

I wish to draw attention to my previous submissions at OFH2 and subsequent written submission in which i questioned the applicants competency to safely complete and manage this project,

There has been no response to this and i hope the examiner will not be ignoring this important issue.

This becomes even more vital in the light of facts revealed about the extent of the BESS installations, their proximity to dwellings and their documented safety risks.

This is new and unregulated technology with enormous risks, to install such a system so close to a populated area would be foolish and dangerous. BESS fires have occurred in 6% of the installed capacity most of which is less than 2 years old.

This would suggest that a fire during the lifetime of this project is more likely than not. In no other industry would such a risk be deemed acceptable. The situation is made worse by the wholly inadequate measures to deal with a fire proposed by the applicant. The proposed water supply will not be sufficient to contain a Lithium battery fire, and nothing has been done to reduce the risk of harm to residents from toxic fumes.

I urge the examiner, and the Secretary of State, to consider this very carefully and be aware how an incident of this nature would have a hugely detrimental effect on the future of renewable energy generation in this country.