

East Claydon Greener Grid Park

Statement of Community Involvement

April 2025



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared in support of a Planning Application submitted to Buckinghamshire Council under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) on behalf of Statkraft UK LTD (the “Applicant”).

1.2 The SCI outlines the pre-application public consultation activity undertaken by the Applicant regarding East Claydon Greener Grid Park prior to the submission of a Planning Application, seeking:

“Construction of a Greener Grid Park comprising energy storage and grid balancing equipment and associated infrastructure including access, drainage, landscaping and other incidental works.”

1.3 The Applicant conducted a programme of public consultation and stakeholder engagement for the proposal. Early engagement with local representatives including ward members, parliamentary representatives and local parish councils helped to shape the consultation and ensure that it was comprehensive, meaningful and accessible. The Applicant offered to provide detailed briefings to elected officials and met with East Claydon Parish Council to discuss the consultation process.

1.4 An in-person drop-in event to present the plans was held on 19 March 2025. The same information was made available via a virtual exhibition page which was available to view online from 19 March to 04 April 2025. This approach provided several ways for local people to learn more about the plans and share their feedback. The dedicated project website, www.statkraft.com/east-claydon, which was live for the duration of the project, allowed members of the public to submit feedback and contact the project team throughout the process.

1.5 The comments received during the public consultation are detailed in the feedback section of this report. The Applicant has considered all feedback from consultees and made changes on this basis including changes to landscaping and drainage measures.

1.6 The SCI has been written in line with Buckinghamshire Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (2021), the revised National Planning Policy Framework (2025) and the Localism Act (2011).

1.7 This statement forms part of a portfolio of documents submitted as part of the planning application for the scheme.

2. CONSULTATION POLICY CONTEXT

2.1 The consultation programme was undertaken at the pre-application stage in line with Section 122 of the Localism Act 2011. The act requires developers to conduct pre-application consultation with local communities.

2.2 The consultation programme was also conducted in accordance with the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2025 which encourages sustainable development through community engagement. Paragraph 137 of the NPPF 2025 states that:

“Applicants should, where applicable, provide sufficient information to demonstrate how their proposals will meet the design expectations set out in local and national policy, and should work closely with those affected by their proposals to evolve designs that take account of the views of the community. Applications that can demonstrate early, proactive and effective engagement with the community should be looked on more favourably than those that cannot.”

2.3 Paragraph 40 of the NPPF 2025 states that:

“Early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality preapplication discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community.”

2.4 Additionally, the consultation programme follows the guidelines of Buckinghamshire Council's Statement of Community Involvement (2021) which sets out the importance of involving communities in pre-application consultations and planning applications. Buckinghamshire Council state that they will “encourage applicants to consult the community where relevant” on page 23.

3. CONSULTATION ACTIVITY

3.1 The Applicant has undertaken the pre-application consultation in line with national and local guidelines. This provided an important opportunity to engage with the Council, key stakeholders and the local community. The Applicant gathered feedback and looked to address questions and concerns, where reasonably possible, prior to submission of the Planning Application.

3.2 The proposal has benefitted from pre-application discussions with the Council. A pre-application meeting was held on 11 July 2024 where technical departments provided input into the project through the Case Officer.

CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

3.3 The Applicant wrote to local representatives in August 2024 to introduce the project, and Statkraft, and notify them about the submission of an EIA scoping report to the Council (Appendix 1). The letter also offered a meeting discuss the design of the public consultation.

3.4 The Applicant also sent a letter to nine near neighbours (Appendix 2) at EIA scoping to introduce the proposals and provide details of how to get in contact with the Applicant.

3.5 The Applicant met with East Claydon Parish Council on 11th October 2024 to introduce the project team and gather feedback on their upcoming public consultation. Measures taken to ensure the public consultation incorporated the feedback from the Parish Council members included:

- ensuring project experts attended the drop in exhibition
- providing detailed information on specific subjects (such as the needs case and reasons for site selection) in the consultation materials
- broadening publicity for the drop in and virtual exhibition to include adverts on Bucks Radio and in the local parish magazine.

3.6 On 11th February 2025, the Applicant wrote to local political representatives to let them know about the upcoming drop in exhibition and invite them to a preview session (Appendix 3).

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

3.7 The Applicant undertook a hybrid consultation which included an in-person drop-in event for people to meet the team and view plans in detail and a virtual exhibition. The virtual exhibition was hosted on a project website which provided the same

information as the in-person exhibition and the ability to feedback and ask questions. Images of the drop-in event can be viewed in Appendix 16.

