

East Claydon Greener Grid Park

Consultation Feedback summary

19 March – 04 April 2025

Overview:

- Statkraft hosted a drop in exhibition on 19 March 2025 to present our plans for East Claydon Greener Grid Park.
- The event was attended by 77 people, providing an opportunity for our team to answer questions and receive feedback.
- A total of 25 reply cards were received. These provided residents the opportunity to provide their views on the proposals with a space for comments and the option to receive project updates.
- The overall sentiment of feedback was mixed, with several respondents expressing support for the principle of development but noting concerns about specific elements of the proposal.
- Of the 25 forms completed, three were explicitly supportive, six were mixed and eight were explicitly negative. The remaining forms only provided contact details.
- Comments were received on a variety of topics including questions about the impact of cumulative development, BESS safety, noise, traffic, impact on property prices, general support for renewable energy and general positive comments on the quality of the consultation event.



Advertising the Exhibition

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| - Mailing 1717 homes closest to the site | - Bucks Radio Advert |
| - Claydons Parish Magazine Advert | - Ward and Parish Councils and MP letters |
| - Newspaper Advert in Bucks Herald | - Dedicated project website |

Feedback:

The most commonly asked questions and comments have been split into themes below. We have provided some examples of the comments we received on each of the themes for context.

Positive comments

“it’s the future, bring it on”

“exhibition and explanations were excellent”

Cumulative development

“helpful people but we are all so fed up of all proposals around us that feel unnecessary and over the top.”

“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 accommodated just encourages more applications. I think this project is probably needed and must go somewhere but with as much mitigation as possible.”

Our response:

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.

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.

Safety

“ Safety. Fire risks do not believe the fire chief”

“We are worried about the industrialisation of the countryside and fire risks so near to villages.”

Our response:

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 the 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.

We are 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. More information on our approach to BESS safety is available [here](#).

Noise

"It would be very helpful to have further information and examples of the noise impact from the site. Also for the noise assessment to be explained in more day to day terms and examples. For example, some local groups visited a current site and shared videos on site which had huge background noise at a far smaller scale than this site. They did not have examples at different distances from the site and something like this would increase understanding of actual vs perceived impact."

"What will the db level be? Good consult."

Our response:

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 and the development will not exceed noise limits set by the Council. Noise attenuation features will also be integrated into the design of the site, including housing the synchronous compensators in noise attenuating buildings.

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 in the design of the project.

Traffic

"I have been reassured by Seb Woodward that transportation will be reasonable (?) I have been concerned about heavy lorries driving along unsuitable roads"

"Concern about HGV access off A413 through Winslow, potential damage to listed buildings in conservation area from vibration and road loading. BUT generally in favour of the project!"

Our response:

Comments received during the public consultation have been taken on board in the preparation of the Construction and Transport Management Plan (CTMP) which has been submitted as part of our planning application and includes a detailed assessment of the proposed construction routes.

Should the project gain consent, a final detailed version of the CTMP will be prepared in consultation with Buckinghamshire Council once a contractor has been formally appointed and will be secured by a planning condition.

Statkraft seeks to establish a Community Liaison Group (CLG) to facilitate dialogue between communities and the Project Team during 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.

Statkraft are committed to being a good neighbour and will ensure team members and sub-contractors follow approved plans.

Community Benefit

“Is there a benefit to the community?”

Our response:

Should we get consent, East Claydon Greener Gird Park will include a Community Benefit Fund, delivering £20,000 each year. This Fund will support local green and environmental initiatives for the start of construction and continue for the life of the Greener Grid Park. We also encourage local suppliers to get involved in the construction of our projects.

Next steps and thank you

Statkraft is grateful for the comments received from the community to date. We are committed to listening and responding to the concerns of the local community. A full summary of the consultation, including all written feedback has been published alongside the planning application.

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