
From:
Sent: 09 June 2023 13:29
To: Planning Comments (HPBC)
Subject: FW: Novus in High Peak (Case Ref: RL42565)

Categories:

Dear Colleague,

Re: Nicholas Parsons, Moorgate, New Road, Buxworth, High Peak, SK23 7NH

I am contacting you from the office of Robert Largan MP.

Robert has been contacted by his above-named constituent. He has given his comments on planning application HPK/2023/0193 and has asked for these to be considered. Please see below a copy of the constituent's correspondence for further information.

Kind regards,

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From: Nick Parsons
Sent: 21 December 2022 11:28
To: JONES, Jamie
Subject: RE: Novus in High Peak (Case Ref: RL42565)
Dear Jamie,

Re: Novus Battery Energy Storage Installation at Gowhole

Thank you for passing on the response you received from High Peak Borough Council (HPBC). In a letter I received yesterday, Novus told me that they have had further discussions with HPBC and reconfirmed that they will be submitting a planning application. I am aware that HPBC does not make public the details of pre-application discussions, and consequently, the contents of HPBC's letter to you are as expected.

Since I wrote to Robert on this matter earlier in December, I have looked into safety concerns about these Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). These installations are inherently hazardous. The technology carries the risk of "thermal runaway" where overheating in just one cell (caused, say by a manufacturing fault or a malfunction in the control equipment) can lead to a chain reaction across the installation with fire, explosion and release of toxic gases. Such an event would be injurious to those living and working locally (particularly the responding emergency crews). Were this to occur at the Gowhole site, it would cause severe disruption from closure of local roads and the Hope Valley main line railway, contamination of surrounding land and pollution of the river Goyt from run-off.

The closest such incident I can find occurred recently in Liverpool. If you Google "BESS fire Liverpool 15 September 2020" you can find a number of articles about this. It seems that some of

Robert's fellow MP's believe that the regulatory framework for BESS is inadequate. For example, I found these two references from Hansard:

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-09-07/debates/FB0D6FE6-CF3E-4D2B-AA92-FCAE0A5B0B17/Lithium-IonBatteryStorage\(FireSafetyAndEnvironmentalPermits\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2022-09-07/debates/FB0D6FE6-CF3E-4D2B-AA92-FCAE0A5B0B17/Lithium-IonBatteryStorage(FireSafetyAndEnvironmentalPermits))

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-07/29036/>

The regulatory framework as it exists seems to be concerned with safety in the workplace which isn't particularly relevant for an unmanned BESS.

Best wishes, Nick

From: James Jones

Sent: 20 December 2022 16:41

To:

Subject: Novus in High Peak (Case Ref: RL42565)

Dear Nick,

Further to previous correspondence about Novus and any planned battery installations in the area, High Peak Borough Council have replied in regard to this issue.

Attached is a copy of the response Robert has received from them. I hope that this is helpful. If we hear of any further updates with regards to any potential developments, we will let you and other constituents know. Similarly, if you hear anything yourself, hope you will notify Robert.

Should you have further enquiries on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact Robert and his team again.

Many thanks and best regards,

Jamie Jones

Caseworker

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