

Lightsource bp to hold community consultation event for new Sheepfold energy storage project proposal

Lightsource bp will be outlining their proposal to fund and develop a 150MW/600 MWh (4-hour duration) energy storage project connected into the local electricity network on 49 acres of land adjacent at land south of Lauder and west of Blainslie. Plans will be shared at two consultation events on Thursday 7th August and Tuesday 16th Sept. The project will facilitate the integration of renewable energy into the grid, helping to support low-cost electricity and the enhanced reliability of the electricity grid.

Lightsource bp is inviting residents from the surrounding area to attend the consultation events, where further detail will be made available on the proposals. The consultation events will be held on Thursday 7th August at Blainslie Village Hall and Tuesday 16th Sept at Lauder Public Hall, and residents are invited to drop in at any time between 2pm and 8pm. The Lightsource bp team will be on hand to discuss the planning proposal and gather feedback from the local community.

The proposed energy storage project will consist of approximately 68 battery containers, with a 40-year operational life. This project is a key facet of Lightsource bp's mission to rapidly accelerate the transition to a low carbon future.

As well as generating clean energy, Lightsource bp energy storage projects are designed so that they also act as a haven for local wildlife. A bespoke Biodiversity Management Plan will be developed in conjunction with the planning application, and this will ensure that the plan enhances the site as much as possible for local wildlife. As part of this initiative, our planting, seeding and habitat creation plans will focus on native species. Lightsource bp is also eager to hear from wildlife enthusiasts and local schools who may be interested in playing a role in the ongoing monitoring of wildlife on the site, as part of the company's drive to contribute positively to all the communities hosting its projects.

The proposed fields have been chosen for proximity to a local grid connection, and because they are well-screened by local topography which would limit any surrounding views of the energy storage project.

Aidan Collins, Head of Environmental Planning UK & Ireland, Lightsource bp said:

Energy storage projects are a vital part of transitioning to a low-carbon electricity network, allowing us to balance the grid and increase the amount of locally-generated renewable energy used across the UK. This contributes positively to energy security and lower electricity prices, making energy storage projects an important part of meeting the global rise in energy demand efficiently and more sustainably, which is a core aspect of Lightsource bp's sustainability mission.

We want to ensure that local communities in and around the proposed location have all the information they need about this project. We're holding these consultation events to speak to elected representatives, local businesses and residents of the local community, and to gather feedback. This event is also a great way for the community to ask any questions they may have about the project or energy storage in general."

Residents can obtain further information on the project, at any time, by getting in touch with the Lightsource bp team via info@lightsourcebp.com quoting 'Sheepfold'.

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