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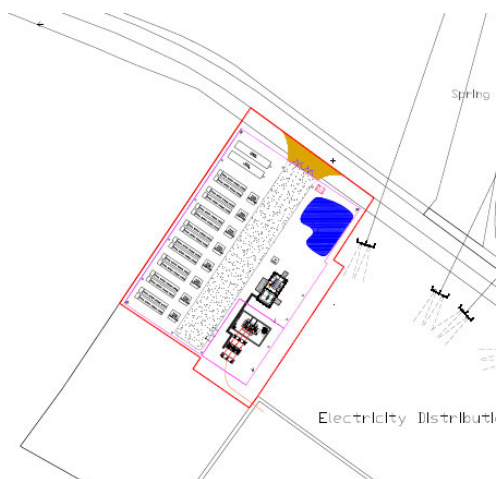
Dear Sir/Madam,

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 73 (S.73) MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SCHEME AT HUNSHOLF APPROVED UNDER REFERENCE 2023/0322

I am writing in relation to the battery energy storage scheme at Land Off Tofts Lane, Hunsholf approved under reference 2023/0322 in November 2023. The current proposals simply seek to amend plans referred to in condition 2 of the approval in order to facilitate minor changes to the site layout, groundworks and landscaping for the proposals.

Following commencement of the procurement process and engagement with a reputable battery supplier, a number of refinements to the approved scheme are proposed. These changes result in a materially reduced visual and spatial impact when compared to the consented layout. The amendments are summarised below:

- A significant reduction in the built form at the site.
- Significant reduction of number of containers from 18 to 8 pairs
- Provision of green-finished battery units in place of white.
- Battery units with a maximum height of 4.3m including the concrete plinth (4.1m excluding plinth).
- An overall demonstrable reduction in visual impact relative to the approved scheme.



Approved Layout Plan



Proposed Revised Site Layout

We seek to amend the plans listed in Condition 2 to remove the parameters plan in favour of a more detailed site plan and equipment elevations to allow the council further clarification of the final details. below is a table setting out the condition as approved, and the suggested amended wording.

| Approved Condition 2 | Amended Wording |
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| <p>2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the plans</p> <p>(HS_LP_RevG, HS_PPP_RevE, UG_1636_LAN_GA_DRW_01 Rev P07, HS_PSP_RevM, HHS_PSP_RevM, Biodiversity Metric Report, Construction Traffic Management Plan, Flood Risk and Drainage Assessment Report, Landscape and Visual Appraisal, Noise Impact Assessment, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Transport Statement, Planning Statement, Design and Access Statement)</p> <p>and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission.</p> | <p>2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the plans</p> <p>(HS_LP_RevG, UG_1636_LAN_GA_DRW_01 Rev P07, PA_23_PSPb_B - Proposed Site Plan (S73) BESS container elevations MV Skid elevations Biodiversity Metric Report, Construction Traffic Management Plan, Flood Risk and Drainage Assessment Report, Landscape and Visual Appraisal, Noise Impact Assessment, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Transport Statement, Planning Statement, Design and Access Statement)</p> <p>and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission.</p> |

Whilst the container height increases modestly, when viewed in the context of the approved plans, it is clear that the proposed amendments are minor in nature; they do not alter the development from the description on the planning permission or make any changes that go to the heart of the consent. In light of the above, it is our considered view that the proposals remain acceptable in all respects having regard to the requirements of the Development Plan, National Planning Policy Framework, and all other material considerations. The scheme remains largely unaltered, and the landscape mitigation will not be disadvantaged by the changes, especially in light of the reduced platform size.

The amendments to the conditions as suggested above provide more certainty on the final layout of the scheme, as well as requiring more detailed design specifications of the equipment which can then be controlled by the LPA.

On this basis, we consider the changes clearly fall within the scope of a Section 73 and would be grateful for your confirmation that the submission can be progressed on this basis. We would welcome a meeting to discuss the proposals at your earliest opportunity.



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Yours Sincerely,

Tessa Fletcher

