

RE: Glenvernoch Battery Energy Storage component



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Good morning John,

With regard to the BESS facility, when submitting our Scoping Request in August 2023, we did not propose to include an assessment on the BESS element of the application as part of the EIA, as the BESS facility is unlikely to raise significant impacts. When the Scoping Opinion was received, there was no requirement in that report or by any consultees to include the BESS facility as part of the EIA.

Impacts from the BESS facility could arise in two ways – on the ground direct impacts and indirect impacts, such as landscape and visual, and cultural heritage impacts. In respect of direct on the ground impacts, any impacts are already established by the construction compound, on which the facility would be located, and so are already accounted for in the EIA (i.e. any peat disturbance, habitat loss etc). In respect of indirect impacts, such as landscape and visual, and cultural heritage impacts, the facility is a fairly small component of a wind farm development, please see Figure 3.13 attached. The equipment is the size of standard shipping container (i.e. approx. 2.5m high). We would not expect the ZTV to extend very far. Given the low height of proposed infrastructure, there is also the potential for natural screening to be used around both the battery and 132kV compounds to mitigate indirect effects.

Kind regards
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Good Morning

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Could I please ask for clarification regarding the proposed BESS facility? It is not shown in the site plans, and although there is a partial site plan submitted, there are no elevations, no topographical survey, no levels information and no drawings of associated structures e.g. transformers, cabins, enclosures. Given that it looks like a 100m x 50m area, and also given that BESS facilities come with their own significant environmental impacts, we feel this element should be appraised and presented in some detail in the application.

I note that it appears to be intended to re-use a site compound for the facility, but unless I am missing something, the intended BESS isn't given proper coverage in the submission. There is a description in Volume 1 (Chapter 3) of the EIA, but normally we would expect to be able to understand what potential landscape, visual and other impacts would be associated with this element. It is not depicted in the LVIA. There is no ZTV mapping relating to the proposed BESS.

I would welcome comments/thoughts on this please.

Kind regards

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