

REFERENCE: 25/0084

PROPOSAL: SITTING OF BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING ERECTION OF FENCING

SITE: Leeway House, Leeway, Leeway Industrial Estate, Newport, South Wales

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

CASE OFFICER: Francesca Sanders

RECOMMENDATION: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED (Please re-consult when received)

Comments:

No objections in principle, however:

- It is noted in Preliminary Ecological Appraisal due to the baseline ecological value of the site being so low, it is suggested that native hedgerow is proposed to the periphery. This would also reinforce any existing vegetation and improve screening of the proposed batteries from the adjacent industrial estate (Leeway Court) on the southern and western boundaries:
 - *“Planting native boundary hedgerows with at least 4-5 species of local provenance (e.g. similar species mix as hedgerows to the south) and managing on rotation outside of the nesting bird season to no less than 2m in height to benefit wildlife. A suitable location would be along the toe of the east and south banks which would protect them from disturbance/accidental damage. This would also create habitat for nesting birds.*
 - *Habitat piles such as brash or log piles could be created around the site boundaries adjacent to the banks.”.*
- Details of all proposed planting of an appropriate specification for their position/function in the form of a planting plan, should be submitted for approval; to include:
 - Species
 - Size
 - Quantity
 - Spacing
 - Maintenance regime

Landscape Comments

- It is strongly recommended that a professional with an understanding of planting design is involved.
- It is noted that the “*Site Surface inside development boundary to be Gravel or crushed Granite of size approx 40mm, with abed depth of 100 - 150mm, unless otherwise stated*”. Details of how this material will be contained and be able to undergo vehicle loading, for example, installing a geogrid, as well as any edging materials also be submitted for approval.
- Comments made by the SAB, Tree and Transport officers should also be adhered to.