

20250071 Land At Thames Way Northfleet Gravesend Kent DA11 8HN

HSE 13 February 2025

Thank you for your EIA scoping opinion request for any comments regarding 20250071 dated 04/02/2025 for the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located on land at Thames Way, Northfleet, DA11 8HN constitutes EIA development.

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, Regulation 4(4) -

the vulnerability of the proposed development to major accidents relevant to the development

HSE's response is limited to our role in the land use planning system for the control of major industrial hazards involving hazardous substances.

HSE is not responding in our regulatory role in the health and safety system

1. The proposed development, being a Battery Energy Storage System, is not a development type that would store or process hazardous substances in quantities relevant to the potential for industrial major accidents with respect to The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015.
2. The development is not located within a safeguarding zone of an Explosives site licensed under the Explosives regulations 2014 or the Dangerous goods in harbour area regulations 2016.
3. The development is not located within HSE's land-use-planning consultation zones for major-accident-hazard pipelines and hazardous substances consented sites (licensed explosives sites are covered in the previous paragraph).

Due to the above 3 points, there appears to be no need to consult HSE.

4. If there is a major accident hazard establishment with no HSE consultation zones, in the vicinity of the proposed development, and you are concerned that the proposed development might increase the risk or consequences of a major accident at the existing establishment then please directly consult the operator of the establishment, as appropriate.

5. General health and safety at work

HSE realises that Environmental Risk Assessments are not expected to include general health and safety at work however we take this opportunity to point out that it may be beneficial for employer(s) to undertake a risk assessment as early as possible to satisfy themselves that their design and operation will meet requirements of relevant health and safety legislation as the project progresses.

Kind regards,
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