Horsham District Council

DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET

APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:
NC/24/0002
Land At Bob Lane And Wineham Lane, Twineham, West Sussex

DESCRIPTION:
Battery Energy Storage System with associated infrastructure

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY:

DC/24/0054 (Horsham District Council)	**Installation of Battery Energy Storage System with associated infrastructure**	Pending Consideration

SITE AND SURROUNDS
The overall application site comprises land within Mid Sussex District and Horsham District, and relate to an application for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), located in Horsham district. Insofar as the Neighbouring Consultation application goes, the relevant site area comprises a red line that runs from the Horsham district boundary at Kent Street northwards along Wineham Lane for a distance of around 100m before turning along Bob Lane and then into the Bolney Substation, all within Mid Sussex District.

Bob Lane runs along the northern boundary of an area designated as Ancient Woodland (The Gill). There are 'High Risk' surface water flow paths that run along and across Kent Street and Bob Lane.

Overall, the site comprises rural roads and laneways, located within a rural area, connecting to a sizable substation that forms a part of the national energy infrastructure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
The Neighbouring Consultation relates specifically to the infrastructure works that lie within Mid Sussex, and comprise cable runs that would run below existing roads and lanes (Kent Street, Wineham Lane and Bob Lane, before entering the substation site for connection to the national grid.

RELEVANT PLANNING POLICIES
The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

REPRESENTATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS RESPONSES
Where any relevant consultation responses have been received and summarised accordingly, it should be noted that Officers have had consideration of the full comments received, which are available to view on the public file at www.horsham.gov.uk

The associated development proposal within the demise of Horsham District Council is being considered under DC/24/00054, which is subject to separate consultation and neighbour notification.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT
The associated works within Mid Sussex which are subject to the Neighbouring Authority Consultation, comprise below ground cabling and infrastructure works which would be necessary to connect the proposed BESS site located to the west further along Kent Street, with the Bolney substation so that a connection to the national grid can be established.

Officers are satisfied that these proposed infrastructure works can be adequately assessed by the relevant case officer dealing with the application for Mid Sussex District Council under DM/24/0136, and

note that the proposed BESS site is subject to separate planning considerations under application DC/24/0054, which lies with Horsham District Council for assessment. Considerations on the likely impact on the Ancient Woodland and surface water flow paths will need to be had, although it is noted that these associated works are located under existing public highways up until a point along Bob Lane.

Recommendation: No objection to Consultation

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Case Officer sign/initial Nic Pettifer Date: 22.02.2024

Authorising Officer sign/initial J Hawkes Date: 22.02.2024