

BATTERY BOX PARKSIDE BOX ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

DICHARGE OF CONDITION 4 SUBMISSION – LANDSCAPING SCHEME

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1.0 Application Details

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Application Number: H09-0597-24
Local Planning Authority: South Holland District Council
Description of the Proposal: Construction and operation of a micro energy storage facility
Date of decision: 19th September 2024

2.0 Introduction

This submission relates to planning permission Reference H09-0597-24 at the Land To The East Of Boston Road, Holbeach PE12 7EE. 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."

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 "07 Holbeach 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 amenity value 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

Species Mix and Proportions:

- 25% *Cornus sanguinea* 'Midwinter Fire' (vibrant winter stems for seasonal interest)
- 25% *Skimmia japonica* 'Rubella' (evergreen structure and winter buds)
- 25% *Calamagrostis x acutiflora* 'Karl Foerster' (tall grass for year-round texture)
- 5% *Verbena bonariensis* (herbaceous, pollinator-friendly)
- 20% *Viburnum opulus* 'Compactum' (compact shrub with flowers and berries)

Number and Density: Shrubs planted at 3 per m² using 3L pots; Verbena in groups of 3, 300mm apart, interspersed among shrubs

Heights on Planting: Shrubs at 0.5m to 0.8m; Calamagrostis at 0.8m to 1.0m; Verbena at 0.4m to 0.6m

Positions: Planting beds, minimum 1m wide, will encircle the Battery Box units and extend along the northern and eastern boundaries. Taller species (e.g., Calamagrostis) are positioned at the back of beds, with shorter species (e.g., Verbena, Skimmia) at the front, as shown on the "07 Parkside Box - Proposed Landscaping Plan."

b) Contribution to Biodiversity Net Gain

The mix of native and pollinator-friendly species (e.g., Verbena, Viburnum) supports local wildlife, while hardy evergreens (e.g., Skimmia) ensure year-round habitat stability. This scheme is projected to achieve a 10% Biodiversity Net Gain, in line with the Environment Act 2021, with further details in the attached landscaping plan.

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 Holbeach 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.