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Further to my previous objection. Please see updated government planning guidance (14 August 2023) relating to BESS systems, as proposed at padbury brook

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/renewable-and-low-carbon-energy?fbclid=IwAR2hFHp0abRtX9dTyhrkffWLVOKesKo22rP8a_XSVJysxFdQzVGGPrQMwrU

What is the planning application process for battery energy storage systems?
When applying for planning permission for development involving lithium-ion battery energy storage systems these are subject to the requirements set out in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 [<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/595/contents/made>].
Paragraph: 033 Reference ID: 5-033-20230814

What can applicants seeking planning permission for battery energy storage systems do to ensure they consider any potential risks?

Where planning permission is being sought for development of battery energy storage systems of 1 MWh or over, and excluding where battery energy storage systems are associated with a residential dwelling, applicants are encouraged to engage with the relevant local fire and rescue service before submitting an application to the local planning authority. This is so matters relating to the siting and location of battery energy storage systems, in particular in the event of an incident, prevention of the impact of thermal runaway, and emergency services access can be considered before an application is made.

Applicants are also encouraged to consider guidance produced by the National Fire Chiefs Council [[https://www.ukfrs.com/sites/default/files/2023-04/Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning Guidance for FRS.pdf](https://www.ukfrs.com/sites/default/files/2023-04/Grid%20Scale%20Battery%20Energy%20Storage%20System%20planning%20Guidance%20for%20FRS.pdf)] (PDF, 488 KB) when preparing the application. The location of such sites are of particular interest to fire and rescue services; who will seek to obtain details of the design, and firefighting access and facilities at these sites in their register of site specific risks that they maintain for the purposes of Section 7 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004.

Paragraph: 034 Reference ID: 5-034-20230814

What can local planning authorities do to ensure they consider any potential risks when determining the planning application?

When planning applications for the development of battery energy storage systems of 1 MWh or over, and excluding where battery energy storage systems are associated with a residential dwelling, are submitted to a local planning authority, the local planning authority are encouraged to consult with their local fire and rescue service as part of the formal period of public consultation [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consultation-and-pre-decision-matters#Public->

[consultation](#)] prior to deciding the planning application. This is to ensure that the fire and rescue service are given the opportunity to provide their views on the application to identify the potential mitigations which could be put in place in the event of an incident, and so these views can be taken into account when determining the application.

Local planning authorities are also encouraged to consider guidance produced by the National Fire Chiefs Council [[https://www.ukfrs.com/sites/default/files/2023-04/Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning Guidance for FRS.pdf](https://www.ukfrs.com/sites/default/files/2023-04/Grid%20Scale%20Battery%20Energy%20Storage%20System%20planning%20Guidance%20for%20FRS.pdf)] (PDF, 488 KB) when determining the application.

Paragraph: 035 Reference ID: 5-035-20230814

Who is the relevant local fire and rescue service for an area?

Find the relevant fire and rescue service here [<https://fireengland.uk/your-fire-and-rescue-service/find-your-service>], with any correspondence being directed to the Chief Fire Officer for circulation to the correct department.

Paragraph: 036 Reference ID: 5-036-20230814