3.8 On 3 March 2025, the applicant issued an invitation to the drop-in exhibition (Appendix 4) to 1,717 addresses across East Claydon, Verney Junction, Granborough, and the west side of Winslow (Appendix 5). The invitation introduced the proposals and provided details of the project website, drop-in exhibition and virtual exhibition. This letter was also sent with signed for first class Royal Mail to the nine near neighbours that received a letter at the EIA scoping stage.

3.9 The invitation included a dedicated email address and 0800 phone number for residents to contact the project team for more information on the proposals (UKProjects@statkraft.com). A total of two emails and one call were received over the consultation period and can be viewed in Appendix 6 and 7.

3.10 A project specific website was created where residents could learn more about the proposals and Statkraft (statkraft.co.uk/east-claydon) (Appendix 8). The webpage also provided the opportunity to submit feedback and details on how to contact the project team. The website received a total of 419 unique visitors from 1 February to 15 April 2025.

3.11 The drop-in and virtual exhibition events were advertised in the *Bucks Herald* on 12 and 19 March (Appendix 9) and included in the March edition of *The Claydons Parish Magazine* (Appendix 10). Additionally, the applicant ran a radio advertisement on local station Bucks Radio between 5 and 19 March encouraging local residents to attend the drop-in and virtual exhibitions or visit the project website. (Appendix 11) encouraged local residents to attend the drop-in event or visit the project website.

3.12 The drop-in exhibition was held on Wednesday 19 March at East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall from 15:00-20:00 (images available in Appendix 16). A preview session from 14:00-15:00 was also offered to local representatives in order to answer any specific questions they might have had on behalf of constituents. Banners with detailed project information and images were displayed at the event (Appendix 12). Booklets which were an A5 version of the banners were available at the event for attendees to takeaway. A total of 77 people attended the drop-in event.

3.13 To gather feedback on the public views of the project, attendees were encouraged to provide their views by completing a reply card (Appendix 13). Attendees were also provided with freepost envelopes so they could complete the reply card in their own time and return it by post. A link to the website feedback form was also provided.

3.14 The virtual exhibition (Appendix 14) was made available on the project webpage from Wednesday 19 March to Friday 4 April 2025 and received a total of 71 unique visitors over this period. This gave residents who were unable to attend the in-person

event the opportunity to view the proposals in their own time. The information made available at the virtual exhibition was the same as what was provided at the in-person event.

4. FEEDBACK

INTRODUCTION

4.1 Local residents were given the opportunity to provide feedback via reply card an online survey, the dedicated projects email and 0800 phone number.

4.2 A total of 2 responses were received through a website survey. Respondents answered questions about the proposals and whether they would like to be added to a mailing list to receive updates.

4.3 The reply card provided at the drop-in exhibition provided gave attendees space to provide written feedback. A total of 25 reply cards were received. (Appendix 15). Of the 25 reply cards received 20 included written feedback. Comments covered a range of topics including construction traffic and noise levels, cumulative impact and fire risks. Residents were also complimentary of the quality of the consultation. Examples of some comments are shown below:

- *“exhibition and explanations were excellent”,*
- *“it's the future, bring it on”,*
- *“helpful people but we are all so fed up of all proposals around us that feel unnecessary and over the top.”,*
- *“what will the db level be? Good consult.”*
- *“opportunities for coordinated environmental benefits should be explored with the other developments (rosefield, national grid, statera) look at coordinating a haul road.”*
- *“while I am in favour of renewable energy I have reservations about the amount of development that our quiet rural area is being asked to accept. It seems to me that the more developments that are accomodated just encourages more applications. I think this project is probably needed and must go somewhere but with as much mitigation as possible.”*
- *“Concern about HGV access off A413 trough Winslow, potential damage to listed buildings in conservation area from vibration and road loading. BUT generally in favour of the project!”*

A detailed table of responses is provided in Appendix 15.

4.6 The analysis has identified some additional themes. The topics that were cited most often are outlined below:

Traffic and transport:

- HGV access through A413
- Heavy lorries on local roads

- Flooding of access route

Drainage:

- Flooding is worse across the whole site than flooding map suggests

Noise:

- Noise levels of an active Greener Grid Park
- Noise mitigation
- Concern about db levels.

