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Our reference: Vicarage Drove BESS Limited

**22 December 2025**

Dear Planning Inspector

## **AGR & Vicarage Drove BESS Limited Beacon Fen Development Consent Order (DCO) Interaction Deadline 5 - Representation to safeguard Vicarage Drove BESS**

I write on behalf of AGR in respect of the interaction of its project SPV Vicarage Drove BESS Limited (company number 12295191) ("**VDBL**") with the Beacon Fen DCO (the "**DCO Project**").

AGR develops, owns, operates and manages renewable energy projects across the UK, having successfully delivered and installed capacity of over 1GW, including three projects in the vicinity of the National Grid Bicker Fen substation. This letter is in respect of Vicarage Drove BESS Limited ("**VDBL**") which is located on land to the immediate south-east of the National Grid Bicker Fen substation and Vicarage Drove, as shown on the extract of the planning permission location plan included at **Appendix 1** of this letter. VDBL received planning consent on 5 February 2025 (reference B/24/0363) for a c.160MW BESS facility with associated infrastructure and landscaping.

VDBL has apparatus consented over and adjacent to and/or across the land proposed for the DCO Project. We understand that the DCO Project's Order Land cuts across the field boundary at plot 18-44 where VDBL proposes an attenuation pond as well as its critical electrical infrastructure (transformers and control buildings), as shown on the General Arrangement drawing at **Appendix 2**. There is also a proposed crossing of the VDBL import/export cable and further interactions in and around the point of connection. This has the potential to cause detriment to VDBL's undertaking. On that basis, with the operation of the DCO Project set to compulsorily acquire land rights and cable rights in land proposed for VDBL, we have specific concerns in relation to:

1. Asset protection and adequate safeguards for VDBL's existing infrastructure;
2. Overlapping planning permissions and incompatibility particularly in respect of the abovementioned attenuation pond, transformers and control buildings;
3. The possibility of outages to VDBL's operations including financial safeguards and indemnities in the event of VDBL needing to temporarily cease operation; and



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4. The need to secure appropriate mechanisms within legal documentation (yet to be agreed) – for example, deeds of consent relating to VDBL's existing property rights and compliance with existing landowner agreements.

Accordingly, VDBL wishes to protect its rights and interests in land and its apparatus during and after construction of the DCO Project including in areas in which compulsory acquisition/temporary possession powers or rights are sought by the DCO.

To this end, the parties are engaged in commercial negotiations regarding a form of private asset protection agreement and protective provisions, together with appropriate assurance as to the intentions in and around plot 18-44. Until these are in place, VDBL wishes to lodge this representation to make the Examining Authority (**ExA**) aware of its concerns.

VDBL is eager to continue discussions with the Applicant in order to ensure that appropriate safeguards are legally secured; following which, VDBL will write to the ExA to confirm the same and remove its representation.

