



## Innova welcomes planning consent for Blythe Solar Farm extension

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On 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council granted planning consent for an extension to Innova's solar and energy storage project, Blythe Solar Farm.

Blythe Solar Farm's initial consented application, encompassing 27.7MW solar PV and 30MW energy storage (ESS), [received unanimous planning approval on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023](#). Representatives from Moorlands Climate Action and neighbours of the site spoke in support of this project.

The additional solar array will elevate Blythe Solar Farm's capacity by 16.6MW, resulting in a total approved capacity of 44.3MWp of solar and 30MW of energy storage.

**Rob Parish, Senior Project Manager at Innova, said:**

*"We are pleased to announce that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council have approved the extension to Blythe Solar Farm.*

*"This scheme, which is on track for energisation in 2027, will produce enough energy to power over 11,000 homes and save approximately 9,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide being emitted each year. It will also make a significant contribution to Staffordshire Moorlands District Councils target to be carbon neutral by 2030.*

*"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nicola Jones, the in-house planning manager, for all her hard work and support on the scheme, Corylus Planning & Environment who were Innova's external planning consultant, and the Local Planning Authority and consultees for their engagement with us throughout the process."*

### 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 Transmission Grid connected sites under development in the UK, with a combined solar and storage capacity in excess of 18GW.



Innova offers an integrated approach to renewable energy developments and operations, with a capability across the full life cycle of a project. This includes securing planning consents, land options, and grid connections through to financing, procurement, and construction, and into long-term operations and asset management. Innova also actively looks to optimise revenue through Corporate Power Purchase Agreements, and Government sponsored pricing mechanisms.

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