Community impact:

- Cumulative impact of infrastructure projects in the area and planning process
- Concerns about impact on local property prices
- Proximity to the local village
- Benefits specifically for near neighbours

Visual Impact:

- Landscaping
- Opportunities for visual screening

Safety:

- Concerns surrounding fire risks
- Scepticism of fire expert's evaluations and explanations

Positive comments:

- Appreciation of consultation style
- Helpful project team
- Support for green energy

5. RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

5.1 The Applicant has provided the below responses to feedback received throughout the consultation period.

Issue	Response
Traffic and transport	<p>As part of our planning application, Statkraft has submitted a Construction and Transport Management Plan (CTMP) which includes a detailed assessment of the proposed construction routes.</p> <p>A number of concerns were raised with regard to the impact of the development proposals on the surrounding highway network during the construction period. Comments received during the public consultation have been taken on board in the preparation of the CTMP.</p> <p>Should the project gain consent a final detailed version of the CTMP will be prepared once a contractor has been formally appointed and will be secured by a planning condition.</p> <p>It is intended that the final detailed version of the CTMP and compliance with it would be secured as a planning condition. It will be prepared following appointment of the Contractor and in consultation with BC. The final detailed version of the CTMP will adhere to the principles established within this CTMP and include the full extent of information required by BC.</p> <p>Statkraft seeks to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to facilitate dialogue between communities and the Project Team, for its construction sites. The CLG operates throughout the construction phase. The purpose is for Statkraft and its contractors to provide updates on construction, minimise disruption and enable community representatives to ask questions and raise any issues. This would include any potential issues with construction traffic.</p> <p>Statkraft are committed to being a good neighbour and will ensure all team members and sub-contractors follow approved plans.</p>

	<p>Post construction traffic has been modelled in the transport statement. As the site will be managed remotely during the operational phase, we expect there will be minimal impact on surrounding traffic.</p>
Opportunities for visual screening	<p>As part of our plans, we will be planting over 150 new trees which will be in addition to the 560 metres of existing hedgerow. The trees will mostly be 3-3.5m, when planted and should reach 7m after 10 years.</p> <p>In response to feedback prior to the drop-in exhibition event we added and consulted on an additional bund to provide visual screening and noise mitigation to the south of the site. This was received well at the event and has been included it in the design of the project.</p>
Noise	<p>We have appointed specialist consultants to conduct detailed noise assessments for the site. As agreed with Buckinghamshire Council, this involved recording existing background noise at seven key locations on and around the site over several weeks. Statkraft will submit a Noise Impact Assessment as part of the planning application to Buckinghamshire Council.</p> <p>The development will not exceed noise limits set by the Council, in order to prevent negative impacts on residential properties in the area. Noise attenuation features will also be integrated into the design of the site, including housing the synchronous compensators in noise attenuating buildings.</p> <p>In response to feedback prior to the drop-in exhibition event we added and consulted on an additional bund to provide visual screening and noise mitigation to the south of the site. This was received well at the event and has been included it in the design of the project.</p>
Drainage	<p>At the pre-submission phase of the project work was undertaken to prepare a Flood Risk Assessment for the East Claydon site. Whilst this work was ongoing the Environment Agency released new surface water flood mapping for the UK including the East Claydon site. The previous flood mapping showed small areas of surface</p>

	<p>water flooding associated with the flatter and lower-level land on the northern boundary of the site. The new flood mapping marginally increased the area effected by surface water flooding in these locations. Based on this updated data, and consultations held with the Lead Local Flood Authority and the Internal Drainage Board, the Flood Risk Assessment has been updated. It identified that the site compounds and associated infrastructure should not be located in areas of medium and high surface water flood risk. It was also determined that the site should have ecological and maintenance buffers to the existing watercourses. In response to this the site has been moved approximately 5m south of its original location. This will move them out of the areas of highest flood risk and to comply with the requirement for buffers to the watercourses.</p>
Cumulative Impact	<p>From consultation with Buckinghamshire Council's Planning Department, desk surveys and conversation with the Parish Council we are aware of a number of other developments in the area. East Claydon is located on a strategic part of Great Britain's transmission grid. This is why numerous projects are in various stages of the planning process in this region.</p> <p>Should the project get consent, we will look to work with other developers to collaborate on common issues such as visual impact and construction transport.</p>
Safety	<p>Safety is our first priority which is why we have worked extensively to develop the site with safety considerations in mind. The designs are in line with 2023 National Fire Chiefs Council Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning – Guidance FRS and other international standards. Some of the features we have adopted to ensure the safest possible design include the distances between units, water tanks, and extensive drainage strategies with attenuation ponds and permeable pavements.</p> <p>We are also working together with Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue services to develop an Emergency Response Procedure. This will ensure that in the unlikely event of an emergency, all relevant parties are well-prepared and able to respond effectively.</p>

Opportunities for community benefit	<p>Statkraft offers a Community Benefit Fund of £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.</p> <p>We encourage local companies to register on our local suppliers register on our website even if they may not have worked on a Greener Grid Park project before. Many of these companies would be suited to get involved in the construction phase of our proposals.</p>

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 This SCI demonstrates the pre-application consultation undertaken with local residents and stakeholders for the development of East Claydon Greener Grid Park.

