

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

ENERGY

SALTERS BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

Notice is hereby given that **Salters Battery Storage Limited (Company Number: 809915) having their registered office at Buccleuch office, Weatherhouse, Bowhill, Selkirk, United Kingdom, TD7 5ES** has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the construction and operation of an electricity generating station on lands located off Salters Road, immediately South of the A68 and approximately 200m South of the existing Smeaton Substation, Dalkeith, Midlothian. (Central Grid Reference **(X 335010, Y 668508)**). The installed capacity of the proposed **generating station is in excess of 50 MW consisting of a battery energy storage facility of approximately 200MW capacity, with ancillary development.**

The Company has also asked that Scottish Ministers give a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, including plans showing the lands to which it relates and the supporting documents, is available for public inspection in person, free of charge at:

Dalkeith Library, 2 White Hart Street, Dalkeith EH22 1AE. The opening hours are Tuesday & Thursday 10am – 7pm; Wednesday & Saturday 10am – 1pm and Friday & Monday 10am - 5pm.

Plans can also be inspected on the Scottish Government Energy Consents website at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference **ECU00004962**, or on the applicant's website:

Website Address: www.buccleuch.com

Copies of the application documents may also be obtained upon request from Buccleuch on behalf of **Salters Battery Storage Limited (email: info@buccleuch.com /telephone: +44 131 524 0910)** in hard copy for £40.00 or on USB for £20.00.

Representations on the application may be submitted to Scottish Ministers via the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, by email to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit mailbox at representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations. Emailed representations should also include the full return email address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement.

All representations should be received not later than **Monday 30th September 2024** although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

As a result of a statutory objection from the relevant planning authority, or where Scottish Ministers decide to exercise their discretion to do so, Scottish Ministers can also cause a Public Local Inquiry to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information, Scottish Ministers will determine the application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government processes representations under the Electricity Act 1989. To support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at <https://www.energyconsents.scot>. A privacy notice is published on the help page at <https://www.energyconsents.scot/Documentation.aspx>. This explains how the Scottish Government processes your personal

information. If you have any concerns about the processing of your personal information by the Scottish Government, please email EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot or write to Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU. (4691089)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSALS FOR FISHERIES MANAGEMENT MEASURES WITHIN SCOTTISH OFFSHORE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAS) 2024.

Scottish Ministers hereby give notice that a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been prepared in relation to proposed fisheries management measures within Scottish offshore marine protected areas (MPAs) in accordance with The Environment Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004. All documentation, including the SEA, can be found on the Scottish Government's website and views can be submitted at:

- Online: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fisheries-management-measures-within-scottish-offshore-marine-protected-areas-mpas>

- Email: marine_biodiversity@gov.scot

- Post: Marine Biodiversity Team

Scottish Government

Area 1-B North

Victoria Quay

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Hard copies of the SEA and consultation documentation can be obtained upon request from the information detailed above. Any expression of opinion should be received no later than 23:59 on 14th October 2024. Late expressions cannot be taken into consideration.

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION A9 ESSANGAL BRIDGE AND A9 PITALDONICH BRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 55A OF THE ROADS (SCOTLAND) ACT 1984

The Scottish Ministers give notice that they have determined that the project to replace the expansion joints on the A9 Essangal and Pitaldonich Bridges near Blair Atholl is a relevant project within the meaning of section 55A of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") as the works fall within Annex II of Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of certain public and private projects on the environment, but that having regard to –

- (a) the selection criteria contained in Annex III of that Directive, namely
 - (i) the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;
 - (ii) the production of waste;
 - (iii) pollution and nuisances;
 - (iv) the risks to human health (for example due to water contamination or air pollution);
 - (v) areas classified or protected under national legislation; Natura 2000 areas designated by Member States pursuant to Directive 92/43/EEC and Directive 2009/147/E;
 - (vi) nature reserves and parks;
 - (vii) landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance,
- (b) the results of the Environmental Screening Assessment under section 55A(2) of the 1984 Act and the Assessment under regulation 48 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 ("the 1994 Regulations") concluded that there would be no adverse effects on site integrity on the River Tay Special Area of Conservation,
- (c) the information set out in the Records of Determination dated 26 June and 8 July 2024, available at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/transport-network/roads/road-orders-and-records-of-determination/#63527>, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

The main reasons for the conclusion that no Environmental Impact Assessment is required are:

- (a) The works will not impact the Cairngorms National Park, the Aldclune and Invervack Meadows Site of Special Scientific Interest, and the Battle of Killiecrankie Battlefield;