

9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Ref: 16383-031

Energy Consents Unit  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
5 Atlantic Quay  
150 Broomielaw  
Glasgow  
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Dear Sirs,

**Application for Section 36 Consent with Deemed Planning Permission for construction, operation and maintenance of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) of up to 100 MW with associated infrastructure, vehicular access, landscaping, topsoil bund, substation, perimeter fencing and lighting.**

Rashley New Energy, which is part of New Energy Partnership (NEP) Limited ('the Applicant'), has appointed TNEI Services Limited ('TNEI') to apply for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and associated deemed planning permission under Section 57 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, for the construction and operation of a battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure, with a generating capacity of 100 megawatts (MW) (the 'Proposed Development').

The Site is located on land north and west of High Boydstone Farm, Ardrossan High Road, KA22 8PL with the approximate site centre grid reference NS 22543 45703. The Site covers 5.02 ha of agricultural land, and the area immediately surrounding the Site is predominantly rural in nature, except the immediate east where D W Parker Skip Hire Business is located. The location of the Site and the Site Boundary (edged in red) is contained within Drawing 16383-028 Appendix A.

The Application is accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- Planning, Design & Access Statement prepared by TNEI;
- Alternative Site Assessment prepared by NEP;
- Pre-Application Consultation Report prepared by TNEI;
- Soils and Agricultural Land Screening Report prepared by Wardell Armstrong;
- Outline Soil Management Plan prepared by Wardell Armstrong;
- Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy prepared by Kaya Consulting;
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and covering letter prepared by Envirocentre;
- Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Assessment prepared by Envirocentre;
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Envirocentre;
- Phase 1 Geo-Environmental Risk Assessment prepared by Envirocentre;
- Historic Environment Desk Based Assessment prepared by RPS;
- Trial Trenching Report and associated covering letter by Guard and RPS;
- Landscape and Visual Appraisal prepared by TGP Landscape Architects;

- Noise Impact Assessment prepared by TNEI;
- Transport Statement and Construction Traffic Management Plan prepared by Pell Frischmann; and
- Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan prepared by NEP.

The Application also comprises *inter alia* a suite of detailed drawings prepared by the Applicant; various visualisations from agreed viewpoints; swept path analysis drawings; and bare earth Zones of Theoretical Visibility ('ZTV') drawings.

The required Section 36 application fee of £84,000 has been paid directly by the Applicant to the ECU on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, with Payment Reference ECU00005294. It should be noted this Payment Reference should have been ECU00005094 however, the ECU have subsequently acknowledged receipt of this payment in reference to this application.

Arrangements have been made for a Public Notice to be published in the following newspapers circulating in the locality:

- Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024;
- Daily Record – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Edinburgh Gazette - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Physical copies of the application and supporting documents are available for inspection at West Kilbride Library, Halfway Street, West Kilbride, KA23 9EQ, during the following opening times;

- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
- Saturday: 10am-12noon

I trust the ECU has sufficient information to register and progress this Application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me however should you have any queries or require further information.

Yours faithfully,

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