6.2 The initial proposals were designed in response to a thorough analysis of the East Claydon site and the surrounding area.

6.3 The consultation process allowed the Applicant to further understand local views on the proposals, prior to submitting a planning application to Buckinghamshire Council.

6.4 The feedback indicates that residents have concerns about community impact including visual impact and noise, as well as safety.

6.5 The project team has reviewed all feedback received during the consultation and, where possible, has responded to this in the final plans.

6.6 The development team will continue discussions and engagement with local residents and stakeholders as the application progresses.

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – EIA scoping letter Political stakeholders



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30 August 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to introduce Statkraft and inform you of our emerging plans for a new Greener Grid Park near East Claydon substation. We have recently submitted an EIA Scoping request to Buckinghamshire Council REF: 24/02556/SO this is the first step in bringing the project into the public domain.

We have notified local councillors, parish councillors and the nearest neighbours to the proposed site and will be seeking to engage with them around our consultation approach.

About Statkraft

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back almost 130 years. We now have over 6000 employees across 20 countries. In the UK, Statkraft develop, own and operate wind, solar, green hydrogen, hydropower and Greener Grid Park projects. Since 2006, Statkraft has invested over £1.4 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure. We are market leaders in delivering innovative projects that ensure the reliability of our future green electricity supply.

What is a Greener Grid Park?

Our Greener Grid Parks are helping to achieve a renewables-ready network. As renewable energy generation increases across Great Britain, new ways to maintain system stability are required.

Greener Grid Parks are sites comprised of various grid stabilising equipment which, depending on the needs of the grid and technology choice, can import, store, and export electricity. A Greener Grid Park is not a wind or solar farm or a power station. They resemble buildings that you might associate with storage units or shipping containers.

We have identified the potential of this site for a Battery and Energy Storage System (BESS) to capture and store energy for future use. This will increase the amount of renewable energy that can be used by storing it when demand is low and releasing it when most needed.

The site has been chosen due to its strategic location on GB's grid network, where National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) have identified a need. Locating the Greener Grid Park within a close proximity to East Claydon substation avoids lengthy electricity cables and ensures an efficient connection to the grid while minimising disturbance to the local area and environment. Our Greener Grid Parks will

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reduce the need to operate fossil-fuelled gas power stations saving costs, CO² emissions and deliver more than 10% biodiversity net gain.

The project will play a key role in progressing Buckinghamshire Council's pledge to reach Net Zero across the county by 2050.

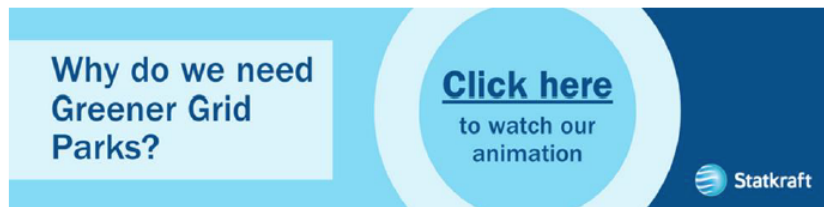
How we plan to consult the local community

As noted above, we will be engaging with local stakeholders to discuss our proposed engagement plans and receive feedback to ensure it is appropriate. We plan to commence the public engagement in the Autumn, after we have received some feedback on the Scoping request. This engagement will provide the opportunity for the project team to present the proposals, consult with local residents, listen to feedback and answer questions.

We will be in touch as this project progresses, if you require any further information, please contact us at ukprojects@statkraft.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 2 – EIA scoping letter near neighbours



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BY POST

30 August 2024

I am writing to introduce Statkraft and inform you of our emerging plans for a new Greener Grid Park near East Claydon substation. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a near neighbour of the site. We wanted to inform and update you at this initial stage in the planning process.

I want to reassure you that we are committed to ensuring we minimise impact on you as a close neighbour and to provide a direct channel of communication, should you wish to speak with us at any time about our proposals.

We have recently submitted an EIA Scoping request to Buckinghamshire Council REF:24/02556/SO. This is not a planning application, it is the earliest stage of the planning process to help inform the key studies that will be required to be undertaken and included in any future planning application.

We will be consulting the community in the Autumn on the plans in advance of submitting a planning application.

