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Response to Applicants Response to Deadlines 4 and 5 – other interested parties:

SL-D5-01

What is the source of the water for the 1900 litre /minute supply and how is this kept at constant level?

What is the source of the water to fight the fire beyond the initial period?

SL-D5-02

How will contaminated firewater be safely stored once the initial 456,000 litre firefighting water volume is exhausted?

SL-D5-03

How can it be guaranteed that during an external fire event the holding lagoon capacity will not be exceeded?

Please confirm what best practice guidance stipulates. Also, that the Environment Agency accept the proposals put forward regards potential for pollution of ground water and water courses during an extreme fire event.

SL-D5-04

Please confirm that there is formal approval from National Gas regards the proposals for safely protecting the live gas main during construction and in the event of an extreme fire event.

SL-D5-05

Who verifies that the qualifications and experience of the Independent Fire Engineer are sufficient?

Who checks that their conclusions and recommendations are acceptable?

The matter of **BESS** safety is of fundamental importance to the local community and the occupants of the wider surrounding areas and is too important not to be signed off by a second independent expert acting for the appropriate Governing Body.

This was a point made by Bedford Borough Council during the last hearing but is also echoed by the local community.

It should be confirmed which the Governing Bodies are and be a requirement of approval that they provide a joint statement of acceptance of the design and safety case put forward prior to construction commencing.

