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DICHARGE OF CONDITION 4 SUBMISSION – LANDSCAPING SCHEME

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1.0 Application Details

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Address: Land At Whitehall/Belchmire Lane Gosberton Spalding
Date of application: 3rd February 2025
Application Number: H08-0113-25
Local Panning Authority: South Holland District Council
Description of the Proposal: Construction and operation of a micro energy storage facility
Date of decision: 3rd April 2025

2.0 Introduction

This submission relates to planning permission Reference H08-0113-25 at Land At Whitehall/Belchmire Lane Gosberton Spalding. The approved development is for a micro energy storage facility, known as a 'Battery Box,' designed to provide flexible, decentralised energy storage to support the local grid. Condition 4 of the planning permission, imposed by South Holland Council, requires the submission and approval of a landscaping and tree planting scheme prior to the commencement of development beyond oversite. This cover letter accompanies the landscaping scheme to satisfy the requirements of this condition, as outlined below.

2.1 Condition 4.

The condition states:

"Before the commencement of the development hereby permitted beyond oversite, the approval of the Local Planning Authority is required to a scheme of landscaping and tree planting for the site (including screening of bin collection points) indicating, inter alia, the number, species, heights on planting and positions of all the trees, together with details of post-planting maintenance. Such scheme as is approved by the Local Planning Authority shall be carried out and completed in its entirety during the first planting season following practical completion of the development. All trees, shrubs and bushes shall be maintained by the owner or owners of the land on which they are situated for the period of five years beginning with the date of completion of the scheme and during that period all losses shall be made good as and when necessary. Reason: To ensure that the development is adequately landscaped, in the interests of its visual amenity and that of the area in which it is set, and that Biodiversity Net Gain will be achieved. This Condition is imposed in accordance with Policies 2, 3 and 28 of the Southeast Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019 and the Environment Act 2021."

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2.2 Purpose and Reason for Submission

This application seeks to comply with Condition 4 by submitting a detailed landscaping and tree planting scheme for approval. The scheme has been designed to enhance the visual amenity of the site, screen the development, and contribute to Biodiversity Net Gain, in line with the objectives of the Southeast Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, and the Environment Act 2021. The accompanying plan, titled "07Whitehall Box - Proposed Landscaping Plan" outlines the proposed landscaping measures, which are detailed below to meet the specific requirements of the condition.

2.3 Proposed Landscaping Scheme

The landscaping scheme has been developed to provide screening in a residential setting while keeping maintenance low, incorporating a mix of shrubs, grasses, and herbaceous plants. Timber close-board fencing will provide additional screening where appropriate. The scheme adheres to criteria of seasonal interest, year-round structure, suitability for busy environments, and hardy, low-maintenance species. Details are as follows:

a) Number, Species, Heights, and Positions of Planting

Number and Density:

- Shrubs to be planted at a density of 3 per m² using 3L pots.
- Verbena to be planted in groups of 3, spaced 300mm apart, interspersed among shrubs.
- Smaller plants (ornamental species: 60-80cm whips) to be planted at a higher density of 300mm apart; native species in double staggered rows, 300mm apart, and 300mm between rows, to enhance establishment rates.

Hedgerow Planting:

- Select one of the following typical species for formal hedgerows:
    - Photinia x fraseri 'Red Robin'
    - Prunus laurocerasus Rotundifolia ('laurel hedging')
    - Native variety Carpinus betulus ('hornbeam')
- Hedgerows to be planted with a minimum bed width of 1m.

Heights on Planting:

- Shrubs: 0.5m to 0.8m
- Calamagrostis: 0.8m to 1.0m
- Verbena: 0.4m to 0.6m

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Positions:

- Planting beds to be a minimum of 1m wide, encircling the Battery Box units and extending along all boundaries, except that with the cabinet and fence door.
- Taller species such as Calamagrostis to be positioned towards the rear of planting beds.
- Shorter species such as Verbena and Skimmia to be placed at the front of planting beds.

c) Bin Collection Points

No bin collection points are proposed for this Battery Box site, as the development is a small-scale energy storage facility generating no operational waste requiring on-site bins. Any incidental waste from maintenance activities will be managed off-site by AMP Clean Energy personnel, rendering screening unnecessary.

2.4 Post-Planting Maintenance

Duration: Annual maintenance, beginning after planting in the first season post-development (e.g., Autumn 2025)

Maintenance Activities: Watering during establishment, mulching to retain moisture, and annual pruning to maintain shape and health

Replacement of Losses: Failed plants will be replaced with matching species and sizes in the next planting season

Responsibility: AMP Clean Energy

2.5 Accompanying Plans

"07 Whitehall Box - Proposed Landscaping Plan": Illustrates planting bed positions and fencing layout

3.0 Conclusion

AMP Clean Energy respectfully requests South Holland Council's approval of this landscaping scheme to satisfy Condition 4. It ensures the Battery Box development integrates visually into its residential surroundings, provides low-maintenance amenity value, and exceeds biodiversity requirements, per Policies 2, 3, and 28 of the Southeast Lincolnshire Local Plan, 2019, and the Environment Act 2021. The omission of tree planting and bin screening reflects the site's specific context while maintaining compliance with the condition's core intent.