

IF, WHAT, WHY?

If, the KFRS 'no objection' stance is irrelevant on the grounds that the NFCC Guidance on which it was based is inconsistent with the characteristics of the proposed BESS (in so far as they are established)

If, the KFRS could not be bothered to attend the specific ISH4 hearing, despite the BESS being explicitly the basis of the agenda....

If, the applicant fails to understand or simply refuses to declare the capacity of the BESS and thus fails to adequately consider the potential for a thermal runaway event in direct proportion to the capacity of the BESS....

If, the capacity of the BESS is, without any foundation or explanation, disproportionate to the size of the solar array – and thus larger than any other such facility in the UK....

If, the unknown, potential risk of 26 BESS locations distributed close to residences throughout the solar array is allowed to proceed unchecked....

If, the applicant refuses to address water supply and related safety issues raised in Merseyside, Leeds, Hereford & Worcester (and around the world), which were reflected in the experiences of those from the Fire & Rescue & Service who attended the recent Handen Farm fire....

On what basis, given the extent and significance of both the KFRS and applicant's shortcomings, can the Examining Authority consider the Outline Battery Safety Management Plan as being fit for purpose?

On what basis and to what extent is the Examining Authority able to address the safety and risk related issues of the BESS and thus mitigate against the potential risk to the local community?

On what basis is it not appropriate that the Examining Authority refers the BESS segment of the application – or at the very least its safety and risk related issues – to a third party with appropriate safety and risk related experience and credentials?

Why should the local population, in the face of established risk, be exposed to the risk of toxic plume hazards and lack of domestic water supply in order to satisfy the speculative, financial demands of the applicant?

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