

Our Ref: 2569-01/JM

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Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 9UX

Dear Sir/ Madam

SUBMISSION TO DISCHARGE CONDITIONS 3 (DRAINAGE), 4 (FIRE RESPONSE PLAN) AND 13 (BATTERY SAFETY MANAGEMENT PLAN) OF PLANNING PERMISSION 23/02008/FUL FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND AT COOPERS LANE, KNOWSLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK, KIRKBY, KNOWSLEY, L33 7TT

I write, on behalf of Pelagic Energy (the applicant), to submit details to discharge planning conditions 3, 4 and 13 of planning permission 23/02008/FU at the above location.

This application has been submitted electronically via the Planning Portal (reference: PP-13908384) and comprises:

- Planning Application Forms;
- This covering letter;
- Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy Report (ref. KIRK-BML-XX-XX-RP-C-0511);
- Drainage Strategy Plan (ref. KIRK-BML-XX-XX-DR-C-0500);
- Original Drainage Assessment (submitted for reference only)
- Battery Safety Management Plan;
- Fire Response Plan; and
- Application fee of £230.00, which includes the £85 Planning Portal handling fee (paid online).

Planning permission 23/02008/FUL was granted on 30th April 2024. The applicant has since been working on the detailed design for the development. Following discussions with Knowsley Council (KC) Planning Officers, these design changes are to be secured via a submission under Section 73 of the TCPA (varying the planning condition specifying the drawings).

However, the applicant is keen to progress the discharge of the remaining pre-commencement conditions on 23/02008/FUL and seek that this is then reflected through the conditions applied on the decision notice for the pending Section 73 submission. As such, some of the materials submitted under this discharge of conditions application reflect the finalised layout of the development.

The relevant conditions which this submission seeks to discharge are set out below. The materials submitted for each are also discussed.

Condition 3

Notwithstanding the submitted drainage assessment, the development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until such time as a scheme to dispose of surface water has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

A 'Drainage Strategy Plan' has been prepared for the development site and has been submitted to discharge this condition. In addition, a Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy Report (FRA+DS) has been provided. The FRA+DS demonstrates that the findings of original surface water drainage assessment remain fundamentally unchanged and the proposed Drainage Strategy Plan builds on the drainage solution identified. For reference, the 'Original Drainage Assessment' report has been provided again.

Condition 4

Notwithstanding the Fire Statement document reference B2468900_JAC_FIRE_01_FIRE_STATEMENT, no development shall take place until a Fire Prevention Plan has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Fire Prevention Plan must consider the design and permitting requirements for the management of used firewater / fire suppression foams and chemicals, to avoid release of pollutants to the environment.

Prior to completion of the proposed development, the Fire Prevention Plan shall be completed in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

A Fire / Emergency Response Plan has been submitted to discharge this condition.

Condition 13

Development shall not commence until a Battery Safety Management Plan (BSMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The BSMP shall incorporate best practice guidance as set out in the National Fire Chiefs Council 'Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning - Guidance for FRS or its successor and demonstrate how the operator has consulted with the Fire and Rescue Service in prescribing and implementing the measures set out in the BSMP, which shall facilitate safety during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the battery storage facility, including the transport of new, used and replacement battery cells both to and from the development hereby permitted.

The BSMP shall be implemented as approved. Thereafter, an updated BSMP, incorporating best practice guidance, policy and/or regulation at that time, shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for written approval every five years throughout the lifetime of the development. The most up to date approved BSMP shall be fully implemented at all times.

Prior to completion of the proposed development, the Fire Prevention Plan shall be completed in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

A BSMP has been submitted to discharge this condition. The BSMP is a working document and would be updated following consultation with the local fire and rescue services (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service) carried out by KC during the consultation / determination period of this condition discharge. Updated versions of the BSMP would subsequently be submitted to KC.

I trust the contents of this submission satisfies the requirements to discharge this condition. If you have any queries regarding this submission or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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