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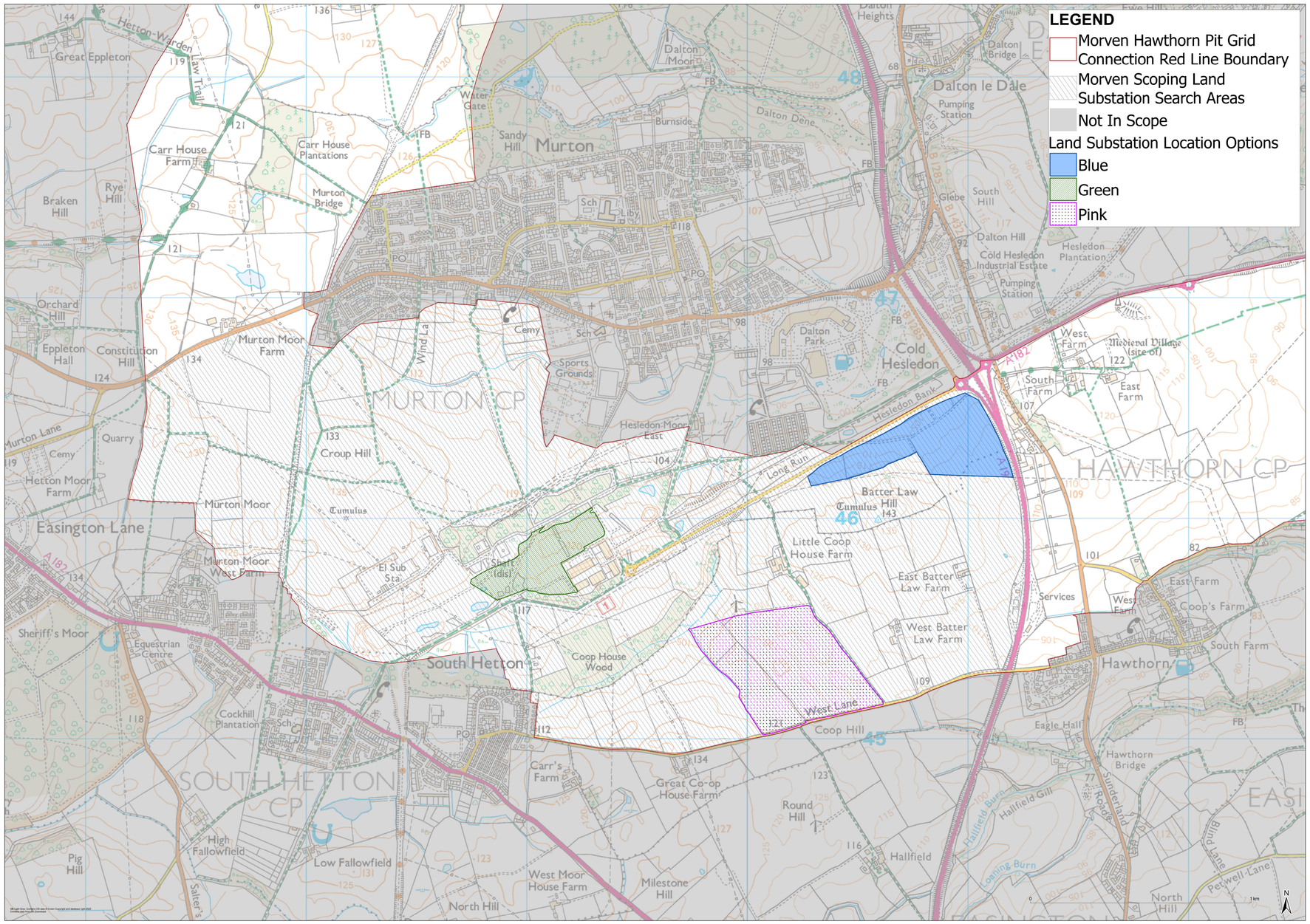
Land substation refined search areas

We are currently considering three refined areas of search for the location of the land substation. These are marked as blue, green and pink on the map below.
The substation will be sited within one of these areas of search and will not occupy the full area.



The Blue Site

- Close access to Jade Business Park Access Road.
- Consolidates development around the junction with the A19 such as Dalton Retail Park.
- Careful consideration of nearby residential properties will be required.

The Green Site

- On brownfield land.
- Allows for a direct connection to the substation.
- Good alignment with the central cable landfall.
- Sits alongside existing infrastructure around the 400kV Hawthorn Pit substation and Jade Business Park.

The Pink Site

- Relatively isolated site with reduced potential for residential impacts.
- Access from Jade Business Park Access Road to the North, with direct access from the A19.

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Morven Hawthorn Pit Grid Connection Project Steps

Pre-application

Round one non-statutory consultation
9 July and 3 September 2024
Early proposals were shared with the public and stakeholders for feedback. We considered feedback, engaged with landowners and conducted technical studies to identify potential locations for the substation and cable corridor.

Scoping
February 2025
Scoping Report submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The report outlined anticipated effects on the environment and how we would assess them.

25 March 2025
Planning Inspectorate provided their response (Scoping Opinion).

Round two non-statutory consultation: current stage
22 October to 30 November 2025
We are now seeking your feedback to help shape options for the offshore and onshore infrastructure.

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
We will prepare and publish a SoCC that will outline the ways we will consult with the local community on our proposals during Statutory Consultation. The local planning authorities will provide their perspectives and insights on the SoCC. Their involvement helps shape the consultation process and ensures that the community's feedback is considered.

Statutory Consultation
Project proposals will be updated in our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) considering stakeholder feedback, technical and environmental studies. The PEIR will form the basis of our statutory consultation process.

We will then undertake a Statutory Consultation on our updated proposals in accordance with the SoCC. This is an essential step in the planning process.

Following this, using consultation feedback, proposals will be further refined and finalised.

Development Consent Order (DCO) application

We will submit an application, including an Environmental Statement, for a DCO to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

Pre-examination

If the application is accepted for examination:

- we will publicise this through various channels;
- application documents will be published by the Planning Inspectorate; and
- members of the public will have at least 30 days to register as an Interested Party and submit a written Relevant Representation.

A panel of Planning Inspectors (the Examining Authority) review the application and set the timetable for examination.

Examination

The Examining Authority has six months to review the application and receive evidence from Interested Parties, statutory bodies and the Applicant. All hearings and documents associated with the examination will be publicly available online.

Decision

The Examining Authority has three months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero on whether to grant consent.

The Secretary of State then has three months to decide whether to grant a DCO.

Post decision

After the decision has been made by the Secretary of State, there is a six-week period in which the decision can be challenged in the High Court (judicial review).