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Dear Helen,

24/00155/PPDM - Battery Point Energy Storage Park

Submission of: Photomontages, Drawings of Revised Fence Arrangement, Statement of Biodiversity Enhancement

This covering letter accompanies the submission of new information in support of the above planning application.

Photomontages

Provided with this letter is a 'Battery Point Stornoway Visualisations Package' produced by Brindley Associates, dated September 2024.

This package provides photomontages to illustrate how the finished battery project would look from two viewpoints. The applicant's team took the decision to prepare the photomontages so local residents, the planning department, and Councillors could be as informed as possible about the appearance of the proposed development.

Landscape and visual effects were previously assessed in pages 27-30 of the 'Design and Access Statement', authored by The Greenspan Agency, dated 18 April 2024, and provided with the original application submission. The conclusions of that report are supported by the photomontages. Page 30 states: *"The chosen site is low-lying, as is the proposed development. The battery project will be visually modest and not intrusive. When viewed in the context of the existing power station it will appear in keeping with the historic land use of electricity generation. Tree and hedge planting will soften the project in the landscape"*.

The production of the photomontages did allow the applicant's team to improve the project further. The first version of the photomontages revealed that the palisade perimeter fence appeared extensive in views. In response, the

palisade fence, which is important for security and safety, has been retained, but brought closer to the batteries. It is now shorter in length and less prominent in views. The perimeter fence has been changed from the original heavyweight palisade to a lightweight mesh fence which will appear almost transparent in views of the site. The submitted photomontages show the new fencing arrangement.

Drawings of Revised Fence Arrangement

The alterations to the fence design require the replacement of nine drawings as set out in the table below. The change is straightforward, no other changes have been made to these drawings except for the alteration to the fence line. Because of this, I anticipate the number of consultees the planning authority wishes to re-consult may be limited.

The original drawings which continue to be relevant, those which have been superseded and the new drawings are set out in the table below.

Table 1: Drawings. Original, Superseded & New

Drawing Title	Drawing Number, original drawing 21-001-P-...	Date, of original drawing	Drawing Number, new drawing 21-001-P-...	Date, of new drawing
Location Plan and Existing Site Layout	1	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Location Plan and Existing Site Layout with Aerial	2	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Site Layout	3	16/04/2024	3 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Proposed Site Layout with Aerial	4	16/04/2024	4 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Existing Scottish Water Assets	5	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Swept Path HGV	6	16/04/2024	6 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Swept Path Tipper	7	16/04/2024	7 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Swept Path Crane	8	16/04/2024	8 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Proposed Battery Module Elevations	9	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Inverter Module Elevations	10	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Transformer & Ring Main Unit	11	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Substation Elevations	12	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Substation Foundations	13	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Site Office Elevations	14	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Fence Plan and Elevations	15	16/04/2024	15 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Proposed Lighting and CCTV Plan	16	16/04/2024	16 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Proposed Spare Parts Container Elevations	17	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Proposed Auxiliary Transformer	18	16/04/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Planting and Landscaping Plan	19	16/04/2024	19 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Proposed Drainage Layout	20	16/04/2024	20 Rev 1	11/09/2024
Topographic Survey	<i>External</i>	02/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	
Confirmed Locations of SW Pipework	<i>External</i>	02/2024	<i>Not superseded</i>	

Statement of Biodiversity Enhancement

The case officer, Helen MacDonald, has requested a Statement of Biodiversity Enhancement. This report now accompanies this covering letter. The Statement of Biodiversity Enhancement is consistent with commitments already made in the Planting and Landscaping Plan and described in paragraph 2.93 of the 'Design and Access Statement' previously provided with the application.

This proposed battery development will be a high value infrastructure investment for Lewis and Harris, providing valuable energy storage capacity and improving the reliability and sustainability of electricity supply on the islands. Profits will be reinvested into the community.

I trust the information provided assists with the planning services' determination of the application. I am happy to discuss the details with you at any time.

Kind regards,

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