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BUILDING THE FUTURE OF BATTERY MANUFACTURING IN SOMERSET

An update on site progress

Since our consultation events in April this year, construction on our new battery manufacturing facility is in full swing. The steelwork for Building One started in June and is progressing quickly. Meanwhile, infrastructure delivery across the site is well underway.

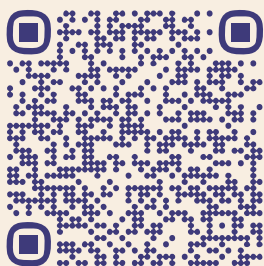


WHO'S ON SITE?

Montana Scaffolding is based just outside Woolavington, less than a mile from the site. The company is a valued part of the team and provides internal and external scaffolds, access towers, guard rails, supporting and temporary roof covers. You can find out more at: montanascaffolding.co.uk

Hopkins Concrete provides concrete to site directly from its facility in Bridgwater. Hopkins has been established in Somerset for 50 years and supplies ready mixed concrete and aggregates, with **90 employees** onsite in Bridgwater. You can find out more at: hopkinsconcrete.co.uk

Kelston Sparkes is based just over the Mendip Hills in North Somerset, working across the site with responsibility for groundworks, earthworks and drainage infrastructure. The materials from existing structures and other local sites are recycled, repurposed and re-used in the groundworks. One example is the crushing and stockpiling of 400,000 tonnes of recycled concrete for the platform of the facility, avoiding this going to landfill. You can find out more at: kelstonsparkes.com



Once our facility is fully operational, it's expected to generate more than £700 million in economic value annually for the South West.

Our report, [Driving growth in Somerset and the South West](#), contains the findings of new research into the site's potential impact on the Bridgwater community and local economy, in addition to the role it will play on growth and job creation. You can find the full report by scanning the QR code.

