

All comments are with respect to BESS:

- 1) The BESS should be specified in terms of two units: x MW/ y MWh. Only the former units appear to be used and it is the second which is very important because it determines the number and size of the “containers” and the usefulness of the facility.
- 2) The access for fire services should be clearly defined and the spacing between containers defined in terms of UK Standards and Regulations. There is an unfortunate tendency for applicants to use American standards and it is not clear if these are valid or approved by UK Govt.
- 3) The Issue of Insurance liability for BESS. Each 4MWh container contains a significant quantity of flammable liquid, typically up to 3 tonnes), so in the event of a fire there is considerable scope for damage to life and the environment. So the question is: “who pays for the insurance liability?”. This is a crucial question that the Planning Committee should ask, and discover at what level of liability this should be.