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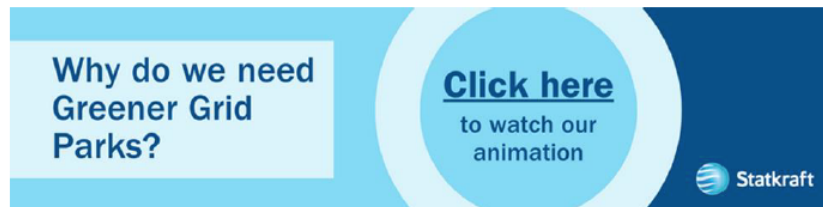
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The project will play a key role in progressing Buckinghamshire Council's pledge to reduce emissions by 75% by 2030 and reaching Net Zero by 2050.

How to get in touch

We will keep you updated on our public consultation activity. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss the proposal, please do get in touch by emailing UKProjects@statkraft.com or calling 0800 772 0668.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix 3 – Stakeholder notification letters



11 February 2025

BY EMAIL

Dear [REDACTED]

EAST CLAYDON GREENER GRID PARK – INVITATION TO PUBLIC EXHIBITION PREVIEW

I hope this letter finds you well. As an elected representative, I am getting in touch to let you know about our upcoming drop in exhibition for Statkraft's proposal for East Claydon Greener Grid Park on land near East Claydon Substation.

The drop in exhibition will be taking on Wednesday 19 March between 3pm and 8pm at East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall. We'd like to invite you to a preview session for local representatives. This will give you the opportunity to view the consultation materials ahead of our event at the Village Hall.

Preview for elected representatives: 2pm - 3pm on 19th March 2025.

Our proposal

Our Greener Grid Parks are helping to achieve a renewables-ready network. As renewable energy generation increases across Great Britain, new ways to maintain grid stability are required. In August, we submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Request for East Claydon Greener Grid Park to Buckinghamshire Council.

East Claydon Greener Grid Park will include two types of technology to support grid stability – a Battery Energy Storage System and Synchronous Compensators.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) capture and store energy for future use. Synchronous Compensators are large electrical machines with flywheels which can replace the spinning turbines of a traditional power station but without emitting any carbon dioxide.

Site location



Community Engagement

Before we submit a Planning Application, we are inviting the local community to meet us to find out more about the technology and discuss our plans. We are consulting the community in advance of submitting a planning application and welcome questions and feedback.

We met with some local representatives in October last year to ask for their views on consulting with the local community and have incorporated it, where possible, into our consultation activity.

- **Exhibition:** A drop in exhibition event will be held at East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall on 19th March 2025 between 3pm and 8pm. The project team will be there to discuss our proposals, answer any questions and listen to feedback. Local representatives are welcome to attend from 2pm to preview the plans.
- **Local Mailing:** An invitation letter will be mailed to over 1,700 addresses in the local area in early March to provide details of the exhibition and how to get involved in consultation activity.



- **Virtual Exhibition:** A virtual exhibition providing the same information as the in-person exhibition, and the opportunity to leave comments and feedback, will be available online at www.statkraft.co.uk/east-claydon.
- **Newspaper Advert:** We will be placing a newspaper advert in the Bucks Free Press in the week leading up to the exhibition, ensuring people in the wider area are informed about the proposal and consultation dates.
- **Parish Newsletter:** An advert will also be in March's edition of the Claydon's Parish Magazine.
- **Bucks Radio:** Adverts on Bucks Radio will share details of the upcoming consultation events.

In addition to the website address, local residents have been provided with an email and a freephone number to contact a team member directly with queries.

About Statkraft

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We recognise the value of community input and are committed to engaging with local communities throughout the development of our projects.

Get involved

We hope you're able to attend our preview session or wider public exhibition on 19th March. If you can't attend, we would be happy to meet at a time of your convenience following the event. If you have any questions about the preview session, please contact us at ukprojects@statkraft.com or phone the project team on 0800 772 0668.

Yours sincerely,

The Greener Grid Park Team

Appendix 4 – Public notification letter



3 March 2025

EAST CLAYDON GREENER GRID PARK – INVITATION TO PUBLIC EXHIBITION

I am writing to let you know about Statkraft's proposal for a new Greener Grid Park on land near East Claydon Substation.