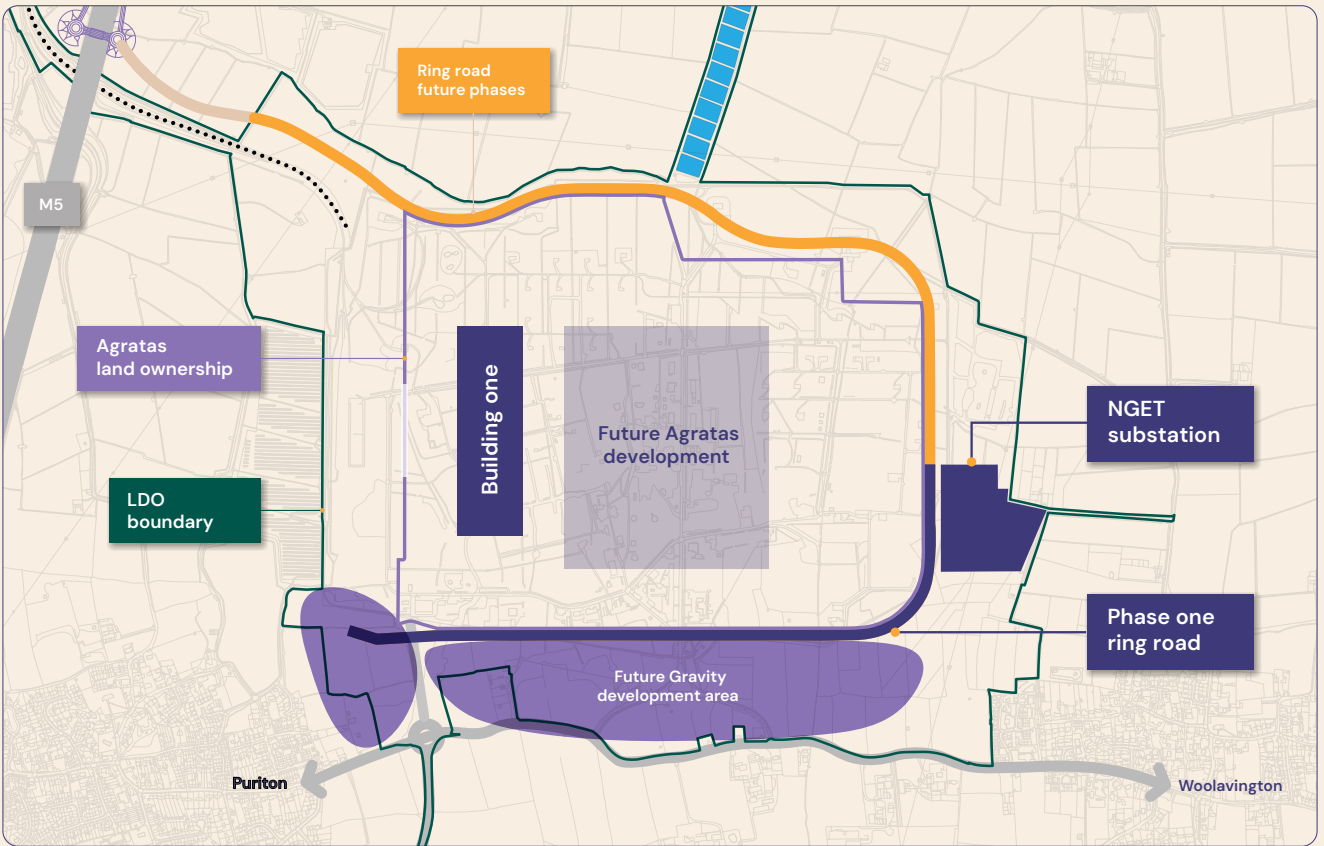




Ongoing work on drainage infrastructure to the north of the site



Interim power connections under construction



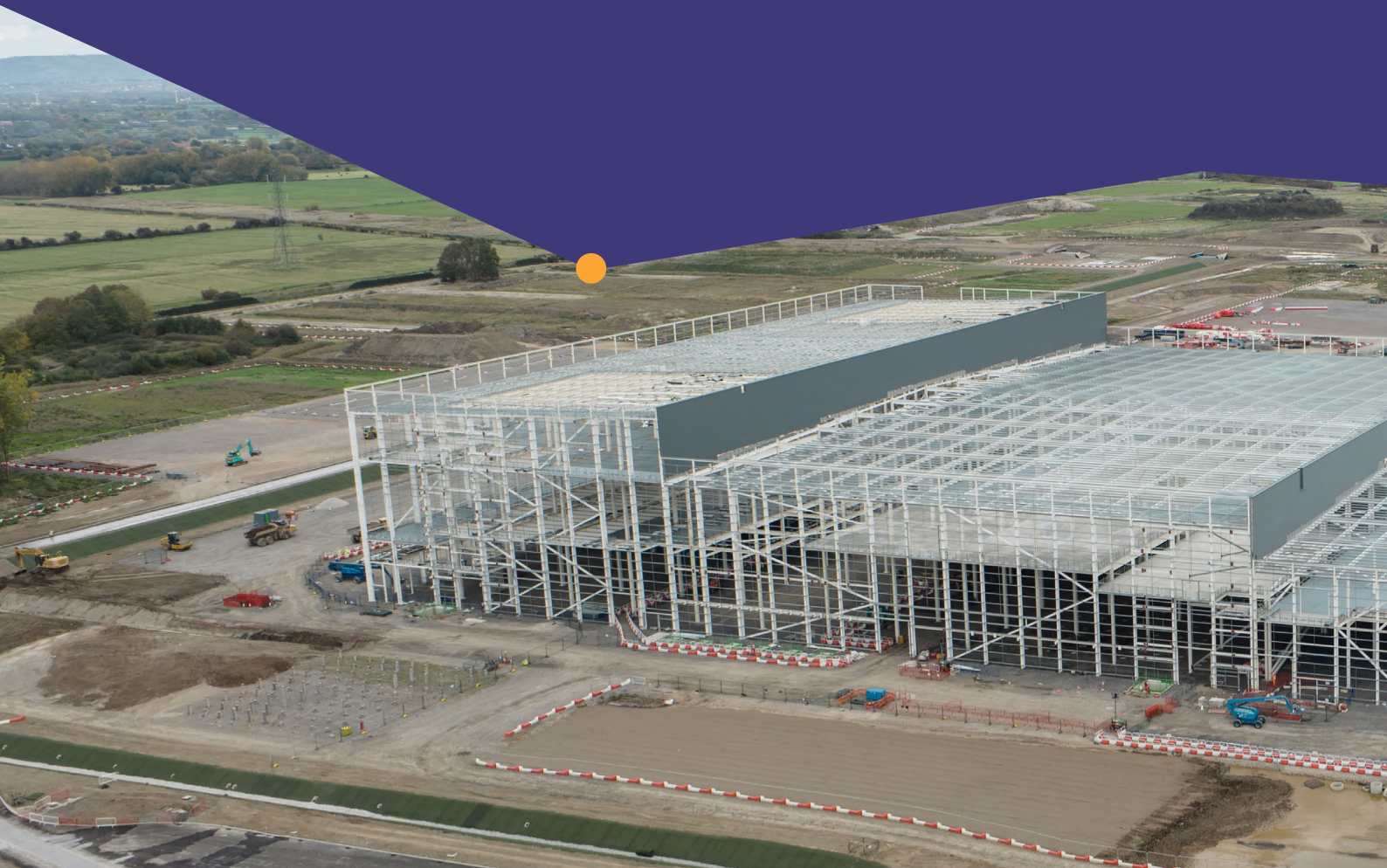
Installation of temporary site offices to the south of Building One



