Kirknewton Solar and BESS Farm

Presentation to Community Council
14 October 2025









Agenda

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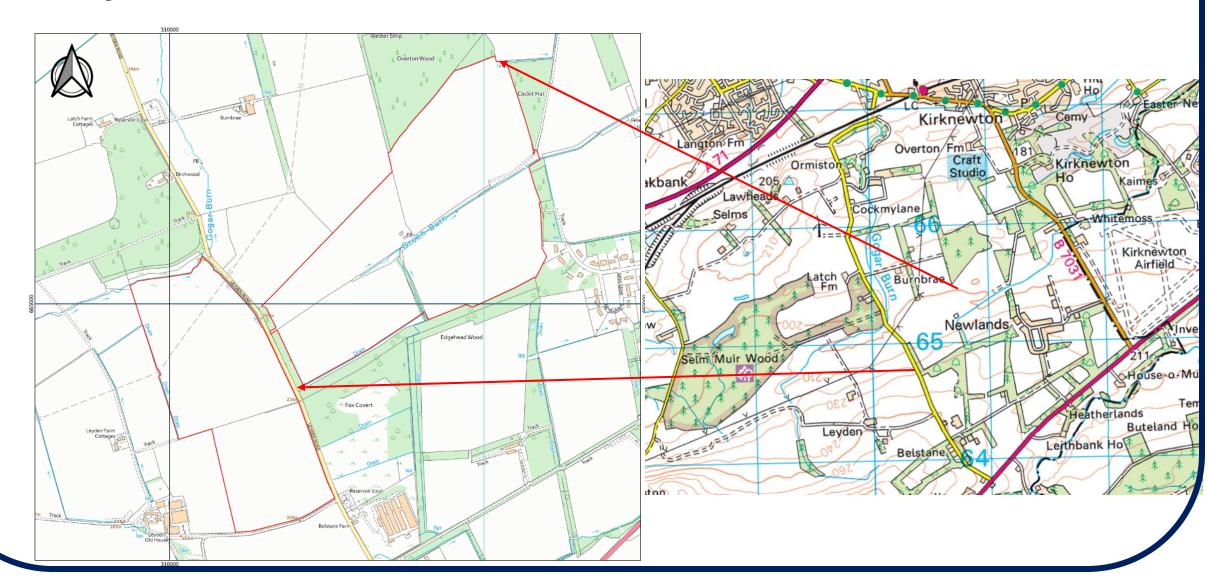
Project Information

- 40MW Solar, 9MW Battery grid connection to Currie GSP
- c51k MWh generation or c51m units of electricity each year (equivalent to annual electricity needs of 18,888 houses-Livingston-19,000 in 2022 Census)
- Current design based on 760w panels and 2MWh battery
- Application will go to the West Lothian Council as under 50MW
- WLC has requested EIA (c 2week delay)