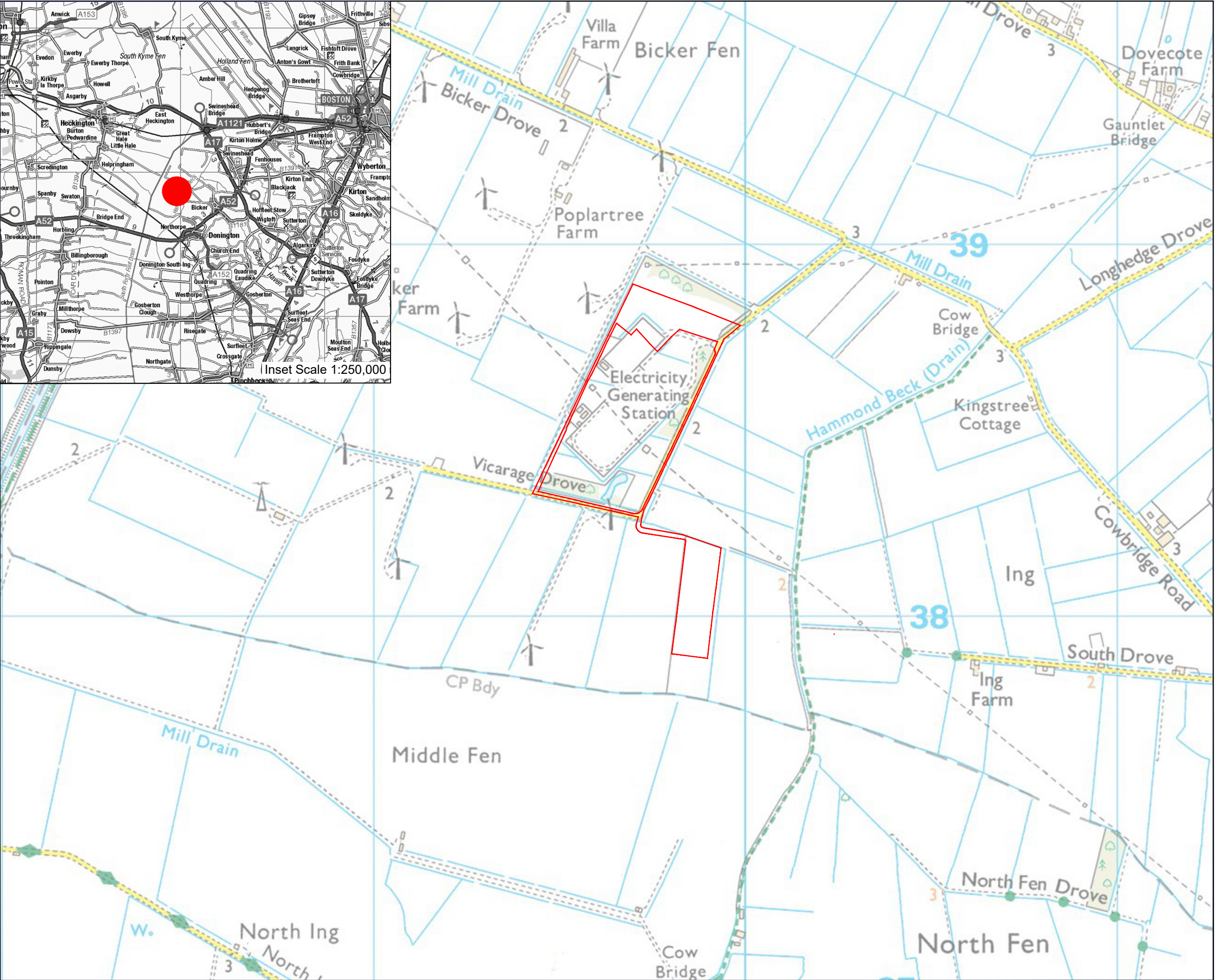
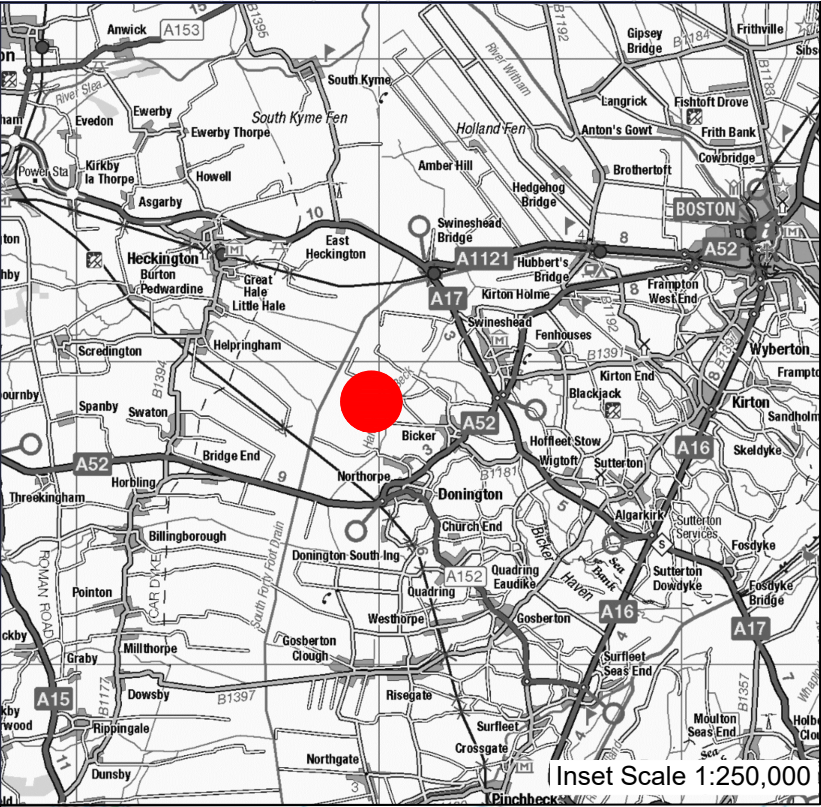
Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

