

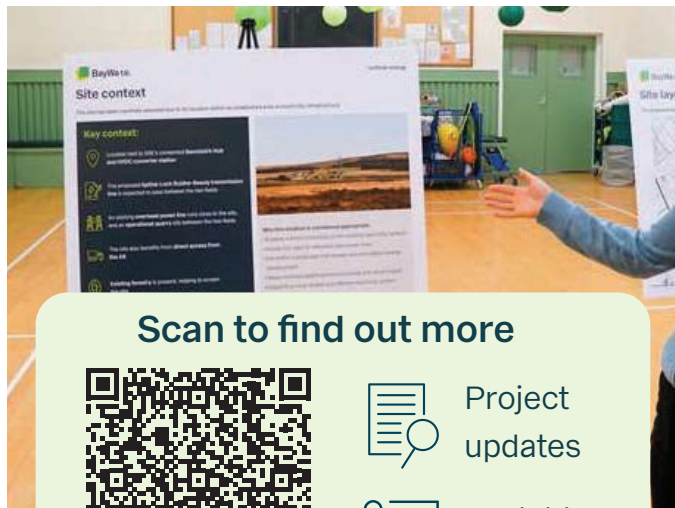


Clach Energy Storage Public Exhibitions

We would like to invite you to our public exhibitions for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), known as **Clach Energy Storage**, located between Halkirk and Watten, approximately 14km south of Thurso.

Since our first exhibitions in January 2026, we have **progressed environmental and technical assessments** and **reviewed community and stakeholder feedback**. This has helped shape the latest development of the project, which we are now pleased to share.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first exhibitions and shared their views. Your feedback has informed the project, and **we look forward to continuing the conversation.**



Scan to find out more



Project updates



Exhibition materials

Join our events

Where you can:

- View updated project plans
- See how the proposal has developed
- Meet the BayWa r.e. project team
- Ask questions and share your views
- Find out about next steps



Date: Tuesday, **23 June**

Time: 2pm – 7pm

Venue:

The Ross Institute,
Bridge Street, Halkirk,
KW12 6XY

Date: Wednesday, **24 June**

Time: 11am – 4pm

Venue:

Watten Hall, Watten,
Wick, KW1 5YL

About the project

Clach Energy Storage is designed to help manage electricity, **some of which will be** generated from renewable sources in the north of Scotland. With a grid connection capacity of 456 MW, the system will store surplus energy when generation is high and release it when demand increases.

This allows renewable energy that might otherwise be wasted to be stored and used when it is needed most, supporting a more stable and flexible electricity network.



- 19 hectares (47 acres)
- About the size of 28 football pitches
- Across two fields roughly 800m apart



Existing woodland helps screen the site and reduce visual impact, while nearby power infrastructure, an operational quarry, and direct access from the A9 minimise the need for new development.

