

Old Rides Energy Storage



Have Your Say

You're invited to the Old Rides Energy Storage public event on **3rd April 2025**, where you can meet our team and find out more about our proposals.

What is proposed?

NatPower is working to create the next generation of energy transition projects by bringing forward plans for a new 1GW battery energy storage system (BESS) on land southeast of Eastchurch and south of Leysdown Road.

Battery storage is an important part of making sure our country has clean, secure and affordable energy as we begin to use more wind and solar power. These sources don't generate electricity consistently, but batteries allow us to store electricity and release it at times when it is most needed. That means homes and businesses can continue to be powered – even when the sun isn't shining, or the wind isn't blowing.

Where is it?

The proposal will include battery infrastructure on a 46-hectare site, located to the west of Old Rides Farm and immediately to

the south of Leysdown Road. The proposed site is located within the area shown by the red line in the map above.

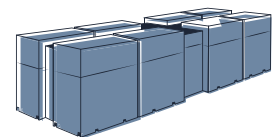
Who are we?

NatPower UK is part of the NatPower Group, an independent, well-capitalised energy enabler, with 25 years' experience and 30GW of assets developed across 20 countries and six continents.

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Battery Storage

All of our BESS projects are designed to the highest safety standards, utilising the proven lithium iron phosphate battery technology, known for its stability and reliability.

To understand potential impacts, we carry out assessments during the planning phase. These inform the measures we build into our proposals to minimise impacts on our neighbours – including using planting to screen homes from potential noise or views of the BESS.

We always work with the local Fire and Rescue service, local authority environmental health teams and other statutory bodies to confirm that our proposed designs meet the health and safety requirements set by local and national policy.



Enhancing the environment

The Old Rides Energy Storage project will boost biodiversity and enhance the local landscape by planting native trees and species-rich grasslands. Our tailored ecological plans, based on site surveys and expert guidance, ensure long-term environmental benefits for the local area.



Supporting Farming

By partnering with farmers, we provide stable income to help sustain local agriculture. This supports business diversification, investment, and opportunities like regenerative or vertical farming to improve land management.



Community Benefits

Through our Community Energy Transition Foundation we invest in local sustainability. If built, the project could contribute up to £1 million annually to community initiatives.

Find out more and share your views

We are consulting on our proposals from **3rd April to 18th April**. You can find out more by:



Visiting our website:
natpower.uk/project/old-rides/
We will publish our consultation materials on **3rd April**.



Visiting our public exhibition event held at the below date and time:

3rd April (1pm–8pm)

Eastchurch Village Hall, Warden Road
Eastchurch ME12 4EJ



Contacting us on our freephone number **0800 038 3486** or by emailing us at: **oldrides.bess@natpower.uk** to request a hard copy of the consultation information.



Completing the online questionnaire available through our project website: **natpower.uk/project/old-rides/** between **3rd April to 18th April**.



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