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Overview

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In December 2024, EnergyPulse published our inaugural blog post summarising the battery storage pipeline in the UK. With RenewableUK's highly anticipated Future Energy System event just around the corner on 10 September, we thought it would be helpful to provide an update to the pipeline figures.

Huge battery storage plants could soon become a familiar sight across the UK, with hundreds of applications currently lodged with councils. In one corner of West Yorkshire locals are fighting.

To make batteries, we need critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite, which are being sourced or processed in the UK, from Cornwall to Lincolnshire.

Officials have spent years encouraging, though not subsidising, investors to build these facilities — rows of containers filled with racks of batteries that can power thousands of homes.

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