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**Plans for Teesside energy storage scheme to go on display.**

- **NatPower will shortly be consulting on plans for a new 1GW battery energy storage system (BESS) on the Teesworks site ahead of submitting a full planning application to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.**
- **A public exhibition for the Teesside Gigapark will take place at the St Hildas Church, Roseberry Road (TS10 4AW) on Wednesday 26th June (2pm-7.30pm).**

NatPower, one of the UK's leading developers of clean energy generation and distribution, is seeking community feedback on its plans to build a new BESS in Redcar.

The proposed Teesside Gigapark will be constructed on a 50-acre section of the 4500-acre Teesworks site on a parcel of land known as Long Acres.

Battery storage is crucial to guaranteeing a secure, affordable and clean energy supply for the UK in the future. As more electricity generated from renewables comes onto the grid, batteries are needed to store electricity for use during times of peak demand, or when renewable electricity does not meet demand. This will ensure grid resilience as renewable generation becomes more prominent as part of the UK's energy mix.

As well as the detailed plans for the BESS proposal, NatPower will be sharing details of its Community Energy Transition Foundation, which will support communities to become the most sustainable in the UK. Should the project go ahead, the Foundation will invest in local initiatives that support the transition to net zero, ensuring local benefits from the delivery of national infrastructure.

Following the consultation, NatPower will consider all the feedback received before submitting a full planning application to Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council who will also undertake their own consultation of the proposals before determination.

John Sturman, Managing Director at NatPower, said:

*"We are very much looking forward to meeting with the local community in Redcar and talking them through our exciting plans as part of the Teesworks site.*

*The NatPower team will be on hand to answer questions and explain the essential role that battery storage will play in clean energy delivery. We will also be discussing our Community Energy Transition Foundation, through which we plan to invest in local initiatives that drive sustainable living. Our ambition is to leave a positive legacy, investing locally while we deliver nationally.*

*I would encourage everyone to come along and have their say. We're particularly keen to hear about what the community needs to become more sustainable and how we could help.*

*We look forward to speaking with residents, local groups and councillors as we develop our proposals further."*

Local residents are invited to the public event which will take place at the St Hildas Church, Roseberry Road, Redcar TS10 4AW on Wednesday 26th June (2pm-7.30pm).

For more information, visit the website [natpower.uk/project/Teesside](http://natpower.uk/project/Teesside) or contact the project team on 0204 599 7991 or email [teesside.bess@natpower.uk](mailto:teesside.bess@natpower.uk).

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## **NOTES**

1. NatPower has the largest energy transition development programme in the UK, aiming at integrating large scale smart clean energy generation and distribution with large scale intermittent clean energy demand.
2. We are part of the NatPower Group, an independent, well-capitalised energy enabler, with 25 years' experience and 30GW of assets developed across 20 countries and six continents.
3. Battery storage plays a critical role in supporting the transition to net zero, given that renewables do not generate energy consistently. Using batteries, we can store electricity at times of high production, and release it to the grid at times of peak demand.
4. NatPower uses lithium-Ion batteries – a tried and tested technology that is commonly used in our day-to-day lives, such as in smartphones.
5. All of our BESS projects are designed to be safe and to avoid impacts on our neighbours. To understand potential impacts, we carry out assessments during the planning phase. These inform the measures we build into our proposals – including using landscaping to screen homes from noise or views of the BESS.
6. Our Community Energy Transition Foundation invests in local communities to help them become more sustainable. Through funding local projects, we aim to leave a positive legacy locally as we support the national transition to net zero.