

19 December, 2024

Ref: 16621-010-R0

Energy Consents Unit 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 5 Atlantic Quay 150 Broomielaw Glasgow G2 8LU

Dear Sir, Madam,

## 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 100 MEGAWATTS (MW).

Field Beauly Limited (the Applicant) 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 100 MW (the Proposed Development).

The Proposed Development site (the Site) is located on land approximately 900 m south of Beauly and approximately 1.25 km east of Beauly Substation. The Site is centred at an approximate National Grid Reference (NGR) of NH 52412 44380, the nearest postcode is IV4 7AY and is wholly situated within the administrative area of The Highland Council (THC). The Site comprises approximately 18.5 hectares (ha) of agricultural land; the location of the Site and its boundary edged in red (the Red Line Boundary) is contained within the Site Location Plan (document reference: BTGBBEA02-002.1.1) submitted as part of this S36 Application.

The S36 Application is accompanied by the following documents:

- An **Abnormal Invisible Load Study Report** prepared by Wynns Ltd (document ref. 24-1237 Beauly Report *appended to 241205 Beauly CTMP REDACTED*);
- An **Alternative Site Assessment** prepared by TNEI Services Ltd (document ref. 16621-008 Alternative Site Assessment R0);
- A **Tree Management Report** prepared by Bowlts Chartered Surveyors (document ref. Beauly BESS Tree Survey Report December 2024);
- A **Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment Report** prepared by RPS (document ref. 00810\_Beauly\_DBA\_1\_Report v3\_2 REDACTED);
- A **Biodiversity Enhancement Assessment Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B066659 Beauly BESS Biodiversity Enhancement Assessment V2 Final REDACTED);
- A **Pre-Application Consultation Report** prepared by Alpaca Communications (document ref. Field Beauly Pre-Application Consultation Report 2024.12.19 REDACTED);
- A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) Report prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B066659 Beauly BESS PEA Report Final Issued 20241212 REDACTED);

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- An **Otter and Beaver Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B066659 Beauly BESS Otter and Beaver Report V2 Final Issued 20241218 REDACTED);
- A **Bat Activity Survey Report** prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B066659 Beauly BESS Bat Activity Survey Report V2 Final Issued 20241218 REDACTED);
- A Stage 1 and Stage 2 Habitat Regulations Assessment prepared by Tetra Tech (document ref. 784-B066659 Beauly BESS HRA Report Final Issued 20241218 REDACTED);
- A Flood Risk Assessment prepared by Haydn Evans (document ref. 336-005-RP1-FRA-3);
- A Drainage Impact Assessment prepared by Haydn Evans (document ref. 336-005-RP2-DIA-3);
- An Infiltration/Soakaway Report prepared by Highland Geotechnical Services (document ref. Beauly Soakaway Report\_FINAL appended to 336-005-RP1-FRA-3 and 336-005-RP2-DIA-3);
- A Geoenvironmental and Geotechnical Desk Study Report prepared by Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions (document ref. 24092-R-001-01 appended to 336-005-RP1-FRA-3 and 336-005-RP2-DIA-3);
- A Land Capability for Agriculture Report prepared by Wardell Armstrong (document ref. GL10503 001 Beauly LCA Report FINAL.2 REDACTED);
- A Landscape and Visual Appraisal prepared by TGP (document ref. 2210 LVA Beauly LVA 241217);
- A set of Landscape and Visual Appraisal Figures prepared by TGP (document re. 2210 LVA Fig 1a Beauly BESS, to, 2210 LVA Fig 4 Beauly BESS);
- A Landscape Management Plan prepared by TGP (document ref. 2210 S01 Landscape Management Plan);
- A Landscape Plan prepared by TGP (document refs. 2210 LVA Fig 5a LOH Landscape Layout Compound, and 2210 LVA Fig 5b L02E Landscape Layout Field Boundaries);
- A set of **Visualisations** prepared by TGP (document refs. 2210 LVA Beauly BESS visual Vp 1, to 2210 LVA Beauly BESS visual Vp5);
- A **Noise Impact Assessment** prepared by WSP (document ref. 70124421 Field Beauly BESS 100MW Noise assessment REDACTED);
- An **Outline Battery Safety Management Plan** (OBSMP) prepared by Field Beauly Ltd (document ref. BTGBBEA02 OBSMP Final REDACTED);
- An Access Plan prepared by Pell Frischmann (document ref. 241015 Access Plan appended to 241205 Beauly CTMP REDACTED);
- A **Topographical Survey** prepared by Castle Keep Surveys Ltd (document ref. 220921 Beauly02 Topographical Survey *appended to 336-005-RP1-FRA-3 and 336-005-RP2-DIA-3*); and
- A **Transport Statement and Construction Traffic Management Plan** prepared by Pell Frischmann (document ref. 241205 Beauly CTMP REDACTED);
- A **Planning Design and Access Statement** prepared by TNEI (document ref. 16621-004 Planning Design and Access Statement R0); and
- A suite of detailed **planning drawings** and **elevations** prepared by Field Beauly Ltd.

The required Section 36 application fee of £84,000 has been paid directly by the Applicant to the ECU on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, with Payment Reference: ECU36NBeaulyBESS / Beauly BESS

A copy of the adverts will be provided to the ECU following further consultation on public notice requirements.

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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 faithfully,

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