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ECU Ref: ECU00006067

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Dear Mr Cox,

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 400 MEGAWATTS (MW).

Field New Deer Limited (the Applicant) (Company Reg. No. 13095982 Registered Office at Fora Montacute Yards, 185-186 Shoreditch High Street, London, E1 6HU) 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 400 MW (the Proposed Development).

The Proposed Development site (the Site) is located on land c.1.5 km south of Cuminestown and c. 7.5 km west of New Deer, AB53 8JJ (National Grid Reference 80800 48300), and is wholly situated within the administrative area of Aberdeenshire Council. The Site comprises approximately 129 hectares (ha) of commercial forestry and agricultural land (the Planning Boundary). The BESS Compound would be situated within the western land parcel of the Planning Boundary, which comprises approximately 33 ha of young conifer plantation. The location of the Site and its boundary edged in red is contained within the Site Location Plan (document reference: BTGBNDE02 - 002.1 - Site Location Plan (Planning Boundary)) submitted as part of this Section 36 (S36) Application.

The S36 Application is accompanied by the following documents:

- A **Planning, Design and Access Statement** prepared by TNEI Services Ltd (document ref. '17127-001 Planning Design and Access Statement R0');
- An **Outline Battery Safety Management Plan** prepared by the Applicant (document ref. 'BTGBNDE02 – Outline Battery Safety Management Plan');
- A **Pre-Application Consultation Report** (PACR) prepared by the Applicant (document refs. 'BTGBNDE02 – Pre-Application Consultation Report R01 Part 1' and 'BTGBNDE02 – Pre-Application Consultation Report R01 Part 2');
- A **Tree Survey and Management Report** prepared by Bowlts Chartered Surveyors (document ref. 'New Deer Tree Survey-BW(766719.4)');
- A **Peat Depth Survey Report** prepared by WRc (document ref. 2761193 New Deer Peat Survey Report – March 2025 FV01);
- A **Landscape and Visual Appraisal** prepared by Stephenson Halliday (document ref. 'New Deer 2 BESS LVA Report + Appendices 1-4');
- **Landscape and Visual Appraisal Photoviewpoints** prepared by Stephenson Halliday (document refs. 'Appendix 5

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Photoviewpoints- VP1 Minor Road near Berryhill' to 'Appendix 5 Photoviewpoints- VP6 National Cycle Route 1 near Mid Balthangie');;

- **Landscape and Visual Appraisal Photomontages** prepared by Stephenson Halliday (document ref. Appendix 5 Photomontage Viewpoints 1 and 4);
- A set of **Landscape and Visual Appraisal Figures** including a **Landscape Mitigation Plan** prepared by Stephenson Halliday (document refs. 'Figure 1 - Site Location and Landscape Context - A3' to 'Figure 6 - Cumulative Schemes - A3');
- An **additional ZTV mitigation figure** prepared by Stephenson Halliday (document ref. 1005-SHRSK-XX-XX-DR-L-1001 Mitigation Screening ZTV);
- A **Preliminary Ecological Appraisal** prepared by Wardell Armstrong (document ref. LD11228 New Deer Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Rev 01);
- A **Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment Report** prepared by RPS (document ref. 01395_New_Deer_DBA_1_Report);
- A **Flood Risk Assessment** prepared by Haydn Evans Consulting Ltd (document ref. 336-011-RP01-FRA Rev 4);
- A **Drainage Impact Assessment** prepared by Haydn Evans Consulting Ltd (document ref. 336-011-RP02-DIA Rev 4);
- A **Surface Water Drainage Strategy** prepared by Haydn Evans Consulting Ltd (document ref. 336-001-D010-P3-SWDS);
- A **Combined Transport Statement and Construction Traffic Management Plan** prepared by Pell Frischmann (document ref. 250507 New Deer 2 Transport Statement & CTMP);
- A **Phase 1 Geoenvironmental and Geotechnical Desk Study** prepared by RSK Consulting (document refs. '340617-R01 (01) Part 1' to '340617-R01 (01) Part 6');
- A **Noise Impact Assessment** prepared by TNEI (document ref. 17127-014-R1 Noise Impact Assessment Report); and
- A **suite of planning drawings and elevations** prepared by the Applicant and CADmando.

The required S36 application fee of £180,000 has been paid directly by the Applicant to the ECU on the 1st of April 2025, with Payment Reference: ECU00006067.

Notice of this submission will be advertised in the following newspapers:

- Edinburgh Gazette, once on the 16th May;
- Glasgow Herald, once on the 16th May; and
- Banffshire Journal for two consecutive weeks on the 13th of May and the 20th of May.

Likewise, a print copy of the planning application and supporting documents will be made available for public inspection in person, free of charge, at Turriff Library, 1 Fife Street, Turriff, AB53 4BN.

I trust that the ECU has sufficient information to register and progress this S36 Application. However, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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