



Application: 20250071

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2011**

SCREENING OPINION UNDER REGULATION 15

To: **Speedgreen Ltd
71-75 Shelton Street
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London
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TAKE NOTICE that **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, as Local Planning Authority, under the Town and Country Planning Act hereby determines that the development referred to in the letter received on 27th January 2025 does not constitute EIA development and therefore and Environmental Statement. The notice relates to land situated at

**Land At
Thames Way
Northfleet
Gravesend
Kent
DA11 8HN**

and being **Request for a screening opinion in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of an EIA Screening Opinion to determine whether a proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) located on land at Thames Way, Northfleet, DA11 8HN constitutes EIA development.**

GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL MAKES THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS :-

1. Given the nature of the development, the location and non-sensitivity of the area, it is considered that the proposal would be unlikely to have a significant impact on the environment. Gravesham Borough Council therefore concludes that the development is not EIA development and that an EIA is not required.

INFORMATIVES:-

1 SUBMITTED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

For the avoidance of doubt, the plans and documents upon which this decision is made comprise:

Screening Opinion Covering Letter from Speed Green Local Energy;
Appendix One - Site Location Plan;
Appendix Two - Battery Storage System;
NFCC Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System Planning - Guidance for FRS;
Appeal Decision - APP/V2255/3343902;
Example Screening Assessment; and
Screening Response Questions.

2 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2024, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative way and, where appropriate, has worked pro-actively with the applicant to secure a development that is sustainable and that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area, and that is in accordance with the Development Plan for the area.

3 **ENGAGEMENT WITH KENT FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Prior to the submission of a formal planning application, the applicant must engage should with Kent Fire and Rescue Service. The development must comply with the requirements set out in the National Fire Chiefs Council Guidance for Fire and Rescue Services for Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System Planning. The details of which can be found below;

<https://nfcc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Grid-Scale-Battery-Energy-Storage-System-planning-Guidance-for-FRS.pdf>

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