



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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ST13 6HQ

Application Type: FULL

Applicant:
Newfields BESS Limited C/O agent

Officer: David Plant

Our Reference: SMD20240019

District Reference: SMD/2024/0019

Date Received: 25-Jan-2024

Date Responded: 08-May-2024

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:

Land at, Newfields Farm, Rownall Road, Wetley Rocks,

Recommendation Summary: Conditional

Site Visit Conducted on: 25-Apr-2024

1. The provisions of the submitted and approved Transport and Access Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period.

REASONS

To comply with NPPF Paragraph 114; to comply with SMDC Local Plan Policy DC1; in the interests of highway safety; to carry out the works with a minimum of disruption to local residents.

NOTES TO PLANNING OFFICER

Access routes are defined in the Transport Assessment. This is the most obvious route and links to A52 by the shortest route.

Swept path analysis of 16.5m articulated HGV has been shown.

Para 5.4.6 refers to peak average of 3 HCV deliveries per day. Calculations from total deliveries over construction period suggest average of 5 HCV deliveries per day. Even at worst case, it would be difficult to consider this level of trip generation as having a severe effect on the highway.

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 pre and post construction to record the condition of the highway would be beneficial. 640 additional HGV movements are anticipated over the 26 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.

Assistant Director, Highways and the Built County
On behalf of the County Council as
Highway Authority