

What is the Monk Fryston Bess project?

SSE Renewables will partner with Morrison Energy Services and Sungrow to deliver the Monk Fryston BESS project. Once complete, the site will be one of the largest battery energy storage systems in the United Kingdom, capable of powering approximately 533,000 homes for up to two hours at a time*.

What's happening at Monk Fryston?

SSE Renewables - Monk Fryston - Battery Storage Project- Construction is officially underway on SSE's largest battery storage project at Monk Fryston, North Yorkshire.

Why is Monk Fryston a suitable site for development?

Monk Fryston was selected as a suitable site for development due to its location, adjacent to National Grid's Monk Fryston substation and less than two kilometres from Junction 42 of the A1 (M).

SSE Renewables will proceed with the construction of one of the UK's largest battery energy storage system (BESS) projects in Monk Fryston, Yorkshire with a 320MW / 640MWh grid-scale battery. Battery and storage ...

Battery storage has a vital role to play in helping the UK and Ireland decarbonise. Batteries such as the 320MW Monk Fryston project, which can run for up to two hours at a time, will be capable of storing power for release back to the UK national grid when it is needed the most - helping to manage peaks of energy demand.

Sungrow, a manufacturer of PV inverters and energy storage systems, has agreed to provide SSE Renewables with 320MW/640MWh worth of its PowerTitan liquid-cooled BESS units for its Monk Fryston project in the north of England.

What Advanced Benefits Does SSE Renewables' Monk Fryston BESS Project Offer? The battery energy storage system (BESS) project in Monk Fryston, Yorkshire will have the capacity to generate 320MW of power. The 640MWh grid-scale battery will be capable of storing energy for up to two hours and releasing it to the national grid when demand is highest.

Ferrybridge is a 150MW capacity battery energy storage system (BESS) located near Ferrybridge, West Yorkshire. SSE Renewables took a final investment decision on the project in May 2023, and construction started in August 2023. The site is located on the grounds of the former SSE-owned Ferrybridge power station, which was decommissioned in 2016.

The new substation at Monk Fryston will have a footprint of approximately 80,000m² (8 hectares), which will take the overall footprint of both substations at Monk Fryston combined to 147,000m² (14.7 hectares).

The structures within the new substation are still being designed but, in line with the Development Consent Order, they will be no ...

SSE plc has commenced construction on a 320-MW battery energy storage system (BESS) in Monk Fryston, North Yorkshire, marking its largest battery project to date. The facility, utilizing technology from China's Sungrow Power Supply, will store enough electricity to power approximately 533,000 homes for up to two hours during peak demand.

SSE Renewables has taken a final investment decision (FID) to proceed with the construction of one of the UK's largest battery energy storage system (BESS) projects in Monk Fryston, Yorkshire. The 320 MW/640 MWh grid scale battery is SSE Renewables' third BESS development to reach this stage, following on from its 50 MW Salisbury and 150 MW ...

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From October 2025 the BESS will provide reactive power absorption capability for the local area. In the north of England, a Statkraft UK BESS asset in Yorkshire is expected to provide voltage services from April 2026, while SSE Renewables' 320 MW/ 640 MWh Monk Fryston BESS in Selby, North Yorkshire, is expected to join in early 2027.

Upon completion in early 2026, the BESS facility in Monk Fryston will supply electricity to more than half a million homes for up to two hours during periods of high demand.

Richard Cave-Bigley, Director of Solar & Battery - SSE Renewables, said: "It's fantastic that we have taken a Final Investment Decision on the Monk Fryston BESS project, one of the largest ...

A landscape first approach to supporting biodiversity net gain. The scheme has adopted a "landscape first" approach, with the formation of an approximately 25m wide landscape buffer along the sites northern and eastern boundary and up to 60m wide at the site's southern tip.

The BESS will be installed in the village of Monk Fryston and will be capable of storing electricity to meet the demand of roughly 533,000 homes for up to two hours during times of peak demand. It is expected to ...

In a press release issued to announce the start of construction at Monk Fryston, SSE said its first BESS, a 50 MW site in Salisbury, England had entered full operation in 2024 and it was constructing two more 150 MW battery projects in England, at Ferrybridge, West Yorkshire and Fiddler's Ferry, near Warrington in Cheshire.

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Construction of the Monks Fryston BESS officially started yesterday (8 October), as confirmed by a ceremony

that included project partners Morrison Energy Services and Sungrow, the energy storage supplier, along with SSE Renewables. The BESS aims to energise in early 2026 after SSE made a final investment decision on the project in November 2023.

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