Innerwick Rural Community, East Lothian

Electrical Infrastructure Projects 2023 - 2027

Item	Project Name	Planning Authority: Scot Gov (SGC) Energy Consents Unit (ECU) East Lothian Council (ELC)	Sub-component	Application Ref
1	**Eastern Link**	East Lothian Council	New 400KV substation & associated works at Branxton	22/00003/PAN 23/00616/PM
		East Lothian Council	Converter Station at Oxwell Mains Landfill	22/00852/PPM
2	**Berwick Bank Wind Farm**	Scottish Government	Offshore	22/00005/SGC
		East Lothian Council	Onshore	23/00162/PPM
3	**Branxton Battery Storage Facility**	Section 36 of the 1989 Electricity Act Application via ECU	N/A	ECU00004659 23/00001/SGC
4	**NnG offshore wind farm and associated works (onshore elements)**	East Lothian Council	Onshore	
5	**Crystal Rig IV onshore Windfarm**	ECU		ECU00000607

5.1	**Crystal Rig: Proposed associated CR solar farm**	ECU		ECU00004759
6	**Capping off and restoration of Oxwellmains Landfill**	East Lothian Council	N/A	20/00627/PM
7	**North Belton Battery Energy Storage**	East Lothian Council	N/A	23/00004/PAN
8	**De-fuelling and decommissioning of Torness Power Station**			

Stages already completed?	Current Status	Next Stage
Planning Application Notice	Planning Permission in Principle (PPP) application submitted to ELC in June 2023. Application not yet validated by ELC	Planning Permission in Principle
Permission in Principle submitted 29/7/22 & validated 16/09/22 Approved 02/05/23	Planning Permission in Principle (PPP) granted by ELC in May 2023. Marine licence also granted by Scot Gov for marine cables	Approval of matters specified in the conditions of 22/00852/PPM is required, and it is anticipated that an application will be submitted to us in due course.
	Not known Application for Planning Permission in Principle (PPP) submitted April 2023, deadline for Representations closed May 23. No date for anticipated Determination Date advertised by ELC	
	4 month consultation period for ELC to submit comments to ECU ends 6th August 23. No advertised date for ECU determination but expected to be 2024. Grid connection is late 2027 so Construction, ECU Consent depending, could start early 2027 but not likely to be before this due to fixed grid connection date.	ECU Determination,
Consented	Construction of the 11 turbines that comprise this phase due to start either late 2023 or early 2024.	

Pre Application Scoping	Some consultation has taken place, including the April Community Council event in Innerwick Village Hall.	Formal planning application expected to be lodged with ECU in Dec 2023. Decision expected circa Dec 2024.

East Lothian Council Comments (26/05/2023)
It is understood that a detailed planning application will be submitted soon. Our target determination date will be 4 months after the application has been registered.
An application seeking planning permission in principle (Ref: 23/00162/PPM) was registered by us in March. Our target determination date is the 21 July 2023. Should consent be granted then approval of matters specified in the conditions of 23/00162/PPM would be required.
Public notices placed by developer between 29/11/22 & 8/12/22 inviting representations by the public before 20th Jan 2023. ECU consulting with East Lothian Council 6th April 2023. Response to Scottish Ministers within 4 months of consultation date. Public Consultation held 4/4/2023 Innerwick Village Hall
Planning permission has been granted and project is well underway. According to the NNG website, “full commissioning is expected to be completed in 2023”.
Phase IV has been consented by the Scottish Government, with the applicant proposing that construction traffic following the same route through East Lothian as traffic associated with the operational phases of Crystal Rig Wind Farm.

In March 2023 Fred Olsen submitted an EIA Scoping Report to the Scottish Government, which advised that they were intending to submit an application for a solar farm consisting of 25-30 panels:- Crystal Solar Scoping Report (REPORT - 1278745 - 1 - F) (1).PDF
Planning permission 20/00627/PM requires that the entire site be restored by September 2025, unless approval is otherwise given.
A Proposal of Application Notice (Ref: 23/00004/PAN) was submitted earlier this month. It indicates that a planning application is likely to be submitted following the 12 weeks of community pre-application consultation.
According to the EDF website, the end of generation is estimated in 2028.