

24 April 2025

Ref: 16719-009-R1

Energy Consents Unit
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Dear Mr Balnave,

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 36 CONSENT WITH DEEMED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF UP TO 200 MEGAWATTS (MW).

Field Fyrish Limited (the Applicant) (Company Reg. No. 15804621, Registered Office at Montacute Yards, 185-186 Shoreditch High Street, London, E1 6HU) has appointed TNEI Services Limited (TNEI) to apply for consent under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and associated deemed planning permission under Section 57 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, for the construction and operation of a battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated infrastructure, including landscaping and biodiversity enhancements, with a storage capacity of up to 200 MW (the Proposed Development).

The Proposed Development site (the Site) is located on land 650m South of Fyrish Substation, Alness, IV17 0XH (National Grid Reference NH 62991 68949), and is wholly situated within the administrative area of The Highland Council (THC). The Site area is approximately 53.5 hectares (ha), however the BESS compound would only occupy c. 4.6 Ha of this area. The location of the Site and its boundary edged in red (the Red Line Boundary) is contained within the Site Location Plan (document reference: BTGBFYR01_002.1.1 - Location Plan) submitted as part of this Section 36 (S36) Application.

The S36 Application is accompanied by the following documents:

- A **Tree Management Report** prepared by Bowlts Chartered Surveyors (document ref. Fyrish Tree Survey-bl-300424(694768.5));
- A **Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment Report** prepared by RPS (document ref. 00810_Fyrish_DBA_1_Report v3 Redacted);
- A **Biodiversity Enhancement Assessment Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B067560_Fyrish_BESS_BiodiversityNetGain V2_ISSUE Redacted);
- A **Pre-Application Consultation Report** prepared by Alpaca Communications (document ref. Field Fyrish Pre-Application Consultation Report FINAL Redacted);
- A **Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B067560 Fyrish BESS PEA Report V3 Final for Issue REDACTED);
- A **Protected Species Survey Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B067560 Fyrish BESS Protected Species Report V3 Final for Issue REDACTED);
- A **Bat Activity Survey Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B067560 - Fyrish BESS Bat Survey Report V3 Final for Issue REDACTED);
- A **Flood Risk Assessment** prepared by Haydn Evans (document ref. 336-009-RP1-FRA-3);

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- A **Drainage Impact Assessment** prepared by Haydn Evans (document ref. 336-009-RP2-DIA-3);
- A **Geoenvironmental and Geotechnical Desk Study Report** prepared by Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions (document ref. 24093-R-001-01 - Fyrish BESS Rev1 (combined));
- **Hydrogeological Assessment Report** prepared by Fluid Environmental Consulting Ltd (document re. Field Fyrish BESS Hydrogeological Assessment Report FLUID Final Redacted);
- A **Land Capability for Agriculture Report** prepared by Wardell Armstrong (document ref. GL10503 002 Fyrish LCA Report Redacted);
- A **Landscape and Visual Appraisal** prepared by TGP (document ref. 2214 Fyrish LVA 250219);
- A set of **Landscape and Visual Appraisal Figures** prepared by TGP (document ref. 2214 Fyrish LVA Fig 1-2 Rev B and 2214 Fyrish LVA Fig 3-4 Rev A);
- A **Landscape Plan** prepared by TGP (ref. 2214 L01C Landscape Plan);
- A set of **Visualisations** prepared by TGP (document refs. 2214 Fyrish Visualisations 250219 Ir);
- An **Outline Battery Safety Management Plan** (OBSMP) prepared by Field Fyrish Ltd (document ref. BTGBFYR01 – OBSMP FINAL redacted (combined));
- A **Transport Statement and Construction Traffic Management Plan** prepared by Pell Frischmann (document ref. 250217 Fyrish CTMP);
- A **Noise Impact Assessment** prepared by TNEI (document ref. 16819-003-R1);
- A **Planning Design and Access Statement** prepared by TNEI (document ref. 16719-007-R0 Planning Design and Access Statement);
- An **Alternative Site Assessment** prepared by TNEI Services Ltd (document ref. 16719-008 Alternative Site Assessment R2 Combined); and
- A suite of detailed **planning drawings** and **elevations** prepared by Field Fyrish Ltd and CADmando respectively.

The required S36 application fee of £120,000 has been paid directly by the Applicant to the ECU on the 19th February 2025, with Payment Reference: ECU36NECU00005179.

Notice of this submission is being advertised in the following papers:

- Edinburgh Gazette (25th April)
- Glasgow Herald (25th April)
- Ross-shire Journal (25th April and 2nd May)

As stated in the newspaper adverts, physical copies of the planning application and supporting documents are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, at Alness Library, High Street, IV17 0QB.

I trust that the ECU has sufficient information to register and progress this S36 Application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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