For and on behalf of  
Vicarage Drove BESS Limited







Application Boundary

Site Location

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Client

Vicarage Drove BESS Ltd

Project

Vicarage Drove BESS

Drawing Title

Site Location Plan

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Date

May 2024

Dwg no

3593-01-01

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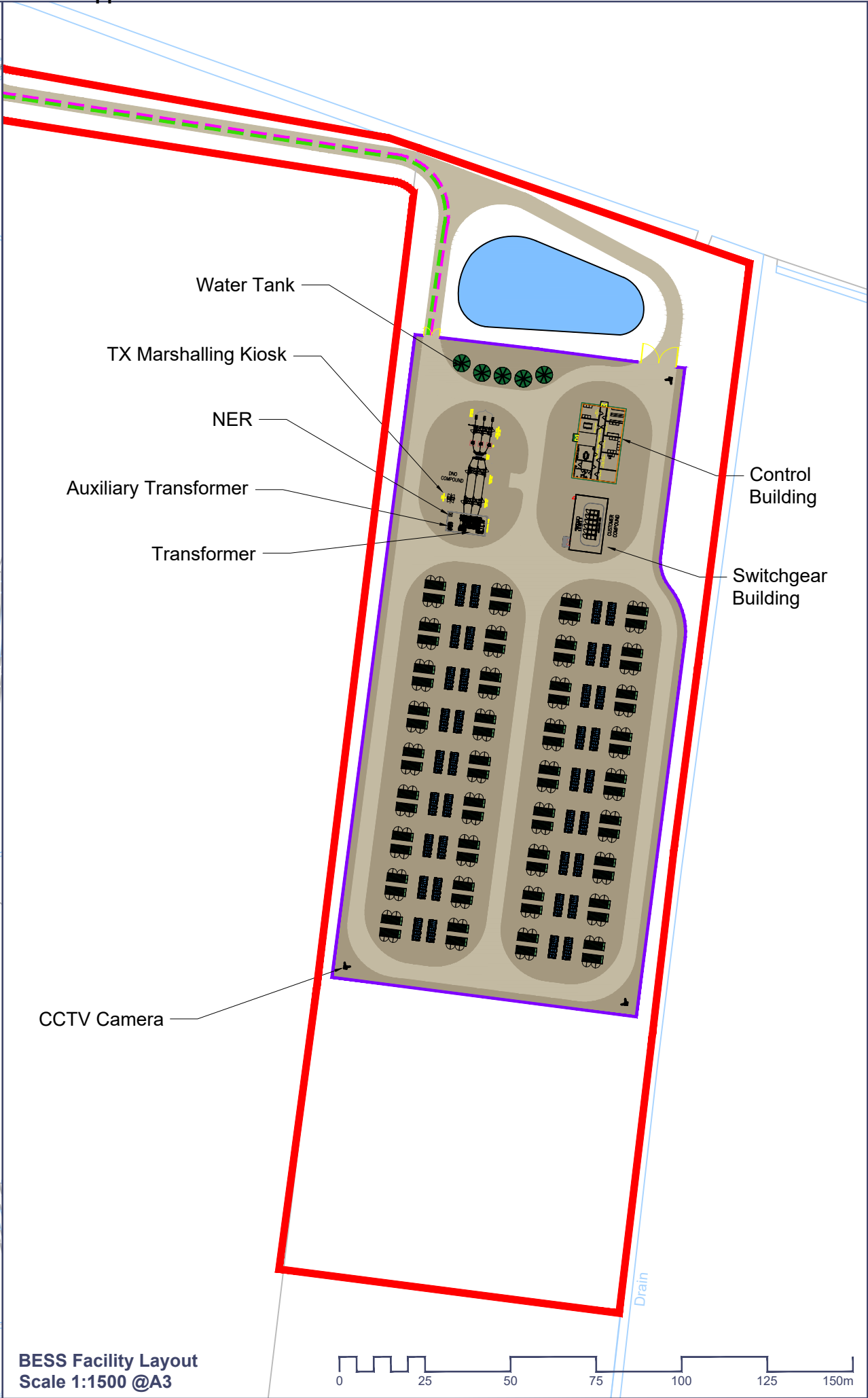
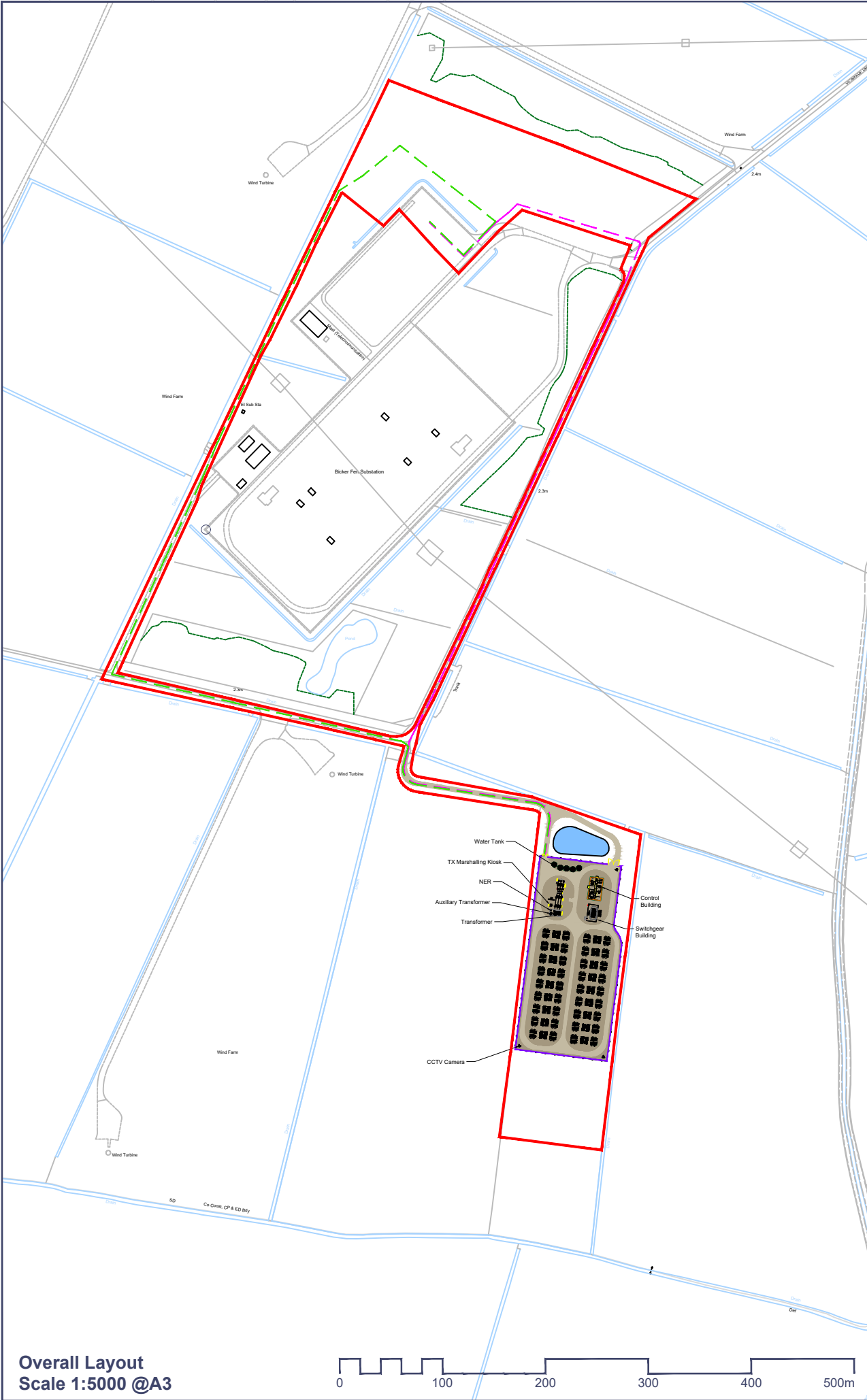
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Appendix 2



- Application Boundary
- Indicative Cable Route Option A
- Indicative Cable Route Option B
- Proposed Compacted Stone Access Track
- Proposed Uncompacted Stone Surfacing
- 4m high Security / Acoustic Fence
- BESS Unit
- Transformer / Inverter Unit
- Attenuation Pond

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Client

Vicarage Drove BESS Ltd

Project

Vicarage Drove BESS

Drawing Title

General Arrangement

Scale

As Stated

Date

July 2024

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