

#### Introduction

Elgin EsCo Ltd is seeking to develop a battery storage system at Pashley Farm, Ninfield Road, Ninfield, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 5JS. We are seeking your views on this proposal ahead of submitting a planning application to Wealden District Council. The red line on the map below indicates the site boundary.

# **Project overview**

The proposed site is at Pashley Farm, Ninfield Road, Ninfield, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 5JS. It is approximately 1.5 kilometers south of Ninfield. Access to the site will be via Ninfield Road (A269) on the north-east corner of the land holding where there is an existing access point with an agricultural gate.

The proposed project covers approximately 5.19 acres and will accommodate approximately 129.9 megawatts (MW) of battery storage standalone. A project lifetime of 50 years is proposed.



#### **Public Consultation**

Engaging with our host communities will be vital to the success of this carbon-saving facility. We would like to hear your views on this proposal and how it might benefit the wider environment and the local community.

A dedicated project website has been created to share information and to facilitate online feedback and comments via a digital version of the available questionnaire this will be live until the 8th November. This will help us understand your views on renewable energy and will give you a chance to suggest how the development can best be made to work for the good of the community.

Please visit http://SaverPashleyBESS.co.uk to learn more.

The online consultation will run until the 8th of November. Following this, we will review all comments and make any amendments deemed necessary before the application is formally submitted. Once the application has been submitted, there will be a further opportunity to comment on the scheme.

A face-to-face public consultation will be held on Tuesday the 29th of October 2024. It will be held at Ninfield Memorial Hall, Bexhill Rd, Ninfield, Battle TN33 9EE between 4pm-7pm, during which team members and project specialists will be available to discuss the project.

Please note that partaking in this process does not affect your statutory rights to make representations to Wealden District Council in respect of the planning application when submitted.

# Local engagement

Elgin EsCo Ltd is committed to the local communities in which we operate. We engage with communities on each project through a public consultation and try to identify local initiatives that we can support and proportionate measures we can implement for the overall benefit of the local community.

Local contractors and businesses will be engaged as far as possible during the construction phase. It is estimated that construction will take approximately 6 months. For the operational phase it is envisaged that local contractors and service providers will be engaged to maintain the battery storage system. If you would like to give us any proposal about a potential community benefit fund or enquire about providing services for this project, please answer to our survey on the project website or at the in person consultation.

# Pre-planning process

A number of assessments have been conducted to establish any potential affects of the proposed development on the site and surrounding lands. These reports include ecology, archaeology & cultural heritage, construction access & traffic and flood risk. In addition, a landscape and visual impact assessment has been undertaken to identify any impacts on nearby viewpoints. These viewpoints and the proposed site layout can be viewed on the project website.

Existing field boundaries, trees, and hedgerows will be retained. The provision of bird boxes, insect hotels, and wildflower meadows provide significant opportunities for biodiversity enhancements.





# **About Elgin Energy**

Elgin is a leading international solar company, bringing projects from origination through development to energisation. The company has a portfolio of projects in late-stage development totalling 15GW+ across five key markets: the UK, Australia, Ireland, Germany and Italy, with an unparalleled 98% success rate in gaining planning permission across all its markets.

Since being founded in 2009, Elgin has expanded internationally and has a team of over 115 professionals in its London, Dublin, Munich, Madrid and Sydney offices.

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