



Staffordshire County Council
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Development Management Procedure Order 2015

To: Staffordshire Moorlands
 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
 Moorlands House
 Stockwell Street
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Applicant:

Application Type: FULL

Officer: David Plant

Our Reference: SMD20220180

District Reference: SMD/2022/0180

Date Received: 28-Apr-2022

Date Responded: 30-May-2022

Particulars of Development:

Development of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with ancillary infrastructure, security fence, access, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements, to provide balancing services to the local electricity grid

Location of Development:

Newfields Farm Rownall Road

Recommendation Summary: Conditional

Site Visit Conducted on: 11-May-2022

1. No development shall take place, until a Construction Method Statement has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The Statement shall provide for:

- i) a site compound with associated temporary buildings;
- ii) the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
- iii) loading and unloading of plant and materials;
- iv) storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
- v) wheel wash facilities;
- vi) mechanical road sweeper for existing carriageway;
- vii) photographic survey of the Rownall Road/Access Track junction pre and post construction and proposals/commitment to rectify any damage.

REASONS

To comply with NPPF Paragraph 110; to comply with SMDC Local Plan Policy DC1; in the interests of highway safety; to safeguard the highway from extra wear attributable to the construction works.

NOTES TO PLANNING OFFICER

Access routes are defined in the Transport Assessment. This is the most obvious route and links to A53 by the shortest route.

Swept path drawing C21133-ATP-DR-TP-003 is included showing vehicle negotiating the junction of Rownall Road with the private access track. The size of vehicle does not appear to be stated on the drawing, though

16.5m articulated HGVs are stated in paragraphs 5.3.1 and 5.4.1. This response is based on the understanding that swept path of 16.5m articulated HGV has been shown.

Vehicles are shown entering and exiting the private track by the southern leg of the junction. This is the most practical route and will not require any alteration to the existing highway.

Photographic survey of this junction is suggested pre and post construction to record the condition of the highway. 538 additional HGV movements are anticipated over the 13 week construction period.

Photographic survey would demonstrate if the condition of the junction were to be worsened by construction works. Commitment to repair, should any repair be necessary, would also be appropriate.

The actual site is some distance from the highway.

Current records show that there were no Personal Injury Collisions on Rownall Road within 215m either side of the access in the previous five years.

Commissioner for the Built County
On behalf of the County Council
As Highway Authority