



Innova successfully acquires planning permission for 940MW (1,880MWh) Heysham Energy Storage project in Lancashire.

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Following the successful planning application for their 400MW/800MWh Blackdyke Farm Energy Storage System (ESS) project in November, Innova are delighted to announce that planning permission was also granted for Heysham Energy Storage project on 28th November.

With a storage capacity of 1,880MWh, Heysham Energy Storage is a significant addition to Innova's growing portfolio of UK renewable energy generation and storage sites.

Lizzie Tearle, Senior Project Manager at Innova, said:

"As our second transmission consented ESS project in two months, achieving planning permission for Heysham Energy Storage represents another great stride forward in Innova's mission to deliver vital energy storage in strategic locations, whilst positively improving the environment."

"On behalf of Innova, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank officers of Lancaster City Council, the landowners, their representatives, and our planning consultants at Wardell Armstrong for their engagement with the team throughout the planning process."

Councillor Sandra Thornberry, Chair of Lancaster City Council's Planning Regulatory Committee, said:

"The decision to grant planning permission for this project was made in a positive and proactive way to encourage the delivery of sustainable development that will enhance the economic, social and environmental landscape of the area."

Once energised, the 940MW ESS site will store enough energy to power approximately 2,207,000 homes for a two-hour period. The site will include around 22 acres of landscaping and planting, delivering significant biodiversity net gain on site.

As a result, Heysham Energy Storage will not only contribute significantly to the UK's Net Zero strategy and energy availability to the National Grid, but it will also deliver a tangible and positive impact on the local environment.

As part of Innova's Community Promise, a local community benefit fund will be set up, totalling £47,000 a year for the project's 50-year lifetime. An additional £18,800 will also be donated to charitable causes every year for the lifetime of the project.

About Innova

Innova is a forward-thinking renewable energy business, employing over 120 people across two offices in London and Cheltenham. Innova's long-term mission is to create utility-scale renewable energy projects using multi-technologies that take large energy intensive users off-grid, positively improving the environment, and benefiting local businesses and communities.



Innova will achieve this mission by continuing to develop, build, and operate a range of innovative, environmentally sustainable, long-term renewable energy solutions. To date, Innova has over 60 DNO and Grid connected sites under development in the UK, with a combined solar and storage capacity in excess of 24GW.

Innova offer an integrated approach to renewable energy developments and operations, with a capability across the life cycle of any project. This includes planning, grid connections, project rights development, financing, construction and asset management, power purchase agreements, and long-term operations.

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