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Have your say

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Drop-In Exhibition

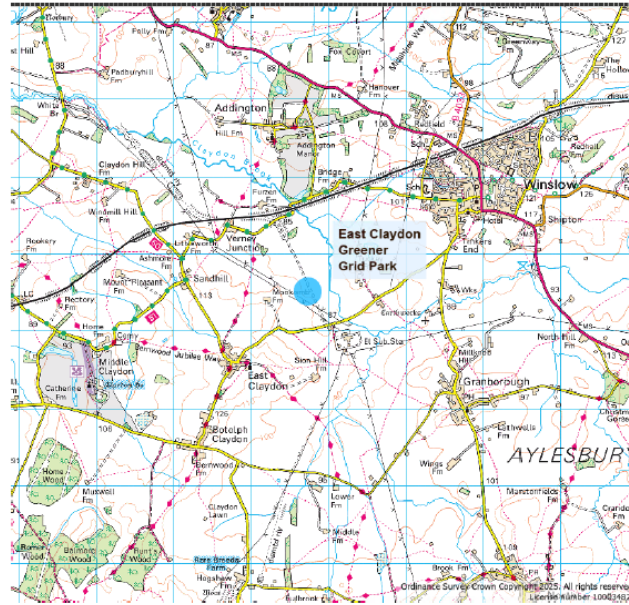
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall, Botyl Road, MK18 2LR

19th March 2025, 3pm - 8pm

A virtual exhibition providing the same information as the in-person exhibition, and the opportunity to leave comments and feedback, will be available online at www.statkraft.co.uk/east-claydon.

If consented, the project will support the reduction of costly grid operations, with the savings ultimately passed on to consumers. It will also reduce the need to operate costly fossil-fuelled gas power stations, which benefits consumers and local biodiversity, and helps us move closer towards national CO² targets.

Site location



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We recognise the value of community input and are committed to engaging with local communities throughout the development of our projects.

Get involved

We are committed to involving local people in our proposals. There are several ways to get involved in our plans:

- **Public exhibition:** 19th March 2025, East and Botoolph Claydon Village Hall, 3pm-8pm
- **Consultation website:** www.statkraft.co.uk/east-claydon
- **Consultation email address:** UKProjects@statkraft.com
- **Consultation phone number:** 0800 772 0668

We are looking forward to meeting with you at our upcoming consultation event. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us using the details above.

Yours sincerely,

The Greener Grid Park Team

Appendix 5 – Consultation radius (1717 addresses)



Appendix 6 – Consultation emails

Good morning,

My wife and I recently attended your open day in Claydon village hall and were shown the images of your project in relation to our property, REDACTED and we were promised that the images would be emailed to me after the meeting, unfortunately I have not received them.

Please could you check that they were sent to the correct email address, REDACTED and send them again as I have not received them.

Thank you,

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my comments on the proposed development at East Claydon

Yours faithfully

Feedback on drop-in event at Claydon Village Hall on the 19th March 2025.

Points of concern

Firstly, that the information presented was not made available on-line until the day of your consultation denied the opportunity to review your proposals in advance. For example, many if not most of attendees will not have heard of a 'synchronous compensator' and not have any idea of the consequences of such a massive piece of equipment running 24/7 near to their villages and homes. Time is spent on 'learning' leaving little or no opportunity to prepare meaningful questions or understand the potential risks and negative impacts that the whole installation would have on the way they lead their lives. This is both unreasonable and unfair. Any conclusions you may reach from one short consultation should be considered to be incomplete and invalid.

I object to the principle of development

There is no need for further projects of this nature as the battery storage projects already in the pipeline already exceed the government targets.

Visual impact.

There will be a significant detrimental visual impact of the scheme from surrounding dwellings and from locations on the surrounding highways network. Landscape planting cannot hide large scale industrial development in open countryside.

The Staterra BESS application was dismissed because "The proposal which is a large-scale energy development will be introduced into a strongly agricultural landscape and would be significantly incongruous. It will have, despite the proposed mitigation,

significant adverse impact on visual amenity and on the landscape character at the site, local and landscape character area levels.

Furthermore, the cumulative effects of the proposal with Tuckey Farm (consented permission) and the existing East Claydon sub-station would lead to cumulative visual and landscape character effects which would be significantly adverse. Together this would change the existing predominantly pastoral landscape to one defined by energy development.”

Your chosen site is larger and therefore would be rejected on the same grounds.

Fire Risks

Lithium-ion batteries are well known for their fire risks and large-scale battery storage facilities should not be built in such close proximity to villages and residences because of this risk and the adverse consequences already experienced in many such installations around the world.

Noise

There will be unacceptable noise levels from inverters, transformers and a multitude of battery cooling pumps and fans, especially near to roads and footpaths. Of major concern is the noise impact of massive electro-mechanical synchronous converters, and it remains unproven that any mitigation can reduce noise generated by the installation.