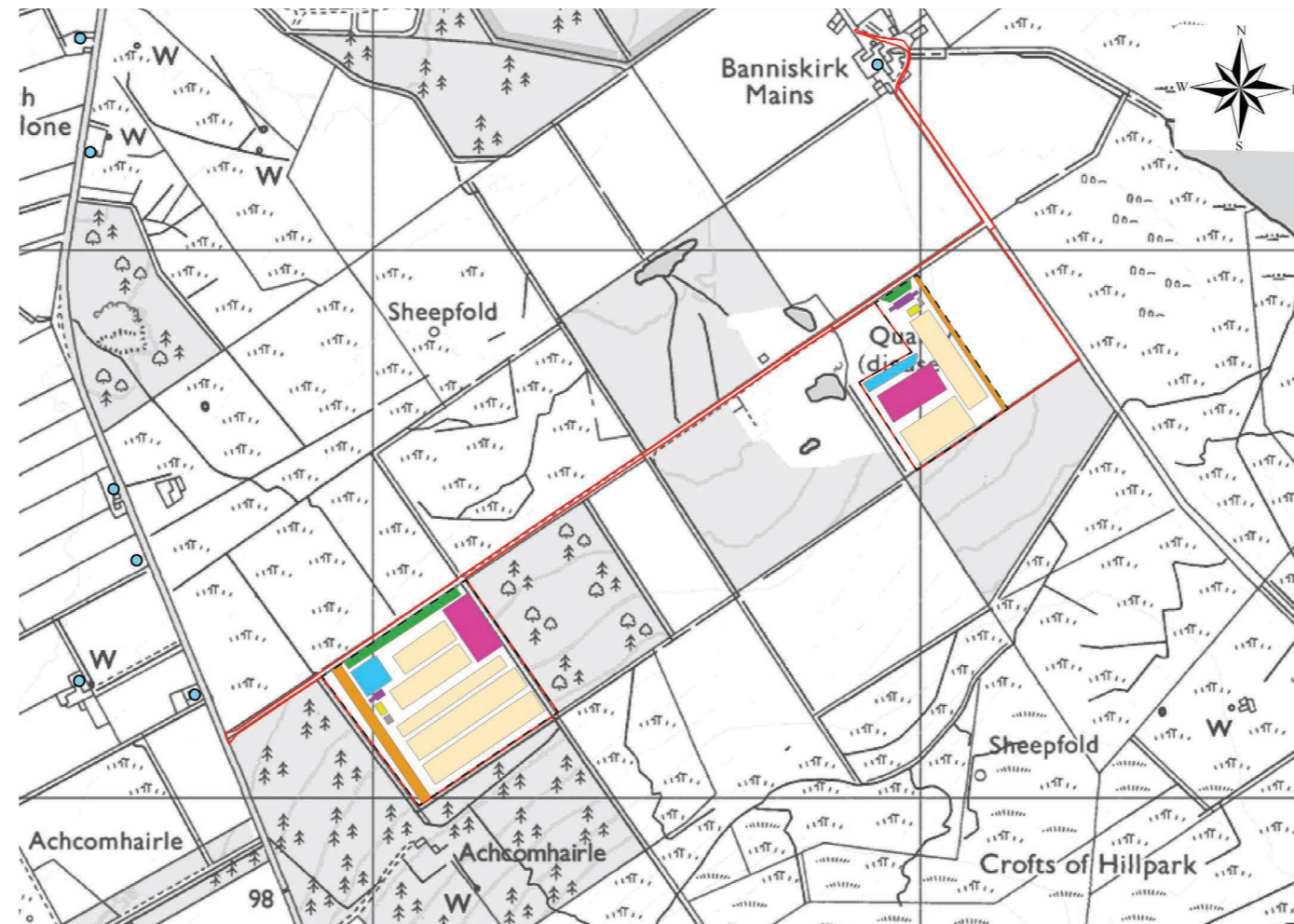


Adjacent to SSE's consented Banniskirk Hub and HVDC converter station, the site benefits from the proposed Spittal-Loch Buidhe-Beaully transmission line running between the two fields, enhancing efficiency.

Key

	Site Boundary
	Battery and Transformer Infrastructure
	Grid Metering Feed-In Station
	Fire Protection
	Water Attenuation Pond
	Landscaping Hedge
	Bund
	Office Container
	Car Park
	Fence and Gate
	Property

The site



Responding to feedback

Since the first round of consultation, we have reviewed feedback from the community and the ongoing environmental and technical assessments, In response we:



Noise

Reduced the number of battery and inverter units. Incorporated enhanced screening around the site - further reducing and mitigating any noise impacts



Roads

We will work to minimise impact of construction traffic, including working with the community to understand key crossing points, install safety measures and signage.



Safety

The project will be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with industry safety standards and regulatory requirements, with ongoing engagement to address any safety concerns.

Indicative timescales and next steps



June 2026

Final public consultation exhibitions and refining proposals



July 2026

Application submission



December 2026

Anticipated determination



2028

Anticipated construction

Powering opportunities locally

Creating long-term value for our communities and local businesses



For communities



Community Benefit

£50,000

per year
(index linked)



Local Priorities

Supporting community projects, services, education, training and more



We are keen to hear ideas on how this fund can best support the local area.

For local businesses



Clach BESS offers exciting opportunities for local businesses with the right skills and services, both during construction and operation.

BayWa r.e UK is committed to working with local companies wherever possible. At recent projects:

- ✓ 77% of civils contracts at Dalquhandy Wind Farm
- ✓ 80% at Broken Cross Wind Farm went to Scottish companies, many of them local



Join our Local Business Register to hear about upcoming opportunities: info@clach-bess.co.uk

Stay informed and involved

Our upcoming consultation events on the **23 and 24 June** will give you the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide valuable feedback. We look forward to seeing you there.

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