

Subject: RE: 178237-NW8450 Gowhole BESS-high peak HPK/2023/0193 CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARSH LANE ENERGY STORAGE Reference 0000260332

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Hi Andrew,

I trust this finds you well? I've had a look at the letter provided after chasing up a copy and I do not agree with your proposed conditions/ wording thereof, as you note in all that they should be *'submitted and approved by the local planning authority and thereafter the development shall only be undertaken in strict accordance with the approved details'*, we cannot agree to this statement as the local planning authority are not responsible for the safe operation of the railway or our assets and the issues raised by ourselves will ultimately need to be agreed by Network Rail Engineering to ensure your proposed development does not interfere with the safety of the railway.

We do recognise that at this stage you may not have the final detailed design/ design details to satisfy some of these proposed conditions/ issues raised and as you note some will require this level detail in order to close them out, we will obviously wait until you do have this level detail to hand and look forward to receipt of same.

Regarding landscaping and drainage, we are not privy to the information/ documents that you refer to as they have not been submitted to ourselves, all I currently have on file are 3 no drawings and your enquiry doc. Going forward in order for us to spend any time reviewing any submissions, provision of any asset information, attending any further meetings, assisting with discharging any planning conditions set etc, we will require the return of signed BAPA (Basic Asset Protection Agreement) and relevant payment/ PO as noted in the estimate sent. Network Rail is a publicly funded entity and all outside party works, which these are, are cost recoverable as dictated to us by the ORR.

Also, please ensure going forward that you cc me in on all correspondence regarding this project

when dealing with Network Rail and could you please note in the subject line 178237-NW8450 Gowhole BESS as this makes it easier to locate emails etc and we immediately know what project they refer.

In closing I would again note that Network Rail will need to agree any proposals/ designs regarding the issues we've raised to ensure the risk is ALARP for the safe operation of the railway, especially EMC, signalling, the weak bridge and the bund design loadings. You've also noted in EMC section '*the risk cannot appropriately be assessed until the final design has been reconciled following the procurement of the equipment*' I would think that following our last meeting you would ensure the risks of any proposed equipment will not impact on railway operations in this location before procuring it as our EMC specialist did note some BESS equipment is not compatible with radio based railway signalling and train communication systems and it can also impact railway power supplies.

I trust the above is reasonably self-explanatory and I look forward to your reply.

Diane- by way of this email can you please forward to your contact in the local council planning dept. Thank you

Kind regards

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