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Date: 23 August 2024
Our ref: East Claydon Greener Grid Park

Dear Zenab,

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Request for a Scoping Opinion

Proposed Development at Land North Of East Claydon Substation, East Claydon Road, East Claydon

On behalf of our client, Statkraft UK Ltd, we request Buckinghamshire Council's ('BC') formal opinion on the scope of an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') to be submitted in conjunction with an application for a new Greener Grid Park comprising a Battery Energy Storage System.

The request is made under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 as updated by the Town and Country Planning and Infrastructure Planning (EIA) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (together 'the 2017 EIA Regulations'). It is accompanied by the enclosed 'East Claydon Greener Grid Park EIA Scoping Report' (August 2024).

The Proposed Development falls within Part 3(a) of Schedule 2 of the 2017 EIA Regulations as an 'industrial installation for the production of electricity, steam and hot water (unless included in Schedule 1)'; which includes more than 0.5 hectares of land. For Schedule 2 developments, the Regulations require that an EIA be undertaken where the development is "likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size of location".

The Site boundary for the Proposed Development encompasses approximately 41.9 hectares. An EIA of the Proposed Development will be conducted to ensure that any potential significant environmental impacts are identified, assessed and presented to assist BC in its consideration of the planning application.

To assist BC in forming its scoping opinion, the enclosed Scoping Report provides the following information:-

- Site location and description;

- Description of the nature and purpose of the development;

- Possible environmental effects; and
- Proposed form of the ES.

In considering the content of the ES, we note that the focus of Schedule 4 of the 2017 EIA Regulations is the significant impacts. Other lesser effects need not be considered as part of the EIA process. On that basis, and following review of those matters specified in the enclosed report, it is considered that the scope of the EIA should include consideration of the following environmental aspects:-

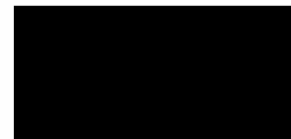
- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Noise
- Biodiversity and Ecology
- Traffic and Transport
- Climate Change
- Archaeology (Below Ground Heritage)
- Built Heritage (Above Ground Heritage) – cumulative scenario only

The environmental assessment for each technical aspect will be conducted during all phases of the development. Direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative effects will be addressed as appropriate. We seek your confirmation as to the scope of the EIA as identified within the enclosed EIA Scoping Report.

We trust that the above and the enclosed document provides you with sufficient information to adopt a scoping opinion and we look forward to receiving your opinion as soon as possible within the 5 weeks allowed by the 2017 EIA Regulations (starting from the date of this submission).

Please contact me or my colleague Nicki Mableson if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures East Claydon Greener Grid Park EIA Scoping Report

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