



Knowsley Council

**REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 25/00661/FUL

Name and address of applicant

AMP Clean Energy
1 Dover St
London
W1S 4LD

Name and address of agent

Date of Receipt: 8 December 2025

Date Valid: 8 December 2025

Address/Location Of Development

**Vacant Grass Verge Adjacent To Moss End Way
Knowsley Industrial Park
Kirkby
Knowsley
L33 7UG**

Nature And Particulars Of Application

ERECTION OF 1NO. BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY.

The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley hereby give notice in pursuance of the above Act(s) that Planning Permission has been **refused** for the carrying out of the development referred to above for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed battery electrical storage facility would result in unacceptable risk to Highway safety, both pedestrian and vehicular, due to the technology proposed to be utilised by the facility and the location in close proximity to the carriageway and footway, together with the legal prohibition of stopping on the Red Route, and the absence of any safe maintenance or emergency access arrangements. Should any of the identified risks associated with lithium-ion energy storage facilities become an issue then the impacts of such on the area due to the location and identified issues associated with the proximity of the highway and Red Route would be dangerous and detrimental to such a degree to vehicles, pedestrians and employees on nearby sites that the refusal of planning permission for the proposal on this location site is justified for public health and highway safety reasons. As such the application conflicts with Policies CS2, CS7 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016.

2. The proposed battery storage unit would eat into a grass verge which gives a sense of spaciousness in the street at the Moss End Way / Depot Road junction and is one of the last remaining grass verges within the industrial park. The scale, nature and location of the proposed works would introduce significant visual clutter to this area of the street scene to the detriment of the street scene and the visual amenity of the area. As such the application conflicts with Policies CS2 and CS19 of the Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy adopted January 2016 and Saved Policy EC3 of the Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan adopted June 2006.

ARTICLE 35 STATEMENT

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by identifying matters of concern within the application (as originally submitted) and negotiating with the applicant, acceptable amendments to the proposal to address those concerns. As a result, the Local Planning Authority has been able to grant planning permission for an acceptable proposal, in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.



Dale Milburn

Executive Director – PLACE

Date: 24 April 2026

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- As this is a decision to refuse planning permission for a minor commercial application, if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 12 weeks of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.