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Leith Energy Storage - Community Information Notice

This is a Community Information Notice regarding the Leith Energy Storage project proposed by NatPower UK on land north-east of Plumpton, Cumbria.

The project includes a 1GW long-duration Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Transmission Substation along with an estimated 60 acres of land safeguarded for grassland and native woodland planting to achieve a significant and measurable on-site biodiversity net gain in habitat units. The estimated construction period is 12-24 months, followed by a 40-year operational period after which time the BESS would be decommissioned and the land restored. The exact details of the scheme and the projected timescales are not yet confirmed but will be included in a future planning application.

We recognise that early awareness is important, and this notice is intended to ensure that the local community is informed at the outset of the planning process. To find out more about NatPower UK and the wider benefits of BESS, please visit our website at natpower.uk

Current stage of the project

The project is currently at the design stage, and we have submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion Request to Westmorland and Furness Council (WFC). This is a normal and established part of the planning process which helps ensure that all relevant environmental topics are appropriately assessed within the Environmental Statement before it is submitted to WFC for consideration as part of a future planning application. The Scoping Opinion Request and associated documents will be made available for public viewing on the WFC website at planningregister.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

At this stage it is important to clarify, there is no planning application to comment on, no final design has been fixed, and no planning decision is being made. WFC are required to issue their Scoping Opinion within 5 weeks, unless otherwise agreed.

Future community engagement

We are committed to delivering meaningful and proportionate community engagement throughout the development process. Further community engagement will be undertaken prior to submission of the planning application to ensure people are informed and have an opportunity to provide feedback on our proposals before they are finalised for submission to WFC. Full details of community engagement events will be publicised in due course and will be detailed on our project website at natpower.uk/project/leith/

A planning application is expected to be submitted to WFC by the end of 2026. There will be a formal statutory consultation period where all members of the public will have the opportunity to review the planning application and submit public comments directly to WFC for their consideration.

Early site surveys and works

Early survey activity has taken place around the site with more planned over the coming months. This includes ecology surveys, noise monitoring, ground investigations and environmental baseline studies which are undertaken to inform various technical assessments. These works are standard during the design stage of development and do not constitute construction activity. Our appointed consultants are committed to ensuring all scheduled activities are undertaken with minimal disruption to local people.

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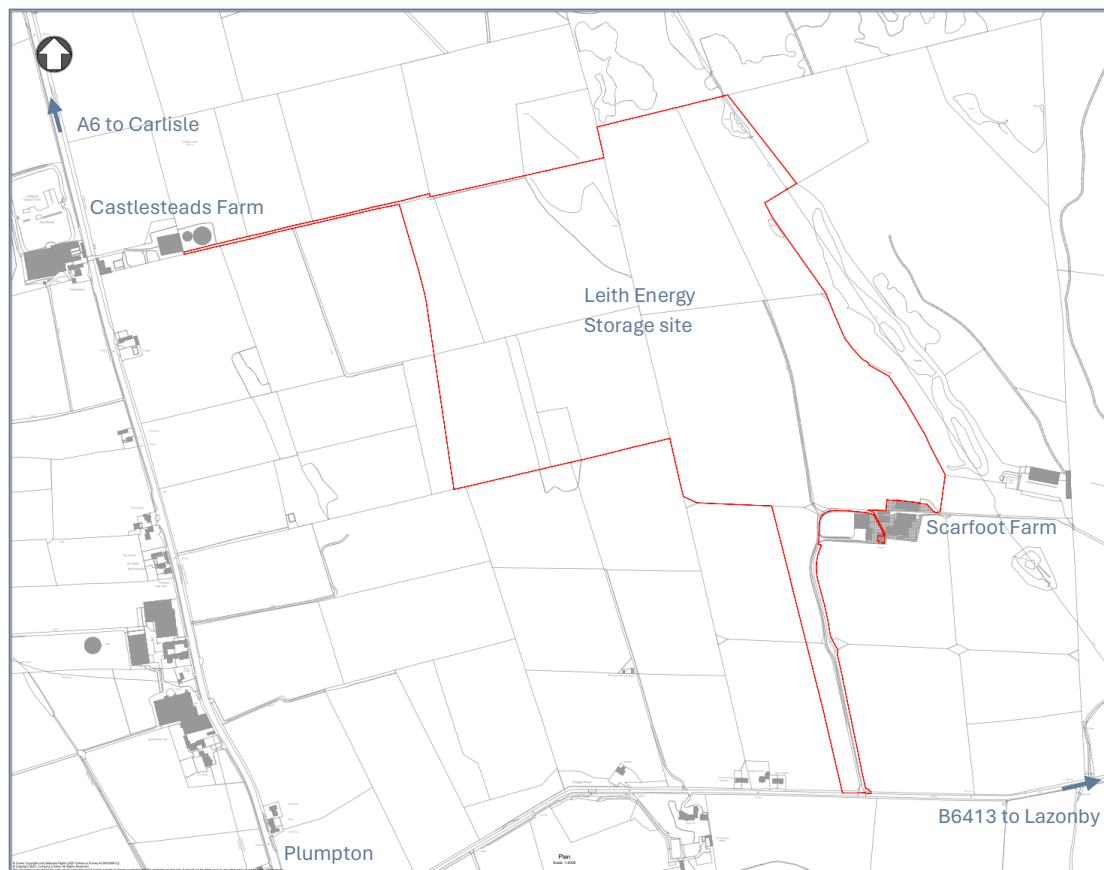
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Community benefit and Evogea

As part of our wider commitment to delivering long term local benefit, the project will voluntarily contribute up to £2 million per year to Evogea, our associated Community Foundation. Evogea is a charitable initiative which supports community led environmental and sustainability projects. Further information about Evogea is available online at: evogea.foundation

Location and Site Boundary



Note: The proposed development site boundary is shown in red.

Talk to the Project Team

To contact our Project Team directly, please email us at leith.bess@natpower.uk - You can also write to us at NatPower UK - Development, Level 8, Lily House, 13 Hanover Square, London W1S 1HN or contact our office by phone on 020 4568 1657.

Please quote '**Leith Energy Storage**' in all communications so we can deal with your enquiry promptly.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read this notice. We appreciate the importance of early engagement and will continue to keep local people informed as the project progresses. You can find the latest updates on our project website at natpower.uk/project/leith/

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