Groundwork underway for the National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) substation at the east of the site

WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR?

- Significant progress has been made on the steel frame of Building One by our construction delivery partner Sir Robert McAlpine – **using 100% British steel**
- New infrastructure is appearing across the site, including improved road access and our interim electricity source that is nearing completion
- Groundwork for the National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) substation is underway, preparing the platform for main construction work to begin
- Submission and approval of Local Development Order compliance applications – the Building One proposal was approved in September, and the ring road phase one application has been submitted to Somerset Council
- Our construction supply chain is growing, with local businesses becoming a part of the team
- The Woolavington Road closures for utility connections completed in August – thank you for your patience during these essential works
- Catering on site has expanded, provided by a local company – PJU Hospitality from Chilton Polden, who also run Leather & Lace restaurant



WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2026?

- New temporary offices will be opening on the site, providing improved space and welfare facilities for our growing teams
- Work will start on the ring road phase one in the new year – we plan to announce the lead contractor later this year
- Main construction will also begin on the National Grid Electricity Transmission substation early in 2026. This will power the site long term and work will take approximately three years
- Meanwhile, the interim electricity connection will go live in the spring, allowing us to power Building One and ancillary functions when operations begin
- From early 2026 UCS College Group (formerly Bridgwater and Taunton College) will launch dedicated courses, helping to kickstart careers in battery manufacturing and boosting local skills in the sector
- 2026 also marks the start of our recruitment process for the manufacturing facility. **Building One alone will support around 1,600 jobs** and we'll provide up to **4,000 jobs once the site is fully operational**



NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION (NGET) UPDATE

Since the start of September, further preparations have been made for the construction of the proposed NGET substation. This has included establishing a temporary construction compound and welfare area off Woolavington Road.

NGET will soon carry out further early works, laying foundations for the gantries situated underneath the existing overhead lines. Main construction works are currently set to begin in early 2026, subject to the outcome of the Local Development Order Compliance Process administered by Somerset Council. It's expected that construction of the substation will take approximately three years to complete, and NGET remains committed to keeping the community fully up to date during construction.

If you want to find out more about the NGET substation, please visit their website by scanning the QR code below or email them at: woolavington@nationalgrid.com



LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

- The relevant courses at UCS College Group, which includes Bridgwater College, start in 2026. You can find out more here: ucscollegegroup.ac.uk
- Jobs at Agratas are advertised on our LinkedIn page or at our website here: agratas.com/careers
- Sir Robert McAlpine has set up a portal for supply chain opportunities during the construction phase. You can find out more about this and view job listings here: srm.com/agratas-bridgwater
- If you have any questions, please visit agratas.com or email us at communityuk@agratas.com
- Join our WhatsApp group to receive project updates by scanning the QR code below