Construction

Significant traffic via Winslow to the East Claydon site will inevitably disrupt travel for all local residents over at least a 2 year period. Significant numbers of HGVs and other construction traffic on country and village roads will cause damage to road surfaces and verges, and present significant safety risks for pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders.

Major construction will create traffic control delays and diversions, and have adverse effects on school busses and local private and business travel.

It is clear from your documentation that you acknowledge other infrastructure projects that will use the same transportation routes. All these projects, National Grid, Statera BESS, Tuckey Farm, Noventum Power, Rosefield BESS and Solar would create an intolerable cumulative effect.


Ecology.

There will be adverse effects on wildlife and loss of habitat. Biodiversity gain arguments are unproven. Without doubt this is a massive infrastructure project. All the words promising increases in biodiversity and community benefits do not affect the conclusion that this ‘Greener Grid Park’ will not benefit our local communities, but impose massive disruption to our way of life for years to come and destroy our beautiful green and pleasant countryside.

Appendix 7 – Phone log

“Regarding the East Claydon project - our property is just over REDACTED away from your proposed site and we are starting to prepare a compensation claim should you get planning, and we need some contact details and people that we can have a conversation with and liaise with. My name is REDACTED”

Appendix 8 – Project website




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East Claydon Greener Grid Park

Welcome to our dedicated website for our proposals for a new Greener Grid Park on land near East Claydon Substation.

You are invited to our drop-in exhibition

Date	Location	Time
19th March 2025	East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall, Botyl Road, MK18 2LR	3pm – 8pm

Online exhibition

An online exhibition providing the same information as the in-person exhibition, and the opportunity to leave comments and feedback, is now live.

[Visit our online exhibition](#)

About East Claydon Greener Grid Park

Greener Grid Parks, including the one proposed at East Claydon will help achieve a renewables-ready network. As renewable energy generation increases across Great Britain, new ways to maintain system stability are required.

Should East Claydon Greener Grid Park get planning consented it will include two types of technology to support grid stability – a Battery Energy Storage System and Synchronous Compensators.

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) capture and store energy for future use. Synchronous Compensators are large electrical machines with flywheels which can replace the spinning turbines of a traditional power station but without emitting any carbon dioxide.

In August we submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Request to Buckinghamshire Council to progress our plans for East Claydon Greener Grid Park.

This was not a planning application, but is the earliest stage of the planning process to help inform the key studies that will be required to be conducted before we submit a full planning application for the park.



Find your frequently asked questions here

If you can't find your question(s) here, please leave them in the form at the bottom of this page, and we will get back to you with an answer as soon as possible.

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Learn more about Statkraft and greener grid parks



What is a Greener Grid park?

Find out what a Greener Grid Park is.



Statkraft's history

A deep dive into the vast 125 years of history as Europe's largest renewable energy producer



The history of Statkraft

A short animated video of the History of Statkraft

undertaken and included in any future planning application.

We are now consulting the community on the plans in advance of submitting a planning application and would welcome your questions and feedback.

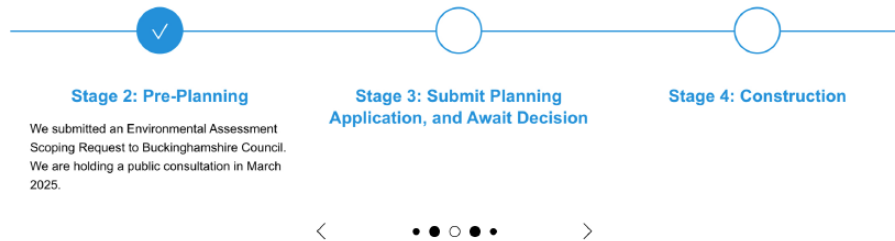
This website will be kept updated as our plans progress.

Why do we need 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. They are not a wind or solar farm, the buildings resemble storage units or shipping containers.



Project timeline



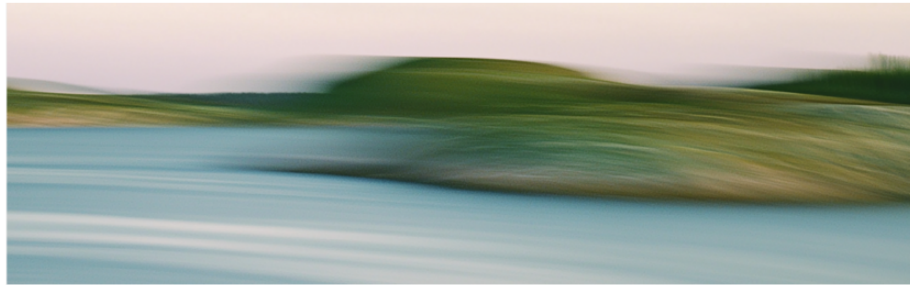
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Project updates

Get the latest updates and developments for East Claydon Greener Grid Park, and feel free to contact us using the contact form.

