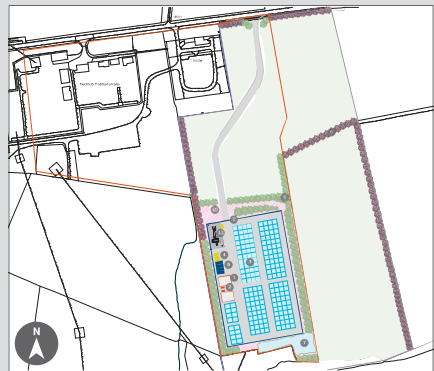


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| — CORNING HOUSE (5.63m high) | — EXISTING TREES & HEDGEROWS |
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| — STORES (2.60m high) | — HV EQUIPMENT (8m high) |
| — OFFICES (3.60m high) | — UNDER CONSTRUCTION |

The highlighted area in yellow (12) is currently under construction.

Section 36 Application to Increase Capacity



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Indicative Timeline





Ongoing Construction Works for 50MW BESS

Construction commenced on the initial phase of the Coylton Greener Grid Park in July 2024. This phase is for a 50MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). We appreciate that construction projects can cause some disruption to local residents and we look to minimise impacts wherever possible.



Local suppliers

A variety of goods and services are required throughout construction and many local companies would be suited to get involved. Interested businesses can register interest on our website.



Scan the QR code for more information and to register.

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Community Benefits

We look forward to discussing with you the different ways that our projects bring positive benefits.



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.



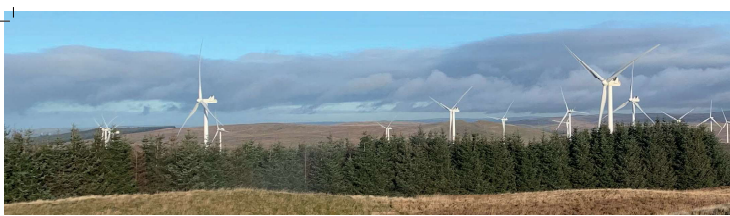
"Windy Rig Wind Farm is another valuable contract for GTR. We are just one of several local businesses who are directly benefiting from the many wind farm developments within this area. This can only be a good thing for both local businesses and the local economy especially during the current pandemic."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

Community Benefit Fund

We are proud to be the first company to offer a community benefit fund from grid stability projects. The funds support community projects that reduce our impact on the environment. We would like to hear your ideas for worthwhile local projects.

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.** Local businesses can register their interest on our website.



Thank you for visiting

Your views are important to us

We will keep you informed on our Section 36 Application through regular updates, including on our project website.

All of the information will be available to view Energy Consent Unit's website and on our project website.

Please note that any comments made to this prospective application are to the applicant and not to the Energy Consent Unit. Once the Section 36 application has been made, you will have the opportunity to make a representation to the Energy Consent Unit at that time.



Statkraft Open Day at Keith Greener Grid Park

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