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Dear Ms Firth,

I am writing to introduce Statkraft and inform you of our emerging plans for a new Greener Grid Park near East Claydon substation, located in the East Claydon parish boundary. As a neighbouring parish to our proposed site, this is to inform you 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 also notified the constituency MP, local councillors, parish councillors and the nearest neighbours to the proposed site.

About Statkraft

Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy, with origins going back almost 130 years. We now have 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

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

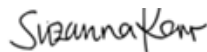
We will be engaging with local stakeholders to discuss our proposed engagement plans and receive feedback to ensure it is appropriate. We plan to commence the public engagement in the Autumn, after we have received some feedback on the Scoping request. This engagement will provide the opportunity for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

If you require any further information, please contact us at ukprojects@statkraft.com

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Greener Grid Parks



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