

The Scottish Government
Energy Consents Unit
4th Floor
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Glasgow, G2 8LU

DATE
06 June 2025

SUBJECT
Springfield Solar Farm and BESS

REFERENCE
ECU00004815

Dear David King:

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 36 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND DIRECTION FOR DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 57 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE SPRINGFIELD SOLAR FARM INCLUDING BATTERY STORAGE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (ECU00004815)

Voltalia UK Ltd (company registration number 07489990, with its Registered Office at The Wheelhouse, Bond's Mill Estate, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, England, GL10 3RF) ('the Applicant') is pleased to submit an application to the Scottish Ministers via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit ('ECU') for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 and for deemed planning permission under Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to construct, install, operate and decommission a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) development with a generating capacity of up to approximately 165 Megawatts (MW), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with a capacity of up to approximately 80 MW, associated infrastructure, access, and landscaping for an operational period of up to 40 years ('the Proposed Development').

The Proposed Development is to be located approximately 7.8 km southeast of Dunbar (Central Grid Reference 74514 71531) ('the Site'). The Site lies wholly within the administrative area of the East Lothian Council ('the Council'). A map (Figure 1.1) showing the land to which the application relates is provided at the end of this letter.

Application Documents

This Section 36 Application is accompanied by the following documents:

- Environmental Impact Assessment Report ('EIA Report'):
 - Volume 1 – EIA Report Text;
 - Volume 2 – EIA Report Figures;
 - Volume 2 – Figures
 - Volume 3 – EIA Report Technical Appendices; and
 - Volume 4 – EIA Report Non-Technical Summary.
- Planning Statement;
- Pre-Application Consultation Report; and
- Planning Drawings (Included within EIA Report Volume 2):
 - Figure 1.1 – Site Location Plan;
 - Figure 3.1: Site Layout Plan;

- Figure 3.2: PV Structure Details;
- Figure 3.3. Central Inverter Details;
- Figure 3.4: Battery Container Details;
- Figure 3.5: Power Control System Details;
- Figure 3.6.MV Transformer Details;
- Figure 3.7: Customer Substation Details;
- Figure 3.8: 33 kV Customer Substation Details;
- Figure 3.9: 132 kV Customer Substation Details;
- Figure 3.10: O&M Building Details;
- Figure 3.11: Track Details;
- Figure 3.12: Fence Details;
- Figure 3.13: Security Fence Details;
- Figure 3.14: Acoustic Fencing Details;
- Figure 3.15: Gate Details; and
- Figure 3.16: CCTV Details.

Digital copies of the EIA Report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection, free of charge, in the following locations:

- Energy Consents Unit (ECU) Portal: [Scottish Government - Energy Consents Unit](#)
- Springfield Solar Farm project website: <https://springfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/>

Hard copies of the EIA Report and supporting documents will also be available for inspection, free of charge, at the following locations:

Dunbar Library

Bleachingfield Centre, Countess Road,
Dunbar, East Lothian, EH42 1DX

Opening Times:

Mon-Fri (excl. Wed): 9 am-5 pm

Wed: 10 am-5 pm

Sat: 10:00-13:00

Please note that the library is closed from
1pm-2pm

Oldhamstocks Village Hall

Oldhamstocks
TD13 5XN

Opening Times:

Times may vary, please check the online
hall diary: [Hall Bookings – Oldhamstocks
Community Association](#)

Materials will be displayed in the front
entrance of the village hall

Hard copies of the Non Technical Summary (NTS) can be provided for £10 per copy upon request, and the full EIA Report can be provided for £1,500 per hard copy. Electronic copies of the EIA report on a USB drive are available at a reasonable production cost. To request a copy of the application, please contact: springfieldsolarfarm@erm.com

Advertisement:

The Applicant has arranged for the public notice to be advertised providing notification of the submission of an application for consent in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990 and the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017.

Copies of the notices will be provided to the ECU and posted on the Applicant's website <https://springfieldsolarfarm.co.uk/> once advertised.

The newspaper adverts will be published in the following publications for two consecutive weeks:

- East Lothian Courier;
- The Scotsman; and
- Edinburgh Gazette.

