



# Planning Inspectorate

## Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4): Battery Energy Storage

**Date:** **Wednesday 26 February 2025**

**Arrangements Conference:** **9.30am**

**Meeting start time:** **10.00am**

**Venue:** **Blended event at Ashford International Hotel Simone Well Avenue, Ashford, Kent TN24 8UX and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams**

Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

**Attendees:** **The Applicant and Interested Parties who have pre-registered**

The ExA would particularly request that representatives of the following bodies attend the Issue Specific Hearing:

- The Applicant
- Kent Fire and Rescue Service

### Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing 4

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>The Need for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)</b> The Applicant will be asked to explain the need for BESS as part of the Proposed Development and its proposed design approach including distribution across the Proposed Site.
<b>4</b>	<b>BESS Consultation</b> The Examining Authority (ExA) will ask the Applicant to set out how it has engaged on this issue and the mechanisms and media they have used.

5	<p><b>BESS Safety</b></p> <p>The ExA will ask the Applicant on its approach to addressing perceived safety concerns and mitigation proposed including proposed water storage on site and how this relates to flood management.</p> <p>The ExA will also invite feedback from Kent Fire and Rescue Service on its current position in regard to BESS and emergency access to the site.</p>
6	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p>
7	<p><b>Closing</b></p>
<p><b>Close of the Issue Specific Hearing 4</b></p>	