

The Scottish Government  
Energy Consents Unit  
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Glasgow, G2 8LU

**DATE**  
06 June 2025

**SUBJECT**  
Bowshiel Solar Farm and BESS

**REFERENCE**  
ECU00005085

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 BOWSHIEL SOLAR FARM INCLUDING BATTERY STORAGE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (ECU00005085)**

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 2.4 km south of Cockburnspath (Central Grid Reference 78702 67899) ('the Site'). The Site lies wholly within the administrative area of the Scottish Borders 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 ('EIAR'):
  - Volume 1 – EIAR Text;
  - Volume 2 – EIAR Figures;
  - Volume 3 – EIAR Technical Appendices; and
  - Volume 4 – EIAR Non-Technical Summary.
- Planning Statement;
- Pre-Application Consultation Report; and

- Planning Drawings (Included within EIAR 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 EIAR 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](#)
- Bowshiel Solar Farm and BESS project website: <https://bowshielsolarfarm.co.uk/>.

Digital copies of the EIAR 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: 10am-1pm

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

**Cockburnspath Village Hall**

Callander Place, Cockburnspath, TD13 5XY

## Opening Times:

There are no fixed opening times at this  
venue. To arrange to view the application,  
please contact: [enquiry@copathhall.org](mailto:enquiry@copathhall.org)

Hard copies of the Non-Technical Summary (NTS) can be provided for £10 per copy upon request, and the full EIAR can be provided for £1,500 per hard copy. Electronic copies of the EIAR on a USB drive are available at a reasonable production cost. To request a copy of the application, please contact: [bowshielsolarfarm@erm.com](mailto:bowshielsolarfarm@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://bowshielsolarfarm.co.uk/> once advertised.

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

- Border Telegraph;
- The Scotsman; and
- Edinburgh Gazette.

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

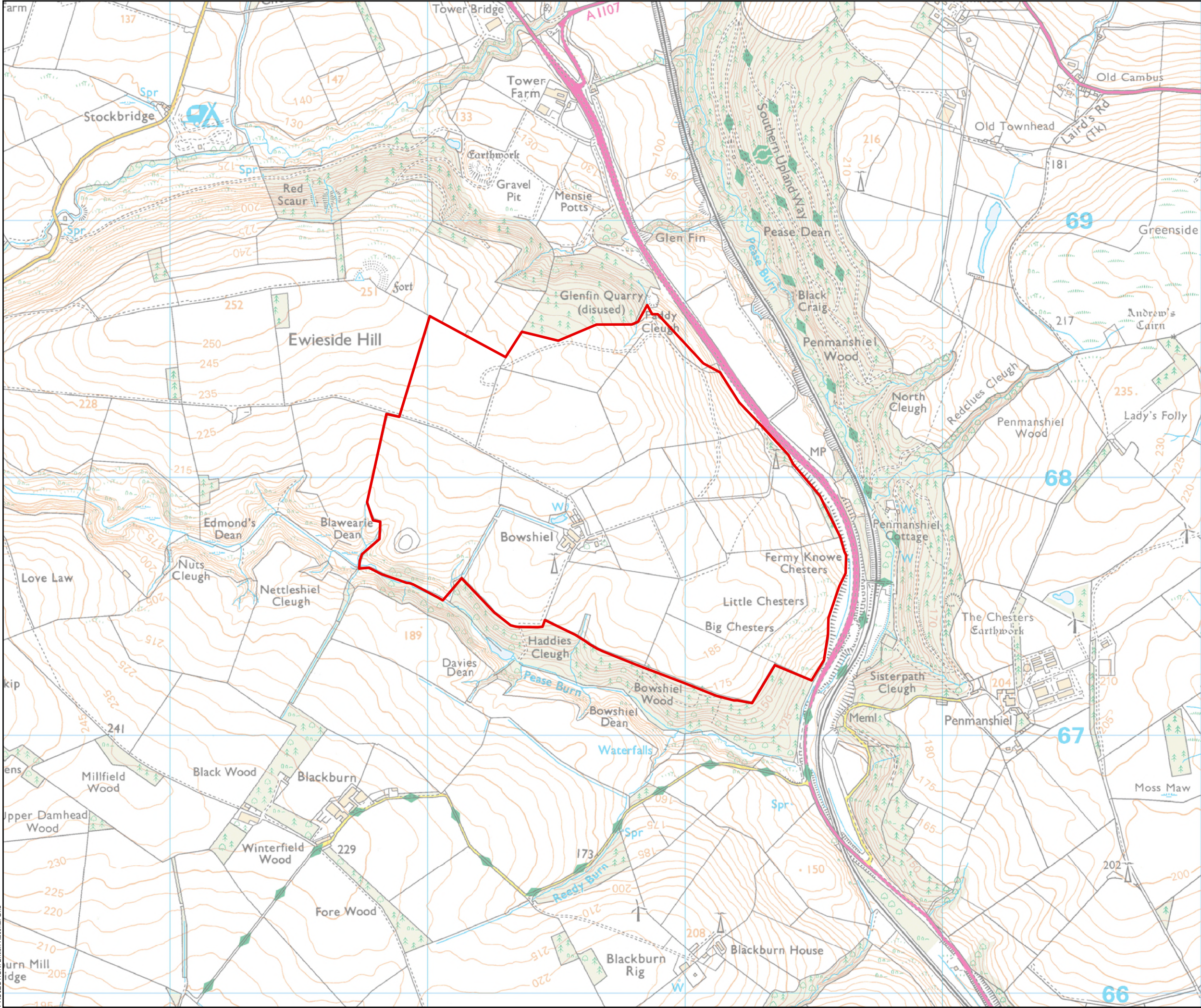
I trust the information that we have provided is sufficient to enable you to commence consideration of the application. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and validation of the application by email.

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

0 100 200 300 400 500

Metres

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SCALE: See Scale Bar

SIZE: A3

PROJECT: 0733745

DATE: 23/05/2025

VERSION: A01

DRAWN: JS

CHECKED: JH

APPROVED: RO

**Bowshiel Solar Farm and BESS**  
**Introduction**  
**Figure 1.1**  
**Site Location Plan**

PROJECTION: British National Grid