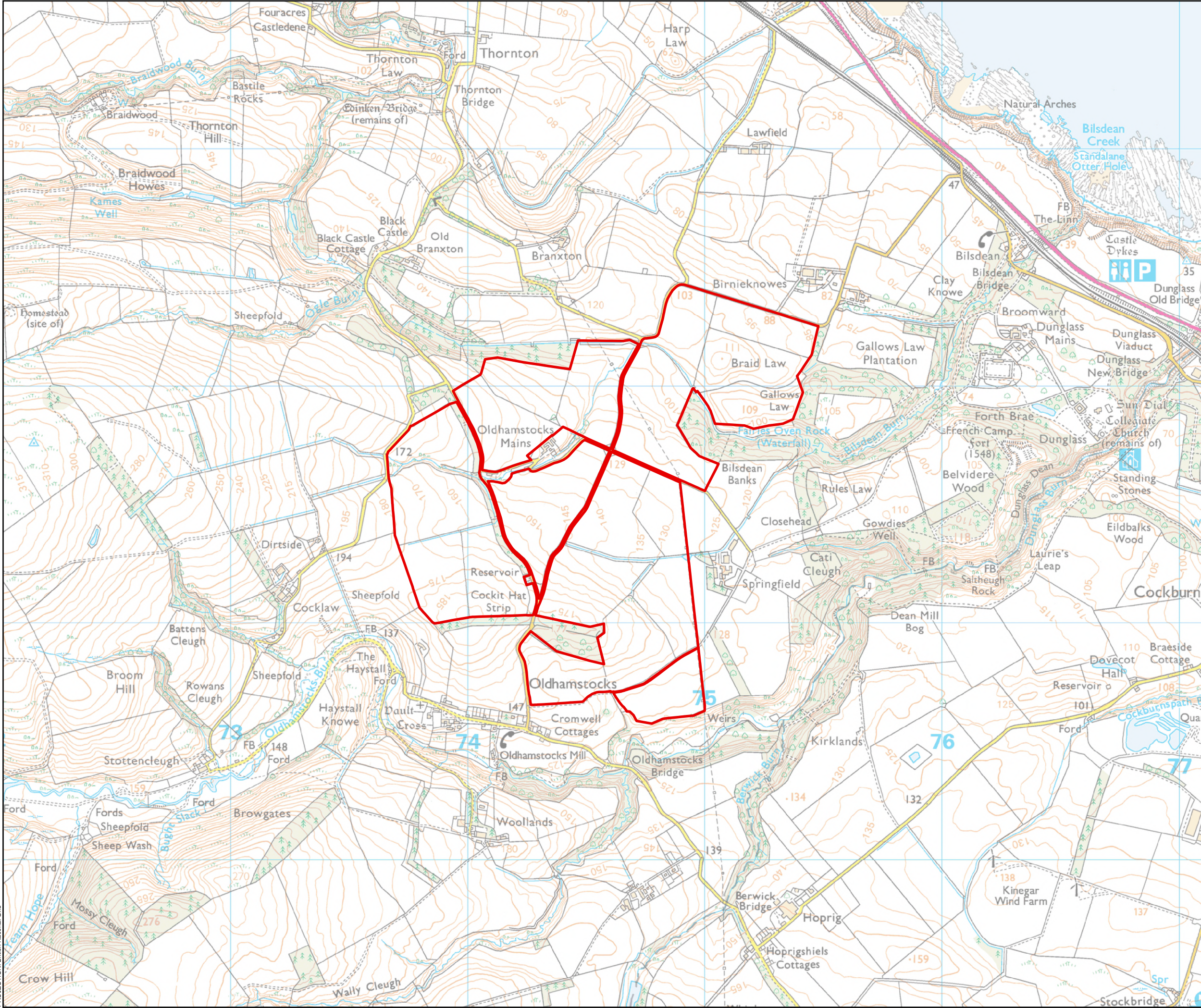
The close of consultation for the application will be noted in the advert.

I trust the information that we have provided is sufficient to enable you to commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any queries or require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Magnus Woods
Senior Consultant



Site Boundary



SCALE: See Scale Bar
SIZE: A3
PROJECT: 0733745
DATE: 28/02/2025

VERSION: A01
DRAWN: RW
CHECKED: MW
APPROVED: RO

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Figure 1.1
Site Location Plan

