

Consultation Response Form

Consultation from: Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	Contact: Richard Wilshaw
Your reference: SMD/2024/0423	Our reference: SCC/25/0114/CON
Received date: 13/06/2025	Response date: 31/10/2025
Application Type: Waste Consultation Area	Case Officer: Isabelle Spencer
Description of Proposed Development: Battery Energy Storage System and substation with associated infrastructure and works.	
Location of Development: Greenfields Thorney Edge Road, Bagnall.	
Reasons for Exemption from Safeguarding Policies: [See Table 7 of Appendix 6 to the Minerals Local Plan for details] None	
Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSA):	None
Mineral Infrastructure Site nearby: N/A	
Waste Safeguarding considerations: N/A	
Waste Management Facilities nearby: N/A	
Relevant extract from our Standing Advice: Development that is temporary or easily removed, and involves minimal disturbance of the ground, such as poly tunnels, caravan parks, solar panels, or battery storage facilities, is unlikely to create a significant safeguarding issue.	
Recommendation Summary: No Objection See note to Planning Officer below.	
Details and Reasoning: The application site does not affect any mineral safeguarding area or permitted waste facilities and therefore, there are no mineral or waste safeguarding concerns.	
NOTE TO PLANNING OFFICER Based on the information provided about the extent of excavations involved with the preparation of the proposed facility, there are concerns about the management and disposal of excavated wastes as well as the reinstatement of the site following its proposed use for the storage of batteries.	

Information submitted with the application indicates that approximately 26,662m³ of material could be deposited off-site and that the arrangements for disposal would be agreed as part of a Material Management Plan to be required by planning condition.

It is recommended that prior to determining the planning application that clarification is provided on the quantities of materials requiring off-site disposal and the options for disposal of that material. Your authority should ensure that the local Highway Authority has assessed the impact of lorry movements that would be associated with site preparation works including the disposal of excavated materials.

In addition, it is recommended that clarification is provided regarding the reinstatement of the application site following the proposed decommissioning of the facility and whether the proposed restoration landform would require the importation of materials to achieve an acceptable landform that can support a sustainable afteruse of the site. If importation of backfill material is required, it would be necessary for the impact of associated lorry movements to be assessed.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to remind you of the policy requirement (as detailed in Policy 1.2 of the [Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan](#), and as supported by paragraph 8 of the [National Planning Policy for Waste](#)) to make better use of waste associated with non-waste related development. In accordance with Policy 1.2, all 'major development' proposals (as defined in the [Town and Country Planning \(Development Management Procedure\) \(England\) Order 2015](#), or any subsequent changes/revisions) should:

- i. Use / Address waste as a resource;
- ii. Minimise waste as far as possible;
- iii. Demonstrate the use of sustainable design and construction techniques, i.e.: resource-efficiency in terms of sourcing of materials, construction methods, and demolition;
- iv. Enable the building to be easily decommissioned or reused for a new purpose; and enable the future recycling of the building fabric to be used for its constituent material;
- v. Maximise on-site management of construction, demolition and excavation waste arising during construction;
- vi. Make provision for waste collection to facilitate, where practicable, separated waste collection systems; and,
- vii. Be supported by a site waste management plan / waste audit if the development is likely to generate significant volumes of waste *

* updated to take account of Planning Practice Guidance – [Waste – Determining planning applications](#) - paragraph 049 - Should significant developments include a waste audit?