Project Location







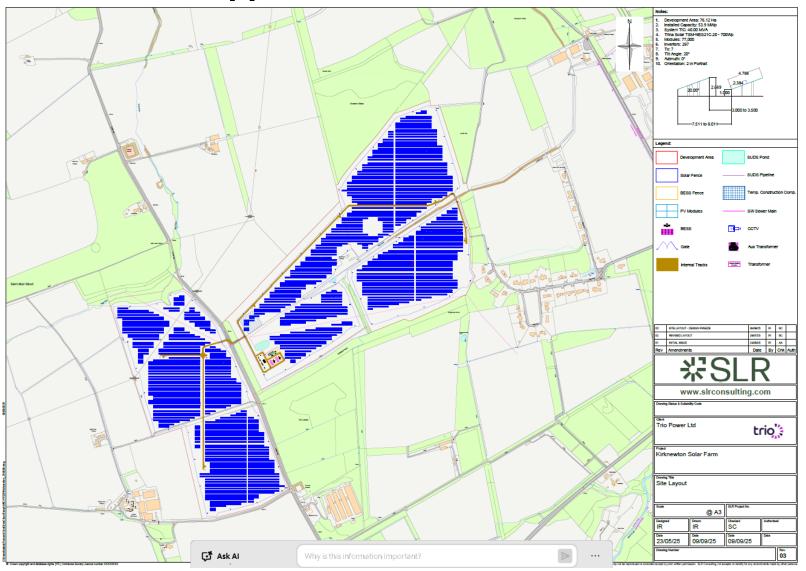
Starting Project Design







Updated Design







Updated layout

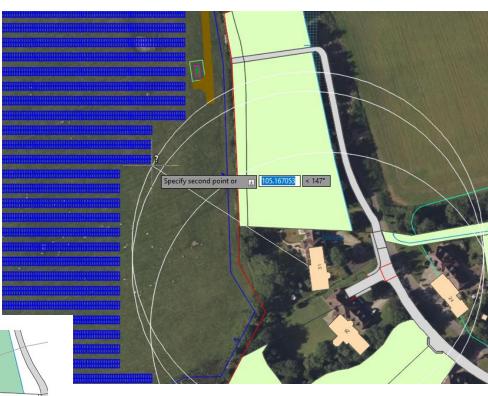
- 10m Stand Off from Scottish Water main
- Moved Bess slightly North to allow 50m buffer from watercourse
- Increased buffer between panels and Newlands properties
- New hedgerows and trees in North & West
- Amended fence line on East to ensure space for walking route





Buffers from Newlands

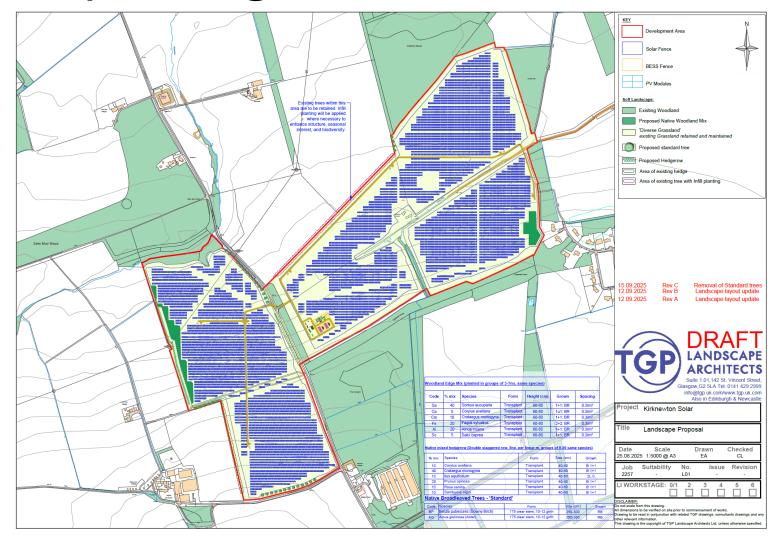








Landscape Mitigation Plan







Community Engagement

- Feedback so far
 - 1st Exhibition
 - 40 attended & registered (186 invited by post)
 - 5 feedback forms returned
 - 4 emails received (including 1 from MSP). All replied to. One wanting to lodge objection- Newlands resident
 - On-line presentation 10 registered and joined

Exh. 1 Feedback Question	Do you support use of Renewable Energy in Scotland?	Are you supportive of our proposal for the Kirknewton Solar & BESS in principle?
	Yes - 5	Very Supportive - 3
	No - 0	Supportive - 1
	Neutral - 0	Neutral - 1
		Opposed -0
		Very Opposed -0





Community Engagement

- Feedback so far
 - 2nd Exhibition
 - 34 attended & registered (186 invited by post)
 - 5 feedback forms returned
 - 1 emails received & replied to.
 - On-line presentation 7 registered
 3 attended

Exh. 2 Feedback Question	Do you support use of Renewable Energy in Scotland?	Are you supportive of our proposal for the Kirknewton Solar & BESS in principle?
	Yes - 4	Very Supportive - 0
	No - 0	Supportive - 4
	Neutral - 1	Neutral - 1
		Opposed- 0
		Very Opposed -0





Next Steps

- Report back to Community Council
- Submit Planning Application end Oct/ early Nov 2025
- Grid Reform feedback Q1 2026
- 2029 Construction starts
- 2030 Current Grid connection date





Questions & Answers





Thank you

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