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Subject: Late Representation For NMA/2024/0027
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BESS developers must ensure the risk of fire is minimised by ensuring the BESS is located with due considerations of impact on communities. Prevailing wind directions should be factored into the location to minimise the impact of a fire involving lithium-ion batteries due to the toxic fumes produced. The site design should have a minimum of 2 access routes for fire appliances. A safe access route for the fire appliances to manoeuvre within the site including turning circles and an alternative access point and approach route should be provided to enable appliances to approach from an up-wind direction.

I have grave concerns regarding this application due to 1 access route only. If this application is approved today will those planning councillors & representatives take accountability should anything go so terribly wrong & be able to stand up in a Coroners Court to say that everything possible was done to prevent injury or death if that occurred ?

I have noted from the Planning Officers Report that Ryder Landscapes Consultant who were by the council consulted to advice on this NMA in the chart at

(No 14 Long Drainage Reach On Access Track)

the consultant asks (Do the drainage proposals consider matters relevant to fire fighting e.g Water Supply & Control of Run Off in a Spill Situation?) There is no response by the appellant to this question ! Please see the attached photo of the chart below.

I believe this application to be material & this very wrong fire safety shortcoming could be put right today as a duty of care. 

Kind Regards

Sent from my iPhone