

Econergy International Ltd. is issuing this newsletter to you to explain how we intend to consult and take your feedback into account on our proposals for EcoPower Suffolk.

Econergy is an international independent power producer of renewable energy projects, operating across six different countries in Europe, including the UK.

We are proposing to deliver a solar farm and BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) with an anticipated capacity of around **250 megawatts (MW)** that would generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power approximately **75,000 homes annually**.

This includes the construction, operation and decommissioning of a solar PV electricity generating facility with associated infrastructure including co-located BESS. The main sites comprising the energy farm will be connected by underground cables, with the project also including a connection that will run via underground cable to the point of connection at the Yaxley 400kV National Grid substation.

We are in the early stages of developing this new Project situated on 600 hectares of land located near the Yaxley substation, with main development areas situated within a five-mile radius of the substation. The area closest to the substation is likely to include the BESS and associated infrastructure, meaning that **additional energy generated can be stored and released when needed**.

The planning process

Due to the size of the potential energy capacity proposed for EcoPower Suffolk, the Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). With an anticipated **capacity of around 250 megawatts (MW)**, it exceeds the 50 MW threshold to be classified as an NSIP. The consenting regime for NSIPs comes under the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”). The planning permission to construct, operate and decommission the Project requires EcoPower Suffolk to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

Unlike planning applications under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (“TCPA”), DCO applications must be submitted to the Secretary of State (“SoS”) through the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”). We are therefore required to apply for development consent to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the Act. The application would be examined by an independent Examining Authority appointed by PINS, who would then make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (“DESNZ”) makes the final decision on a DCO application.

The consultation process

We are committed to working with local communities as we develop our proposals for EcoPower Suffolk. As part of the public consultation and our commitment to conducting transparent and effective consultation with local communities, we are launching a **six-week non-statutory consultation from 10 March until 22 April 2025**. We are inviting local politicians, residents, and community organisations to participate and provide feedback. The feedback we receive during this early engagement will then inform the development of more detailed proposals. These will be published, and we will invite members of the public to comment during our public statutory consultation, expected to be in autumn 2025.





Our vision for EcoPower Suffolk


As we are still in the early stages of design, we are conducting surveys and technical assessments to determine the exact areas within the site that will be proposed for environmental mitigation, solar PV panels, BESS infrastructure, and associated development.


Our ambition is to support the UK's transition to decarbonised, low-cost renewable energy while leaving a positive legacy for the people of Suffolk and its natural environment.


Our proposals will:


 Contribute to energy security and help deliver the UK's 2050 net zero targets, providing enough secure, reliable, affordable, and home-grown energy to power 75,000 homes annually.


 Identify potential effects on environmental, ecological and heritage receptors, including versatile and high-quality land, local heritage sites, and the setting within the surrounding landscape - and the opportunities to best mitigate and reduce impacts.


 Deliver measurable and meaningful biodiversity net gain to make a positive contribution to the local environment and support wildlife, creating new habitats and enhancements to existing habitats where practicable.


 Be well designed, functional, adaptable, and resilient, with the flexibility to incorporate innovative technologies and respond to climate change.

 Provide additional benefits through consultation with local communities, minimise disruption to Public Rights of Way during all phases, and improve local walking routes and paths where possible.

 Maximise operational efficiency, ensuring consistent energy output and minimal losses through advanced, ethically sourced technologies and an optimised site layout.

 Deliver sustainable, reliable energy with minimal environmental impact, while remaining a temporary land use and fully reversible if necessary.

 Reduce potential environmental impacts and control any adverse effects during construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning.

 Be informed by, and considerate to, the emerging proposals of other nearby projects, appreciating the need for the collaborative consideration of likely impacts on local communities.

Who is Econergy?

Our aim is to develop, own and operate utility-scale renewable energy projects, driven by deep industry, regulatory and technology expertise at every critical stage from origination to supply.

We are powering future energy needs with world-leading renewable energy projects optimised to provide a consistent supply of sustainable energy and a positive environmental outcome. We have a current pipeline of projects under various stages of development across Europe, with an approximate generation capacity of 8 GW and storage capacity of 11 GWh.



Have your say

Your feedback is important to us and will be used to help us design, develop and refine our proposals. **Please note the feedback form will not be available until the 10 March.** You can share your feedback in the following ways:

- Visit our website to access the latest information, including all consultation documents, and complete our feedback form online at: www.ecopowersuffolk.com
- Attend one of our consultation events to meet the project team, learn about our plans, and complete a feedback form. Return the completed form to **FREEPOST ECOPOWER SUFFOLK.**
- Contact us via phone, post or email, to request a form or ask questions about the consultation. If you require materials in an alternative format (for example, large print or braille) please let us know.

