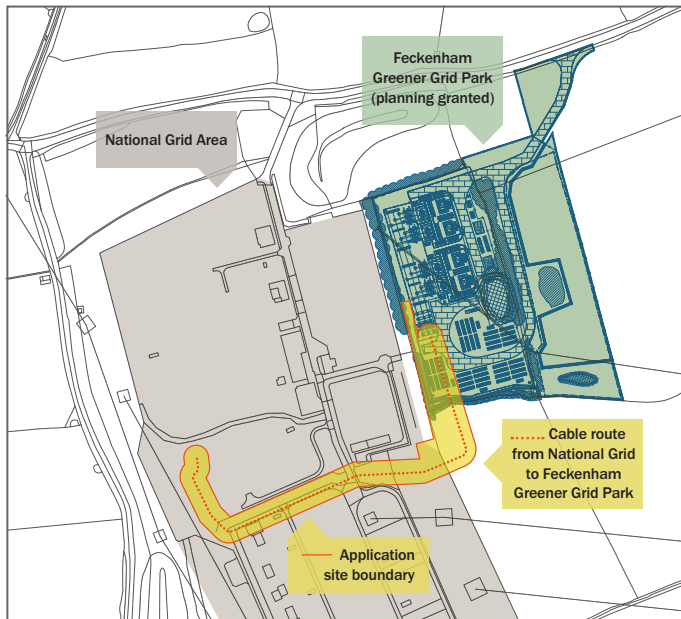


Feckenham Greener Grid Park – Application reference 24/00387/FUL

Recommended for approval.

This planning application is for a cable route connecting Feckenham Greener Grid Park to National Grid's Substation at Feckenham. The cable route is essential in facilitating the consented Greener Grid Park.



Underground Cable Route - 410m

This cable route application is associated with Feckenham Greener Grid Park which was consented by Redditch Borough Council in January 2022. Greener Grid Parks have an important role to play in meeting local and national decarbonisation targets, including the Government's target of reaching a Net Zero grid by 2030.

Why Feckenham Greener Grid Park:

The cable route application will ensure the project can provide the storage and stability services required.

Our proposals for the cable route have been prepared to ensure the benefits of Feckenham Greener Grid Park can be delivered, while ensuring a sensitive design that includes:

- The connection will be **routed underground** to ensure minimal impact on surrounding views and the local environment.
- The route we have selected will have **minimal impact on flooding and ecology**.
- We will **use the access secured in the application** for the Greener Grid Park, meaning we do not have to create a new access point for construction.
- During construction the application would **provide economic benefits to the local area** including jobs in the construction industry and supply chain.
- Located next to the substation, the scheme **avoids lengthy transmission cables**, ensuring an efficient connection to the grid whilst **minimising disturbance and maximising grid stability**.

As Great Britain generates increasing amounts of electricity from renewable sources, Statkraft's Greener Grid Parks are an essential component of a successful transition to a Net Zero energy system.

Greener Grid Parks are facilities comprised of zero carbon technologies which stabilise the grid, allowing more renewable energy to be transmitted through the network. Keeping the grid stable means ensuring the amount of electricity flowing through the grid always remains level.

They are not a wind farm or solar farm, but are a collection of buildings which look similar to warehouses and shipping containers.

Local benefits

INVESTMENT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY:

If the project is consented it would generate a **community benefit fund of £20,000 per year**, supporting low-carbon community projects throughout the development's lifespan, beginning at construction.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE INVESTMENT IN THE AREA:

We work with local business groups to increase awareness of opportunities to get involved in the construction and operation of our projects.

About Statkraft

Statkraft is at the heart of the UK's energy transition. Since 2006, Statkraft has gone from strength to strength in the UK, building experience across wind, solar, hydro, storage, grid stability, EV charging and green hydrogen.

We've invested over £1.4 billion in the UK's renewable energy infrastructure. Across our UK businesses we employ nearly 500 staff in England, Scotland and Wales.

Officers Report

“ Government has published a number of reports and findings which support the need for such energy infrastructure. The application is for an essential element to the approved development.

Officers report - p.6

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“ When in operation the connection would not be visible, this in view of the cable being underground. ... It there follows that there would be no long term landscape impacts associated with the proposal.

Officers report - p.6

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“ It is not the purpose of this application to reassess the merits of ...the consented... proposal, nor is it to assess the merits of the other planning application currently being considered by Redditch Borough Council...

Officers report - p.8

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“ The Applicant has taken measures to ensure that the impact of the cabling route would be minimised.

Officer's report - p.14

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