



Planning Department
Highland Council
Via ePlanning

22nd November 2021

Our Reference: 4246

Dear Sir/Madam,

Erection of Baillie Greener Grid Park at Land Within Baillie Wind Farm, Highlands

Introduction

Arcus Consultancy Services Ltd ("Arcus"), acting on behalf of Statkraft UK LTD ("the Applicant") has submitted the following application to the Highland Council ('the Council') under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) for a Greener Grid Park ('the Development') at land within Baillie Wind Farm, west of Thurso ('the Site').

Reason for the Development

The proposed Greener Grid Park would provide rapid-response electrical back-up to the National Grid and would represent an early deployment within the UK of a high-tech grid balancing facility.

Application

This letter accompanies the submission of an application for planning permission made to the Highland Council on the 22nd November 2021, supported by the following documentation:

- Completed planning application form;
- Planning Statement;
- Appendix 1 – Design and Access Statement;
- Appendix 2 – Landscape and Visual Appraisal;
- Appendix 3 – Outline Sustainable Drainage Strategy;
- Appendix 4 – Preliminary Ecological Appraisal;
- Appendix 5 – Landscape Planting Plan;
- Appendix 6 – Noise Impact Assessment;
- Appendix 7 – Heritage Impact Assessment;
- Appendix 8 – Transport Statement; and
- Appendix 9 – Framework Traffic Management Plan.

Provided with the application is the following figures and drawings:

- Planning Drawing 1 – Location Plan;
- Planning Drawing 2 – Proposed Site Layout Plan;
- Planning Drawing 3 – Indicative Palisade Fence Detail;
- Planning Drawing 4 – Indicative Palisade Gate Detail;
- Planning Drawing 5 – Indicative Battery Container;
- Planning Drawing 6 – Indicative 275kV Transformer;
- Planning Drawing 7 – Indicative Inverter Cabinets;
- Planning Drawing 8 – Indicative Synchronous Compensator Building;

- Planning Drawing 9 – Indicative Communications Room;
- Planning Drawing 10 – Indicative Cooler;
- Planning Drawing 11 – Indicative Security Column
- Planning Drawing 12 – Indicative Emergency Diesel Generator;
- Planning Drawing 13 – Indicative LV Electrical House;
- Planning Drawing 14 – Indicative Welfare Facility Container;
- Planning Drawing 15 – Indicative SHETL Distribution Container;
- Planning Drawing 16 – Indicative Statkraft Distribution Container;
- Planning Drawing 17 – Indicative Water Cooler Pump Skid;
- Planning Drawing 18 – Indicative Lube Oil Pump Skid;
- Planning Drawing 19 – Indicative 2500 kVA/690V Transformer;
- Planning Drawing 20 – Indicative 1000 kVA/400V Transformer;
- Planning Drawing 21 – Indicative Noise Attenuation Fencing;
- Planning Drawing 22 – Indicative Synchronous Compensator HV Control and Protection;
and
- Planning Drawing 23 – Indicative Switchgear Container

It has been calculated via the ePlanning website that the planning application fee for the proposed development is £8,020. This is based on the maximum cost for developments classed under Category 5 'The erection, alteration or replacement of plant and machinery', as defined under the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. This payment will be made in full directly by the Applicant via electronic bank transfer following the submission of the Application.

I trust that the information provided is sufficient to allow validation of this planning application. Should you, however, require any further details please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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Senior Planning Consultant