

## **Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects**

**Submission to Deadline 3 by: Novus Renewable Services Limited (Registration identification number: 20033305).**

### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Novus Renewable Services ('Novus') registered as an Interested Party in November 2022 (Registration identification number: 20033305). Novus would like the opportunity to update the Examining Authority at Deadline 3 regarding our proposed energy storage project on Land at Hall Farm, Norwich.
- 1.2 Novus is a developer of renewable energy generation and energy storage projects. We are currently progressing toward a planning application submission for a new energy storage system (ESS) near Norwich Main Substation, adjacent to the Applicants proposed onshore electrical connection site. The site is identified by the plan at Appendix A.

### **2 Engagement in the Examination to date**

- 2.1 Novus did not provide a response directly to question 1.9.1.3 at Deadline 2. Question 1.9.1.3 requested an update from developers, including Novus, on their planned projects in the area. At the time our plans were not mature enough to share and we discussed our position with Equinor and confirmed that we (Novus) would not make a submission at that time.
- 2.2 We have now submitted a request for pre-application advice and an EIA screening request to South Norfolk Council. And we have made initial contact with both Swardeston, Swainsthorpe and Stoke Holy Cross Parish Councils regarding our proposals and offering to provide further details/meet with those parties to discuss our proposals in more detail.
- 2.3 Our proposals are therefore now in the public domain and accordingly we would like to update the Examining Authority regards our proposals.

### **3 Our proposed development**

- 3.1 We are proposing to develop an ESS on land south of Norwich main substation, and west of the Applicants onshore electrical connection site.
- 3.2 If our project were successful it would connect into Norwich Main Substation and under the terms of our grid connection agreement, it would connect in 2031. At this stage we are investigating accessing the site from the west, and to deliver landscape screening and areas for

biodiversity net gain on adjoining land. This will be refined as we progress through the pre-application advice process.

- 3.3 The plan at Appendix A is the plan submitted to South Norfolk Council with our EIA screening request. The ESS and associated electrical equipment, and storage infrastructure will be located in the eastern field parcel, immediately west of the Applicants site, with the primary access traversing the western field.
- 3.4 Our proposal overlaps in part with the proposed Order Limits of the onshore areas of the Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension, specifically with an area of proposed landscape planting ('Works No. 18A/B, Permanent mitigation, landscaping and drainage works') and permanent access ('Works No. 19A/B, Permanent Access').
- 3.5 The main development footprint of the proposed ESS sits outside the proposed Order Limits, with overlap contained to areas for planned mitigation. Depending on where the projects need to finally connect at Norwich Main, it is possible there would be some overlap / co-existence between our underground cable assets.
- 3.6 Novus is in discussion with the Applicant regards our projects and will continue to do so as our plans and the Examination progresses.

#### **4 Timeline**

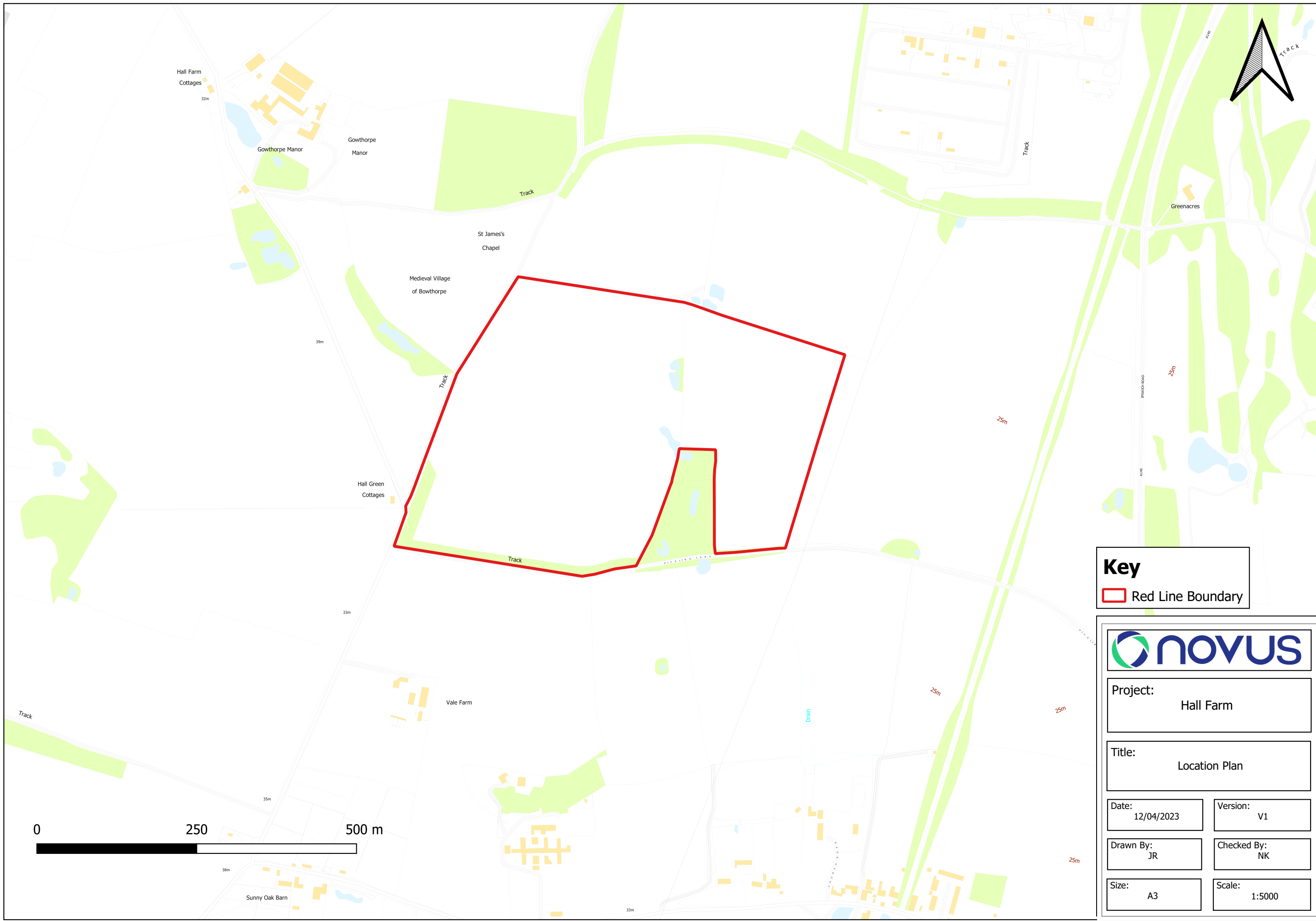
- 4.1 Novus submitted a pre-application request and EIA Screening Request to South Norfolk District Council on 20th April 2023. We are currently undertaking site-specific surveys and a community consultation event is currently being prepared. This is likely taking place in June 2023, with details being progressed at the time of writing.
- 4.2 Subject to the outcome of those pre-application discussions and our ongoing development work it is expected that a planning application will be submitted to South Norfolk District Council in August/September 2023.

#### **5 Next steps**

- 5.1 We will continue to progress our pre-application discussions with South Norfolk Council, and local stakeholders. And we will remain in dialogue with the Applicant. Should the Examining Authority require any additional information we would be pleased to provide it.

Appendix A – Site Location Plan





**Key**

Red Line Boundary



**Project:** Hall Farm

**Title:** Location Plan

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