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Project updates

These are the latest project updates for East Claydon Greener Grid Park

Latest news

5 MAR, 2025

You are invited to our Drop In Exhibition

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

Over 1,700 households and businesses will receive an invitation to our drop in exhibition.

We are looking forward to meeting the local community to present our proposals. The project team will be on hand to answer any questions and listen to your feedback. The in-person public exhibition will be held on:

Drop In Exhibition Details

Wednesday 19th March, 3pm - 8pm

East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall, Botyl Road, MK18 2LR

For those unable to attend the in-person event we encourage you to visit our online exhibition. All the information displayed at the in-person event will be available here from 19 March 2025.

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11 FEB, 2025

Save the Date – Drop In Exhibition

The project team will be at the East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall on Wednesday 19 March between 3pm – 8pm.

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30 AUG, 2024

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request submitted

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HOME EAST CLAYDON GREENER ... > LOCAL SUPPLIERS

Local Suppliers

The construction phase is one way we can create economic benefits through inward investment, and many local companies who may not have worked on a Greener Grid Park project before would be suited to get involved in their local supply chain.

Supplier story and case study

Statkraft is committed to giving back to the local community both through community funds and through working with local suppliers. The relationships we forge with local suppliers help our projects to become successes and provide valuable investment in the local area.



Building Strong Relationships with local suppliers: Blargoans Limited

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[Read the story](#) →



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- > [Does Statkraft have any other projects like this?](#)
- > [How long will it take to build from start to finish?](#)
- > [How can I stay updated?](#)

Benefits

- > [Will residents benefit from this installation and if so, how?](#)
- > [If consented, will there be opportunities for local businesses to get involved in the project?](#)

Can't find your question?

Submit your question about the project here, and we will answer it to the email you provide as soon as we can. If it is urgent, please make a call to our development team.

Name

Name *

Write your name here

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HOME EAST CLAYDON GREENER ... > GET IN TOUCH

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.

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

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

- ☐ Yes, add my email to the mailing list. By submitting this form, I consent to the processing of my e-mail address by Statkraft AS, for the purpose of sending me information on the project in question.
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Request a call back from our development team. You will be contacted as soon as possible. If you prefer to call someone, phone us on 0800 772 0668.

Type your name here *

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East Claydon Greener Grid Park Drop In Exhibition

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You are invited to meet the project team to find out more about the technology, review our plans, ask questions and provide feedback.

You can get involved by:



**Drop In Exhibition:
East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall
Wednesday 19th March 3pm - 8pm**



Information displayed at the drop in exhibition will be displayed on the project website

Thank you and we hope you can attend the exhibition.

Find out more at  www.statkraft.co.uk/east-claydon


Appendix 11 – Bucks Radio advertisement

Statkraft invite local residents to our public exhibition on proposals for a Greener Grid Park near East Claydon.

This innovative project will help achieve a renewables-ready electricity network. Find out more at the exhibition at East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March between 3pm and 8pm.

Or, visit the website at Statkraft dot co dot uk forward slash East hyphen Claydon.

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On Air Now

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Exhibition for Greener Grid Park in North Bucks

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It's a chance to find out more about the proposed project that aims to achieve a renewables-ready electricity network on land near East Claydon Substation.


The exhibition is taking place at East and Botolph Claydon Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March from 3pm – 8pm.


Statkraft, the company behind the project, say "Greener Grid Parks, including the one proposed at East Claydon will help achieve a renewables-ready network. As renewable energy generation increases across Great Britain, new ways to maintain system stability are required".

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Appendix 12 – Exhibition banners



Welcome

Our team are here to discuss our plans, listen to your views and outline the next steps of our proposal for East Claydon Greener Grid Park.

About Statkraft

- The largest generator of renewable energy in Europe
- Operating in the UK since 2006 with offices across the UK
- Origins in Norwegian hydropower over 125 years ago
- Distributed over £4.5million to support local communities near renewable energy projects



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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.

They are not a wind farm or solar farm, but include equipment to import, store and export energy for use at a later date.

At East Claydon Greener Grid Park, this will be delivered using two types of technology.

Battery Energy Storage System, or BESS



Batteries capture energy and store it for use later to keep supply and demand balanced.

This is an innovative way we can provide stability to the grid. BESS increases the amount of renewable energy consumers can utilise by storing it when demand is low and releasing it when needed the most.

Synchronous Compensators



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

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