Our public consultation events

We are holding a series of events as part of our non-statutory consultation where people can view and discuss our emerging proposals for the Project with members of the development team. We encourage anyone with an interest to attend these events. We are also holding a webinar for those unable to attend in person. Our events will be held at the following times and locations:

Public information events:

14 March 15:00 – 19:00	Brome and Oakley Village Hall, The Street, The Villages Brome, Eye, IP23 8AE
15 March 11:00 – 15:00	Gislingham Village Hall, Mill Street, Gislingham, IP23 8JX
20 March 15:00 – 19:00	Occold Village Hall, Eye, IP23 7PL

Virtual webinar:

17 March 18:00 – 19:00	Visit our website at www.ecopowersuffolk.com for details or contact us
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You can register for our webinars in advance by visiting our website at www.ecopowersuffolk.com or email us at contact@ecopowersuffolk.com.

Navigating our consultation documents

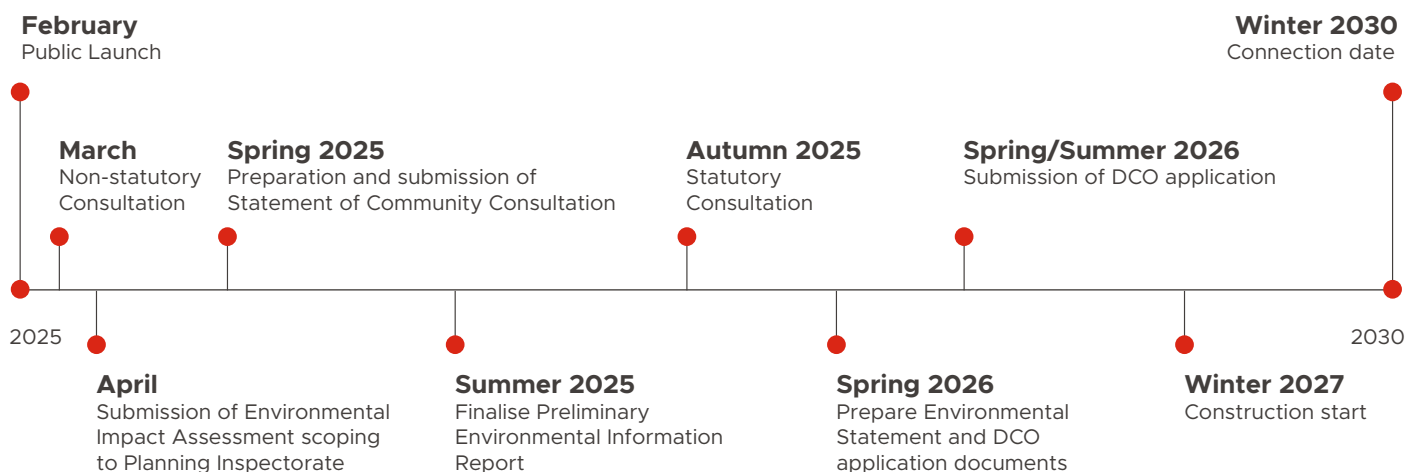
We are adhering to a consultation process that has been designed in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. To find out more and get support on how to provide feedback, we have prepared a range of documents and materials that explain our proposals in more detail. These documents will be available on our website during the non-statutory consultation period: www.ecopowersuffolk.com.

Document Glossary

Feedback form: By completing this questionnaire, your feedback will be reviewed. This can be completed on our website. You can also collect it from our events or by request over email, post or the phone.

Maps and plans: A series of maps and plans for the Project are also available on our website and at our consultation events.





Contact us

If you have any questions, comments, or would like to be kept up to date on the project, please contact our Community Relations team using the details below:

 contact@ecopowersuffolk.com

 0800 0129 164 (Freephone)

 EcoPower Suffolk (Freepost)

(Our phone lines are monitored 09:00 – 17:30 Monday to Friday, with an answerphone facility available outside of these hours).

Our communication lines will remain open during working hours (Monday–Friday 09:00–17:30) throughout the non-statutory consultation period, between **10 March and 22 April 2025**.

It is important to complete the feedback form before the deadline. **Please note that the feedback form will be available on the 10 March when our non-statutory consultation window opens.**

You can find the form and our other documents on our website: www.ecopowersuffolk.com.

Find out more about our Project here:

