DUNMILL ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT

Pre-application Consultation (PAC) Report

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1. Introduction

This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report outlines how RES (the Applicant) has engaged with the local community to inform them about the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage Project, hereinafter referred to as the 'Proposed Development'.

It explains how and when the community was consulted before the planning application was submitted to Angus Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) and how this consultation has shaped the Proposed Development.

The PAC Report summarises those activities undertaken, details how comments received from the community were considered and sets out if any consequent changes or mitigating measures have been included in the Proposed Development.

1.1 Proposed Development

The description of the Proposed Development is as follows:

> Proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Development with associated Infrastructure with a capacity up to 49.9MW.

The Applicant is developing a 49.9MW Storage Facility near Bridge of Dun Substation. The development will comprise of a 49.9MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will consist of 32 battery storage enclosures, associated foundations, transformers, power conversion systems, electrical infrastructure, access track, crane hard-standing, and spares storage containers.

2. The Applicant's Commitment to Consultation

The Applicant is the world's largest independent renewable energy company. At the forefront of the industry for over 40 years, the Applicant has delivered more than 23GW of renewable energy projects across the globe and supports an operational asset portfolio exceeding 12GW worldwide for a large client base. The Applicant is active in 14 countries working across onshore and offshore wind, solar, energy storage, green hydrogen and transmission and distribution.

The Applicant is committed to finding effective and appropriate ways of consulting with all its stakeholders, including local residents and community organisations, and believes that the views of local people are an integral part of the development process. The Applicant wants to be a good neighbour to the communities that host our projects and will listen to and address questions or concerns that interested parties might have. A comprehensive process that engages with local people and stakeholders at an early stage allows an informed debate that helps the Applicant identify issues of potential concern, explore solutions and design a project that will be welcomed as a positive asset by the local community.

3. Statutory Requirements and Best Practice Guidance

The requirement for pre-application consultation is set out in Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, (as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Pre-Application Consultation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021) and sections 35A & B of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.

The legislation requires developers to submit a 'Proposal of Application Notice (PAN)' 12 weeks before submitting a formal planning application for 'Major' applications. The PAN explains how the Applicant will engage with the local community and sets out a timetable for the engagement. Once

a planning authority receives a PAN, they have 21 days to consider the proposal and the decision is then effective for a period of 12 months from its date of issue.

The Applicant submitted a PAN to Angus Council on 3rd August 2023. The submitted information included details of the site location, the type of consultation methods that would be undertaken, with whom and within what distance from the site.

4. Consultation Methodology

The purpose of pre-application community consultation is to improve, where possible, the quality of the proposed planning application by considering public opinions and addressing, wherever possible, any issues raised by stakeholders. It is also intended that any interested stakeholders have access to up-to-date and accurate information regarding the Proposed Development and the opportunity to provide feedback to be considered prior to the proposed planning application being finalised and submitted.

4.1 Community and Stakeholder Mapping

This section details the key local stakeholders the Applicant identified and engaged with during the pre-application public consultation process. Prior to the start of the consultation, the Applicant undertook detailed desktop research to develop a comprehensive understanding of the key stakeholders to engage with during pre-application public consultation. This research involved identifying local stakeholders located around the site of the Proposed Development.

The stakeholder groups identified included:

- Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Ccouncil
- Elected representatives for Montrose and District ward of Angus Council
- Residential properties within a 1km radius of the proposed site.

4.2 Consultation

As set out in section 3, the formal consultation began on 3rd August 2023 when the PAN was issued to Angus Council. A combination of the following methods was used to inform stakeholders (listed in section 4.1) about the Proposed Development, and subsequently to ascertain their views.

In line with the legislative requirements, the public notice also included a statement advising that comments made to the Applicant are not representations to the determining authority (Angus Council), and if the Applicant submits an application, there will then be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the determining authority at a later stage.

4.2.1 Email to Elected Representatives – 3rd August 2023

The Applicant wrote to all members of Montrose and District ward of Angus Council and Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council to advise them that the Applicant was investigating the potential for an energy storage development at the site location and would commence a number of consultation activities shortly including newsletter distribution, a dedicated project website and public exhibitions. The letter also invited these representatives to contact the Applicant if they wished to arrange a meeting to discuss the Proposed Development. A copy of the PAN was enclosed with each letter. A copy of the letter can be found at **Appendix A**.

4.2.2 Project Website – 10th August 2023

A project website was launched at www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk containing information on the Proposed Development, information regarding the forthcoming public exhibition as well as contact details for the project team to facilitate direct engagement.

The project website remains live and will be updated when the planning submission is made, to include links to all planning application documentation.

4.2.3 Community Pre-Exhibition Mailing – 10th August 2023

On 10th August 2023, the Applicant sent a newsletter, advertising the upcoming public exhibition, to 59 properties identified within 1km of the Proposed Development. A copy of the newsletter can be found at **Appendix B**.

4.2.4 Pre-Exhibition Advertising – 10th August 2023

The Applicant placed an advertisement which appeared in the Angus County Press on 10th August 2023 to help raise awareness of the upcoming exhibition. A copy of the advertisement can be found at **Appendix C**.

4.2.5 Email to Elected Representatives – 10th August 2023

The Applicant sent an email to all members of Montrose and District ward of Angus Council and Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council enclosing the newsletter regarding the upcoming public exhibition. A copy of the newsletter can be found at **Appendix B**.

4.2.6 Public Exhibition – 22nd August 2023

The public exhibition took place between 3pm and 7.30pm on 22nd August 2023 at the Hillside Village Hall, Old School Way, Hillside, Montrose, Angus DD10 9JG. Approximately 15 people attended the public exhibition. A copy of the exhibition boards presented at the public exhibition can be found at **Appendix D**.

All of the information provided on the exhibition boards at the public exhibition was also published on the project website at www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk from 22nd August 2023.

For people without internet access, hard copies of the exhibition material were available upon request. No requests for hard copies were received.

A comment form was provided as part of the public exhibition and online, to encourage feedback from attendees about renewable energy in general and the project design specifically. The comment form was made available as a hard copy at the exhibition or as a downloadable version on the project website. A copy of the comment form can be found at **Appendix E**.

At all stages of the consultation process the Applicant set out clearly the purpose of the consultation and emphasised that comments made were not representations to the determining authority (Angus Council) and that there would be the opportunity for representations to be made to the determining authority once the planning application was submitted.

4.2.7 Community Pre-Exhibition Mailing – 19th October 2023

On 19th October 2023, the Applicant sent a newsletter, advertising the upcoming second public exhibition, to 59 properties identified within 1km of the Proposed Development. A copy of the newsletter can be found at **Appendix F**.

4.2.8 Pre-Exhibition Advertising – 19th October 2023

The Applicant placed an advertisement which appeared in the Angus County Press on 19th October 2023 to help raise awareness of the upcoming second public exhibition. A copy of the advertisement can be found at Appendix G.

4.2.9 Email to Elected Representatives – 26th October 2023

The Applicant sent an email on 26th October 2023 to all members of Montrose and District ward of Angus Council and Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council enclosing the newsletter regarding the upcoming second public exhibition. A copy of the newsletter can be found at **Appendix F**.

4.2.10 Public Exhibition – 31st October 2023

The second public exhibition took place between 3pm and 7.30pm on 31st October 2023 at the Hillside Village Hall, Old School Way, Hillside, Montrose, Angus DD10 9JG. There were no attendees at the second public exhibition. A copy of the exhibition boards presented at the public exhibition can be found at **Appendix H** along with a Report on Feedback which refers to the written feedback received from the August 2023 exhibition and how the Applicant has responded to it.

All of the information provided on the exhibition boards at the public exhibition was also published on the project website at www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk from 31st October 2023.

For people without internet access, hard copies of the exhibition material were available upon request. No requests for hard copies were received.

A comment form was provided as part of the public exhibition and online, to encourage feedback from attendees about renewable energy in general and the project design specifically. The comment form was made available as a hard copy at the exhibition or as a downloadable version on the project website. A copy of the comment form can be found at **Appendix I**.

At all stages of the consultation process the Applicant set out clearly the purpose of the consultation and emphasised that comments made were not representations to the determining authority (Angus Council) and that there would be the opportunity for representations to be made to the determining authority once the planning application was submitted.

4.3 Summary of Consultation

In summary, a range of engagement and communication activity was undertaken as part of the pre-application community consultation - reaching both nearest neighbours to the site as well as audiences in the wider area. This activity included:

- Letters to Elected Representatives;
- Advertisements for the public exhibitions in the local press;
- Two newsletters informing local residents about the public consultations;
- Two public exhibitions; and
- Project website.

All feedback received during the pre-application community consultation, through all consultation activities, has been considered by the Applicant throughout the design iteration and pre-planning stages of the Proposed Development. A summary of feedback, issues and concerns raised, together with the Applicant's response to each can be found in section 5.

5. Feedback and Applicant's Response

The Applicant believes in meaningful and effective consultation, to facilitate constructive dialogue with stakeholders and the community. All feedback received through the pre-application consultation activities is considered, as part of the iterative design process. A summary of the feedback received, and the Applicant's response is below.

Issue/Concern Raised	Applicant's Response to Issue/Concern
Traffic and Transport	It is proposed that all equipment deliveries shall take the following route to site: Vehicles will head north into Montrose along the A92 before turning onto the A935 and heading west toward Brechin. Approximately 350m after the entrance to the House of Dun & Angus Folk Museum, vehicles will turn left as if heading towards the Bridge of Dun. The site entrance will be approximately 300m along this road on the right. In the event of any road closures on the delivery route, all vehicles will follow the designated diversion route. A **Transport Statement** accompanies the planning application and outlines details of the proposed transport management arrangements during the construction of the Proposed Development, and also provides details of transport movements during both construction and operation of the Proposed Development. Throughout the construction phase, delivery vehicles will be comprised of a combination of HGVs and cars/vans with all contractors encouraged to car/van share to reduce vehicle movements. Parking for the workforce will be fully accommodated on site. There will be no vehicle movements on Sundays or bank holidays and deliveries, where possible, will be scheduled to avoid peak times where relevant, e.g. avoiding rush hours and after school drop off and pick up times. If consented, construction of the energy storage system is expected to take around 12 months, with peak HGV traffic movements expected in the first few weeks.
Fire Risk	The Applicant proposes the use of Lithium-ion battery technology which has already been deployed on multiple storage projects across the UK and in a wide range of other uses from electric vehicles to smartphones. There are a number of safety protective measures built into the system design and The Applicant's battery systems are monitored 24/7/365 from their control centre in Glasgow. The following bullet points summarise the key mitigation measures against the risk of fire ignition and propagation: • Selection of battery technology design is based on Lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery technology in part for its stability against thermal runaway at higher temperatures compared to other battery chemistries. This is supported by the UL 9540A test results of the Applicant's preferred battery system which show that, at a unit level following

	deliberate initiation of thermal runaway: o No flaming outside the initiating battery rack was observed. o Surface temperatures of modules within the target battery rack adjacent to the initiating battery rack do not exceed the temperature at which thermally initiated cell venting occurs. o Wall surface temperature rise do not exceed 97°C above ambient. o Explosion hazards were not observed during the test. • The Proposed Development has been designed to include adequate spacing between the battery storage enclosure pairs to mitigate against the risk of fire spread in the event of a fire within one battery storage enclosure. The site layout will align with applicable NFPA 855 spacing criteria as well as the spacing recommendations outlined in FM Global Property Loss Prevention Datasheet 5-33 (Interim revision July 2023). • Each battery storage enclosure has a dedicated fire protection system, comprising flammable gas detection and venting, fire detection and alarm, and an automatic aerosol-based fire suppression system. The battery enclosures themselves would have a fire rating of a minimum of 90 minutes. Additionally, key battery health and environment parameters are continuously monitored with alarms sent to a 24-hr control centre. Automatic electrical disconnection is enacted by the Battery Management System should operational temperature, current or voltage limits be breached. There are multiple levels of alarms prior to protection limits which warn the operator of proximity to safe operating limits. • The fenced compound has a wide access route through the centre, allowing the fire service to access the Proposed Development during any incident. A fire management response plan will be prepared in conjunction with the battery supplier and the local Fire Service, if the scheme is consented. Further information can be found in the **Fire Risk Assessment** which accompanies the planning application.
Flood Risk	The site has been carefully located to avoid any flood zones. A **Flood Risk Statement and Drainage Impact Assessment** accompanies the planning application and incorporates sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) best practise principles, to ensure no significant impacts are created by the Proposed Development. Drainage measures will also be incorporated into the construction phase as well as a Construction Environmental Management Plan to ensure that the rate of run-off during construction will not increase the flood risk beyond the site boundary. These measures will also include methods to prevent any suspended sediment entering watercourses.

	Once completed, the Proposed Development will increase the impermeable area slightly due to the hardstanding area of the battery compound. A surface water attenuation pond and drainage scheme will therefore be incorporated to ensure that the risk of flooding on and off site is not increased. With mitigation measures in place, significant impacts associated with flood risk and surface water are not anticipated.
Visual Impact	The site of the Proposed Development is outside of any local or national landscape designations and is located a good distance from residential properties. Given the relatively low heights of the Proposed Development, potential visibility will be largely limited by the existing woodland and vegetation. A **Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment** (LVIA) provides an assessment of the potential effects of the Proposed Development on the existing landscape and visual amenity of the site and the surrounding area and accompanies the planning application. A detailed landscape proposal is included in the LVIA with measures including: • existing field boundary vegetation, such as hedgerows and hedgerow trees, would be retained and enhanced through additional planting and improved management to maximise their landscape and biodiversity benefits; • the remnant hedgerow along the northern boundary (adjacent to the A935) would be replanted as a hedgerow with hedgerow trees; • existing and proposed hedgerows would be managed to a height of 3m and an A-shaped profile to maximise biodiversity benefits; • the proposed bunds would be planted with native shrubs, and seeded with a shade-tolerant species-rich seed mix; • areas outside of the security fence but within the development boundary would be seeded with species-rich grass mixes and managed to maximise biodiversity benefits. The LVIA concludes that, notable adverse effects on landscape character and visual amenity would be limited to the Proposed Development and its immediate environs. Such effects are not considered to be in conflict with current local or national planning policy.

6. Summary

This PAC report sets out the consultation in respect of a full planning application for the Dunmill Energy Storage System near Montrose.

The PAC report confirms that all necessary statutory pre-application consultation has been undertaken and shows that the Applicant engaged early with the local community to encourage a constructive consultation process.

There was a very limited response from stakeholders and the local community. The main concerns raised from the consultation were in relation to the delivery route and access for the Proposed Development.

The Applicant is committed to continuing the open dialogue it has established with the local community during pre-application public consultation as the application process continues, as outlined within this PAC Report.

The project website at www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk will be updated regularly to enable people to keep up to date with the latest news about the Proposed Development as it progresses. Once the planning application has been validated by Angus Council, the Applicant will write to stakeholders, to provide them with the planning reference number and contact details for Angus Council's Planning Department, should they wish to submit a formal representation.

Appendices

Appendix A. Letter to elected representatives

Appendix B. First public exhibition newsletter

Appendix C. First public exhibition newspaper advert

Appendix D. First public exhibition boards

Appendix E. First public exhibition comment form

Appendix F. Second public exhibition newsletter

Appendix G. Second public exhibition newspaper advert

Appendix H. Second public exhibition boards

Appendix I. Second public exhibition comment form

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[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

RE: Dunmill Energy Storage System Proposal

I am writing to let you know that RES is exploring the potential for an energy storage project on land immediately adjacent to the Bridge of Dun substation, approximately 5km west of Montrose - please see enclosed plan.

RES is the world's largest independent renewable energy company and has been operating from offices in Glasgow since 1993, employing around 120 local people. At the forefront of the renewables industry for over 40 years, RES has delivered more than 23GW of renewable energy projects across the globe including the development, construction and asset management of Scotland's first utility-scale battery storage facility, the 20MW Broxburn Energy Storage facility in Broxburn, West Lothian.

Energy storage helps support National Grid by storing energy at times when generation exceeds demand and releasing electricity back to the national grid network when demand exceeds generation, thus creating a more stable and secure electricity system. Increasing the installed capacity of energy storage is essential to enabling and accelerating the rollout of zero carbon energy to support the UK's net-zero emissions target.

At this early stage of the project, we have submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to Angus Council. We are also undertaking a number of technical and environmental surveys to ensure that any potential impact from the development is appropriately assessed and mitigated. These detailed studies are due to be completed in the coming months ahead of preparing a planning application for submission later this year. A copy of the PAN is enclosed.

RES is committed to engaging early with the local community and key stakeholders to facilitate constructive consultation. Once we have received feedback on the PAN, we will begin a number of consultation activities, including setting up a dedicated project website and holding public exhibitions in order to gather people's feedback on the proposal.

We would welcome the opportunity to arrange a video or telephone call with you, should you wish to discuss the project further or ask any questions.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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KEY:

DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY (OUTSIDE OF LINE DENOTES BOUNDARY)

NOTES:

1. RED LINE BOUNDARY WILL BE REFINED THROUGH FURTHER DETAILED DESIGN AND SCALED BACK IN ADVANCE OF MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION.

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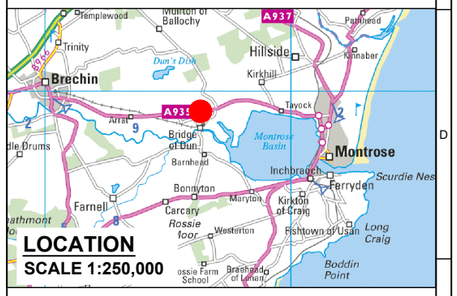

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PROJECT TITLE

DUNMILL ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY

DRAWING TITLE

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE BOUNDARY

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03/08/2023

RE: Dunmill Energy Storage System Proposal of Application Notice (Land adjacent to Bridge of Dun substation)

Please find accompanying Proposal of Application Notice (PoAN) relating to the above-described development proposal. This letter serves to support the PaAN, and should be read alongside this form as it provides additional information particularly with regards to note 6, note 7 and note 8.

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, this PoAN is made ahead of the submission of a planning application for the above-described development. As required by the regulations, public consultation will be held prior to the submission of the application.

The first of two "in person" public consultation events will be held at Hillside Village Hall, Old School Way, Hillside, Montrose, DD10 9JG on 22nd of August 2023, to enable people to find out more about the project and provide their feedback. RES staff will be on hand to answer any questions and comment forms will be available to gather feedback. All information presented at the public exhibition, will also be available on the project website from 22nd of August. Comment forms will also be available on the project website and can be submitted via post to RES, 3rd Floor STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1PQ or e-mail to carey.green@res-group.com. The public consultation event initiates a consultation period being run by RES to gather comments on the proposal. The closing date for comments on the proposed project is 8th September. An advertisement for this event will be posted in the Angus County Press on the 10th of August 2023. A newsletter advertising the event will also be sent to all residential properties within a minimum of 500m of the proposed development.

A second consultation event will be held at the same location during either w/c 23rd of October or w/c 30th of October to provide an update on the project. This will also provide details of feedback received at the first consultation event and how RES has responded to it. The date of the second consultation will be informed by feedback received at the first consultation event, site surveys and assessments. The second consultation event will be advertised in the same manner as the first consultation event, a minimum of 7 days before the event takes place.

A copy of this PoAN will be sent to the following parties:

- Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council
- Councillor Kenny Braes
- Councillor Bill Duff
- Councillor Iain Gall
- Councilor Tommy Stewart

We hope that you are satisfied with the above approach to public consultation and we look forward to receiving your response in due course. If in the meantime you require any additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of the PoAN, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (Section 35B)
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (Regulations 4 -7)

To be completed for all developments within the national or major categories of development

Name of Council	Angus Council Angus House,
Address	Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar DD8 1AN
Proposed development at [Note 1]	Land located 300m north-east of Bridge of Dunn Substation, 4 Balwyllo Cottages, Bridge of Dun, Montrose DD10 9LH
Description of proposal [Note 2]	Installation of 49.9MW, 2 Hour duration Battery Energy Storage System

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to

[Note 3] Angus Council by [Note 4] Renewable Energy Systems Ltd

Of [Note 5]

Beaufort Court, Egg Farm Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 8LR, England, UK

In respect of [Note 6] Public Exhibition (In person)

To take place on [Note 7] 22/08/2023 and either w/c 23rd or w/c 30th of October.
Both at Hillside Village Hall, Old school way, Hillside, Montrose DD10 9JG

[Note 8] The following parties have received a copy of this Proposal of Application Notice

Hillside, Dun and Logie Pert Community Council, Councillor Kenny Braes, Councillor Bill Duff, Councillor Iain Gall, Councilor Tommy Stewart.

A first advertisment will be posted in the Angus County Press Thursday on 10/08/23. A second posted a minium of 7 days before second public consultation.

Letters will be sent out to houses located within a minium of 500m of proposed development.

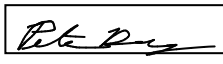
A dedicated project website will be launched prior to public consultation.

[Note 9] For further details contact Peter Deeney, Email: peter.deeney@res-group.com

on telephone number 07828175520

And/or at the following address RES, Third Floor, STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1PQ, Scotland, UK

[Note 10] I certify that I have attached a plan outlining the site

Signed 

On behalf of Renewable Energy Systems Ltd.

Date 03/08/2023

PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICE

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

[Note 1] – Insert postal address or location of proposed development
[Note 2] – Insert description in general terms of the development to be carried out.
[Note 3] – Insert Council name.
[Note 4] – Insert name of applicant and/or agent
[Note 5] – Insert applicant's and/or agent's postal address
[Note 6] - Insert form of consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake e.g. public meeting
[Note 7] – Insert date and venue of consultation
[Note 8] – Insert list of those groups who have been invited to attend
[Note 9] – Insert details as to how the prospective applicant/agent can be contacted (incl. name, address and tel. no)
[Note 10] - Attach plan that outlines the location of the proposed development and is sufficient to identify the site

Pre-application Consultation (PAC)

Where PAC is required, the prospective applicant must, under sections 35B(1) and (2) (of the Act), provide to the planning authority a 'Proposal of Application Notice' at least 12 weeks (section 35B(3)) prior to the submission of an application for planning permission. The Proposal of Application Notice must include the information set out in section 35B(4) and in regulation 6, namely:

i) a description in general terms of the development to be carried out;*
ii) the postal address of the site at which the development is to be carried out, if available
iii) a plan showing the outline of the site at which the development is to be carried out and sufficient to identify the site;
iv) detail as to how the prospective applicant may be contacted and corresponded with; and
v) an account of what consultation the prospective applicant proposes to undertake, when such consultation is to take place, with whom and what form it will take.

* You should provide an outline of the proposal's characteristics, and the identification of its category (e.g. Major development). Any subsequent application needs to be recognisably linked to what was described in the proposal of application notice.

Submission of an Application after Pre-application Consultation Notice

The submission of the proposal of application notice starts the PAC processing clock. After a minimum of 12 weeks, having carried out the statutory requirements and any additional requirements specified by the planning authority, an applicant can submit the application along with the required written Pre-application Consultation Report. Information in relation to the proposal of application notice must also be placed by the planning authority on the list of applications required under section 36A and regulation 21.

Additional consultation activity (responding to the Proposal of Application Notice)

The applicant is required to indicate in the proposal of application notice what consultation will be undertaken in addition to the statutory minimum. The planning authority must respond within 21 days of receiving the Notice to advise the applicant whether the proposed PAC is satisfactory or if additional notification and consultation above the statutory minimum is required in order to make it binding on the applicant. In doing so, planning authorities are to have regard to the nature, extent and location of the proposed development and to the likely effects, both at and in the vicinity of that location, of its being carried out (section 35B(8)). Additional consultation requirements should be proportionate, specific and reasonable in the circumstances. If there is no response to the proposal of application notice by the planning authority within 21 days, only the statutory minimum PAC activities will be required.

Scottish Ministers expect planning authorities to develop and maintain up to date lists of bodies and interests with whom applicants should consult in particular types of case. These lists should be available to applicants, who can draft proposal of application notices in light of that information. Further advice on planning community engagement activity can be found in Planning Advice Note 81: Community Engagement – Planning With People.

Minimum consultation activity

Consultation with community councils - Under regulation 7 an applicant must consult every community council any part of whose area is within or adjoins the land where the proposed development is situated. This includes community councils in a neighbouring planning authority.

The public event - Regulation 7 also requires the holding of at least two public event for members of the public where they can make comments to the prospective applicant on their proposals. This 'public event' must be advertised at least 7 days in advance in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the proposed development. The advertisement for the public event must include:

- a description of, and the location of, the proposed development;
- details as to where further information may be obtained concerning the proposed development; the date and place of the public event;
- a statement explaining how, and by when, persons wishing to make comments to the prospective applicant relating to the proposal may do so; and
- a statement that comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the planning authority. If the applicant submits an application there will be an opportunity to make representations on that application to the planning authority.

Applicants will gain less from poorly attended or unrepresentative PAC events and should ensure that processes are put in place that will allow members of the community to participate meaningfully in any public event. The public event should be reasonably accessible to the public at large, including disabled people. It may be appropriate for the public event to take place over a number of dates, times and places. Applicants should ensure that individuals and community groups can submit written comments in response to the newspaper advertisement.

There is a need to emphasise to communities that the plans presented to them for a proposed planning application may alter in some way before the final proposal is submitted as a planning application to the planning authority. Even after PAC, and once a planning application has been submitted to the planning authority, communities should ensure that any representations they wish to make on the proposal are submitted to that authority as part of the process of considering the planning application.

Any personal data that you have been asked to provide on this from will be held and processed in accordance with Data Protection Legislation.

DUNMILL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

AUGUST 2023

RES is exploring the potential for an energy storage system on land immediately adjacent to the Bridge of Dun substation, approximately 5km west of Montrose.

Environmental and technical surveys will be completed over the coming months to ensure any impact of the development upon the environment, landscape, heritage and local residents is appropriately assessed and mitigated and to inform a preliminary layout and design.

RES is now at the stage of consulting with the local community to get feedback on our early stage proposal. The feedback will be taken into account, along with the results of site surveys and assessments, as we refine the design.

Public Exhibition

We are keen to engage with the local community and as part of our pre-application consultation we are holding a public exhibition in the local area to share information on the preliminary design and to enable you to provide us with your feedback.

RES staff will be on hand to answer any questions or for more information, and comment forms will be available to gather feedback.

Tuesday 22nd August 2023
3pm to 7:30pm

Hillside Village Hall
Old School Way, Hillside, Montrose, Angus DD10 9JG

All information provided at the public exhibition will also be available from 22nd August 2023 at

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What is an Energy Storage System?

Increasing the installed capacity of energy storage is essential to enabling and accelerating the rollout of zero carbon energy to support the UK's net-zero emissions target.

Renewable energy technologies are needed to replace electricity generation from fossil fuels, however, they generate electricity intermittently depending on weather conditions. This causes problems for the national grid network which must be finely balanced; electrical demand must match electrical generation at all times. If this balance is not achieved, it can lead to blackouts and the failure of grid circuits.

Our electricity system is in a transitionary period to manage these increasingly complex supply and demand needs of the 21st Century, and energy storage systems will play a key part by maintaining this balance.

Energy storage helps support National Grid by storing energy at times when generation exceeds demand and releasing electricity back to the national grid network when demand exceeds generation. Electricity is not physically generated on site.

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NEWS

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Inspiring teacher

by Murray Strachan
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An inspiring teacher and writer from Montrose has died at the age of 84.

Born on May 21,1939 in Aberdeen and baptized Elizabeth Cooper Murray, she was also known to family and friends as Lizzie, Betty and Liz.

She was born at the start of the war and the nickname used by her family was "Spitfire" because she was small, fast, agile and noisy. Many of these traits continued through her adulthood and into old age. In fact anything she lacked in stature she more than made up in character!

She attended Mile End School and then the prestigious Aberdeen Academy to which she had earned a rare scholarship. She then went on to study at Aberdeen University followed by teacher training at Aberdeen College.

Through high school and then at University she excelled in both English and Maths and could have become either an English or Maths teacher. It was her Maths master at University who provided a heavy steer that resulted in her becoming a Maths teacher.

She was a keen golfer and played regularly with her friends at North Links Ladies and then Royal Montrose. She loved dancing from an early age and took part in school and student shows. She went back to dancing classes with Mrs Murray following retirement.

Following her teacher training in Aberdeen, her early career was in Aberdeen then in Glasgow, Perth and Alloa/Tullibudy before relocating back to the North East to Montrose in 1968 and teaching firstly at Brechin High and then Montrose Academy until her retirement in 1997.

A small selection of the nearly 500 messages received from former pupils included:

'She had the unenviable task of trying to make my non-maths brain understand maths and was so gentle and patient in class. It's always sad when one's former schoolteachers pass away as they played such a big part in our formative years.'

'Your mum gave me confidence that no other teacher ever did.'

'I remember wanting to be just like Mrs Strachan when I started work as a teacher, knowledgeable, confident and supportive.'

Elizabeth would go on to write many articles (for a variety of media, including the Montrose Review, P&J, Courier, Leopard Magazine, My Weekly & The Gordon Highlander's magazine), short and often amusing stories, poetry and of course her five books – Snippets of a Happy Life, A Collection of Her Various Works and her three maths guide books.

She gained recognition and won many accolades for her short stories, poems and articles amongst her peers both at her beloved Angus Writers Circle as well as at the Scottish Association of Writers.

There will be a celebration of her life at The Congregational Church in Montrose on Thursday, August 10 at 12 noon which is open to all. As she was a colourful character, her family welcome all to add a little colour to their attire. Her cremation will then take place at Friockheim Crematorium at 1:30pm.

The family will then host a gathering afterwards at The Park Hotel in Montrose from 2:30pm. For those inclined, donations can be made to Alzheimer's UK.

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About the Project

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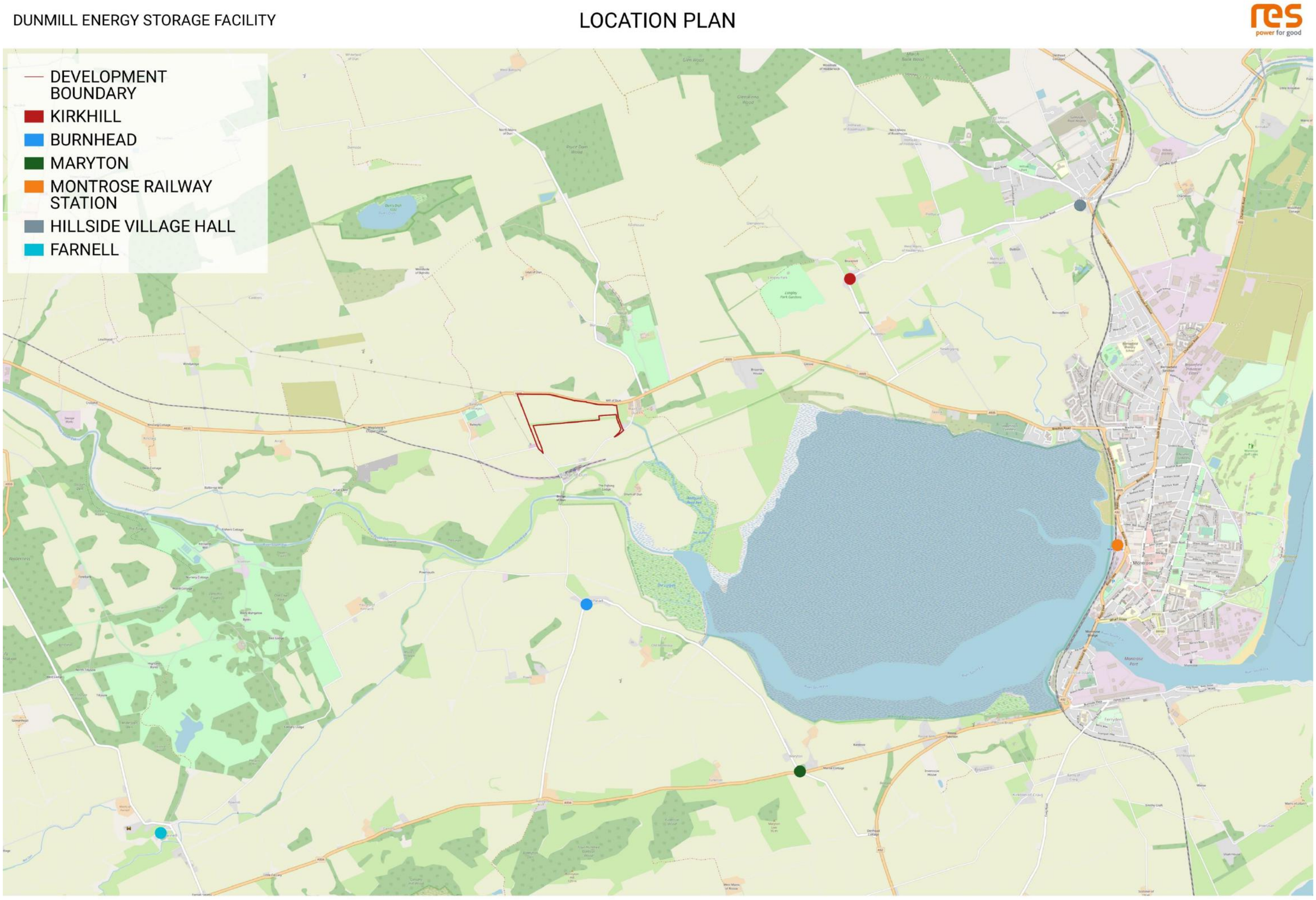

The energy storage project is expected to cover a total area of 4 to 5 acres and have a capacity of 49.9MW.

The site lies outside of any international, national or local environmental designations and there are no nationally important heritage designations in the immediate vicinity.

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Environmental Considerations

RES will design the energy storage system so that it will fit sensitively in the surrounding landscape.

A number of surveys and assessments will be carried out to ensure any potential impact upon the environment, landscape, heritage and local residents is appropriately assessed and mitigated.

The assessments to be carried out will include:

- Ecology
- Landscape
- Heritage & Archaeology
- Flood Risk & Surface Water Management
- Cumulative Impacts
- Noise & Vibration
- Transport
- Arboricultural Survey

The Dunmill project will be specifically designed to include planting of native trees, hedgerows and wildflower grass areas. These will not only reduce potential visibility of the scheme but also help to enhance biodiversity by providing wildlife corridors and vital resources for mammals, birds, and insect species.

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Have Your Say

We believe in meaningful and effective consultation.

The aims of our consultation process are to:

- Engage early with the local community to facilitate a constructive consultation process to help identify and understand concerns.
- Assist the local community in understanding the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed energy storage system.
- Add value and improve the quality of our proposal through meaningful and productive consultation.

Before we submit a planning application, we will create a Pre-Application Consultation Report (PAC), that documents the community engagement process and any steps we have taken to adapt our proposal.

At this stage we are inviting the local community to submit comments directly to RES. If an application is submitted there will be the opportunity to submit representations to the determining Planning Authority at that time.

We are keen to understand your views on the proposal and the information available at this exhibition.

Please take a few minutes to fill out a feedback form with your comments.

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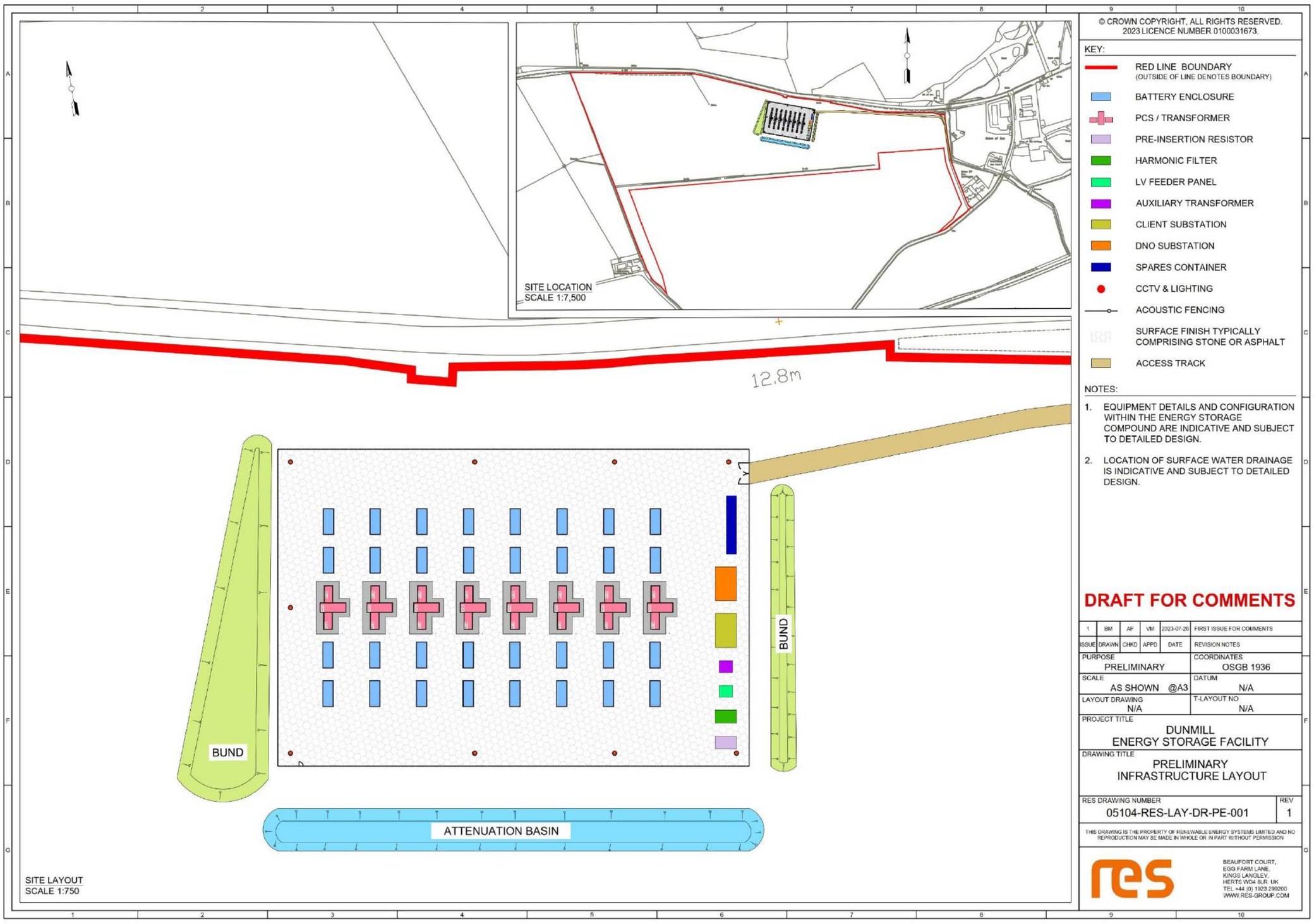

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- Security System
- Drainage Scheme
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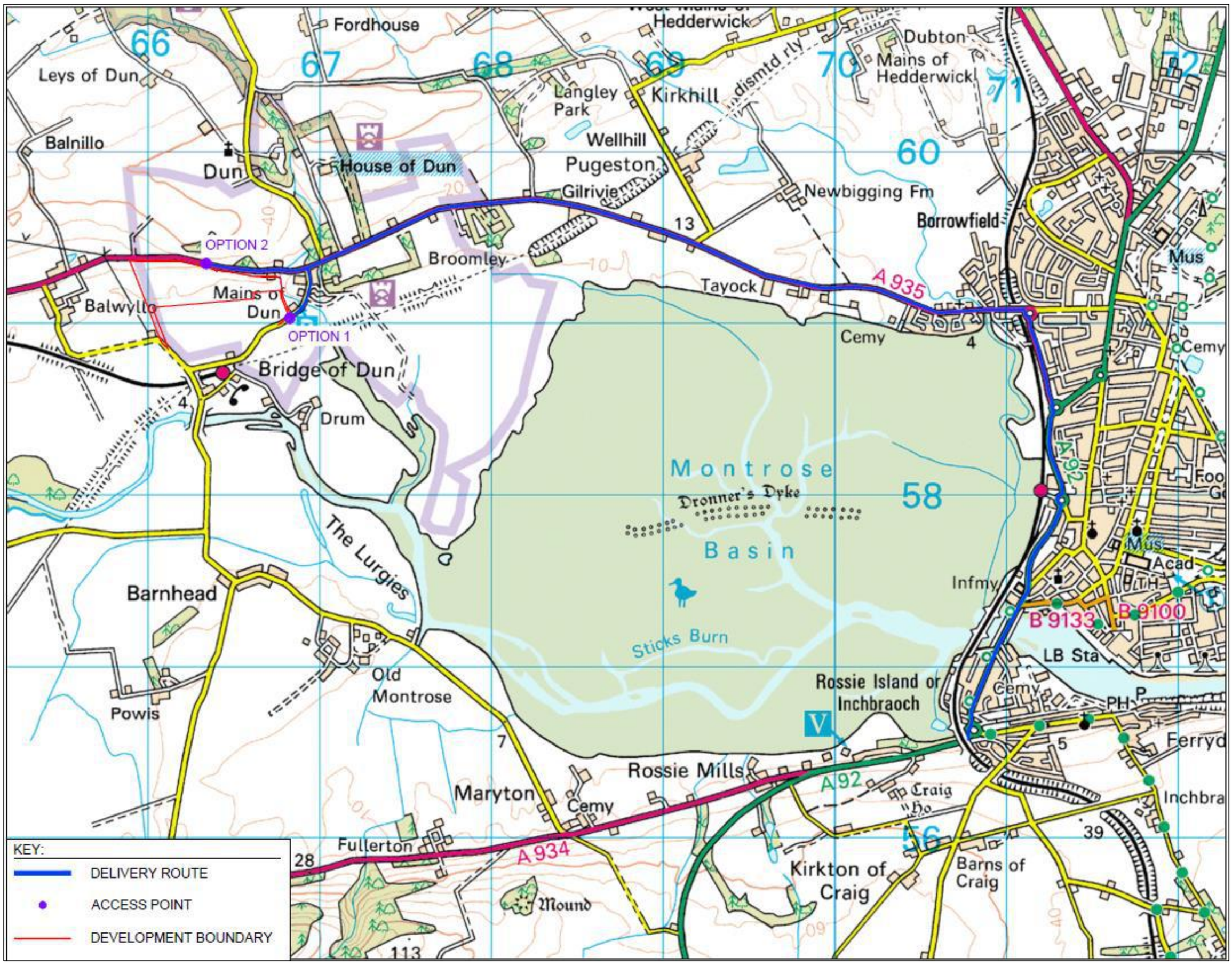
Traffic and Access

All delivery traffic will access the site from the A935 running from Montrose toward Brechin. At this early stage we are considering 2 options for the access point to site, as shown on the plan below.



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Why Energy Storage?

Our energy system is in a transitionary period.

Ageing infrastructure is being replaced and greater flexibility introduced into our networks via technological advances, such as energy storage, to manage the increasingly complex supply and demand needs of the 21st Century.

Energy storage is crucial in enabling the rollout of zero carbon energy and supporting the UK's net-zero emissions target.

Renewable energy technologies are needed to replace electricity generation from fossil fuels, however, they can generate electricity intermittently depending on weather conditions, which can cause imbalances in the electricity network.

Energy storage works by storing energy at times when generation exceeds demand and then releases electricity back to the electricity network when demand exceeds generation.

Electricity is not physically generated on site.

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Dunmill Energy Storage System Proposal

Comment Form

RES believes in meaningful and productive consultation, and we aim to engage early with the local community and key stakeholders in order to facilitate constructive consultation. This helps to identify issues and concerns, as well as benefits and opportunities, which we can then consider when developing the design of the proposal.

At the Public Exhibition we have presented preliminary design drawings. Feedback from the local community on the preliminary design is an important part of our pre-application consultation and we would be grateful if you could take the time to fill out this comment form with your feedback. Please provide feedback by **8th September 2023**. Comments will still be accepted after this date but may not be considered in relation to the design development.

Please note that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority (Angus Council). There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should an application be made.

1 Dunmill Energy Storage System public exhibition

1.1 How did you find out about our public exhibition?

- ☐ Newsletter through the door
- ☐ Advert in local newspaper
- ☐ Project website – www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Other (please specify)

1.2 Before visiting the exhibition how would you describe your knowledge of the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage System?

- ☐ Knew a lot
- ☐ Knew quite a lot
- ☐ Knew a little
- ☐ Knew very little
- ☐ Knew nothing at all

1.3 Having visited the exhibition, to what extent do you feel you have increased your understanding about the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage System?

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ Quite a lot
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Very little
- ☐ Nothing at all

1.4 Do you have any suggestions for ways in which we could have improved our exhibition?

2 Dunmill Energy Storage System Proposal

Your views on the Dunmill Energy Storage System proposal - specifically the preliminary layout of the project where people's comments can have a direct influence – will be considered in relation to the design development of the project.

2.1 What do you think about the proposed preliminary design layout of Dunmill Energy Storage System?

- ☐ I am happy with the proposed layout
- ☐ I am neutral towards the proposed layout
- ☐ I have concerns about the proposed layout

Further comments:

2.2 Please provide us with any further suggestions or comments regarding the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage System

3 Climate change, energy security and renewables

The below section is optional and designed to help us understand people's thoughts on how renewables can help to tackle climate change and improve energy security.

3.1 Do you agree that we are facing a global climate change emergency?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

3.2 Do you agree that generating electricity from renewable sources, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, can help towards tackling the issue of climate change?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

3.3 Do you agree that generating electricity from renewable sources will provide greater energy independence and security for Scotland?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

3.4 Do you agree that we need to develop energy storage projects to create a more stable and secure electricity system, supporting the rollout of zero carbon energy?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

4 Your details

Please provide your name and contact details below.

Your contact details will be treated by RES with the strictest of confidence, in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. We may at times share your contact details, in confidence, with third parties who we employ to help process your comments or update you on the project and by providing your details below you consent to this. You may write to RES at any time to ask that your contact details be removed from our records and from any third parties we work with.

Name	
Email	
Address	
Telephone Number	

If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, please tick this box ☐

When you have completed the comment form, please place it in the box provided. Comment forms can also be sent by email to carey.green@res-group.com or by post to: Dunmill Energy Storage System Project Team, RES, Third Floor, STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1PQ.

A summary of all feedback received, and how RES has responded to it, will be presented at a second public exhibition to be held later this year.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this comments form, your feedback is important to us.

DUNMILL ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

OCTOBER 2023

Since our public exhibitions in August 2023, where we presented our plans for an energy storage project immediately adjacent to the Bridge of Dun substation, approximately 5km west of Montrose, we have been refining the design in response to feedback received and ongoing surveys and assessments.

Public Exhibition

As part of our continuing pre-application consultation, we are holding a second public exhibition in the local area to present updated plans for the energy storage project, ahead of submitting a planning application later this year.

RES staff will be on hand to answer any questions or for more information, and comment forms will be available to gather feedback.

Tuesday 31st October 2023

3pm to 7:30pm

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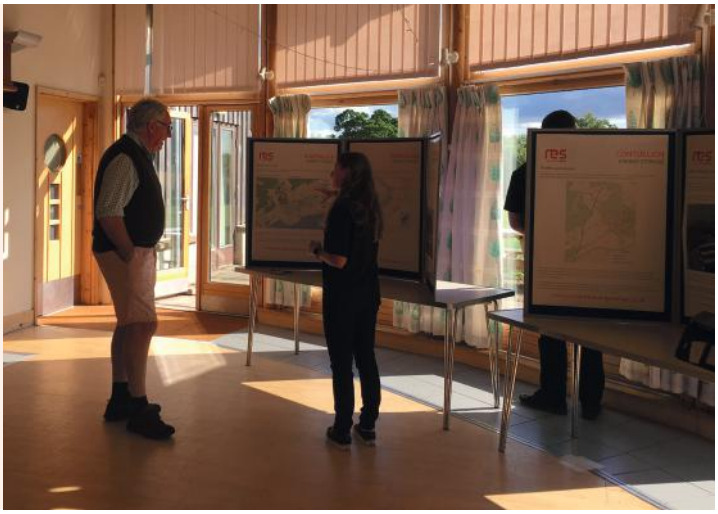

All information provided at the public exhibition will also be available from 31st October 2023 at www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk

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Dunmill Energy Storage System at a Glance

The Dunmill Energy Storage System would comprise a number of battery storage enclosures and associated infrastructure to provide 49.9MW of storage capacity. Dunmill would support National Grid by storing energy at times when generation exceeds demand and releasing electricity back to the national grid network when demand exceeds generation. Electricity is not physically generated on site.

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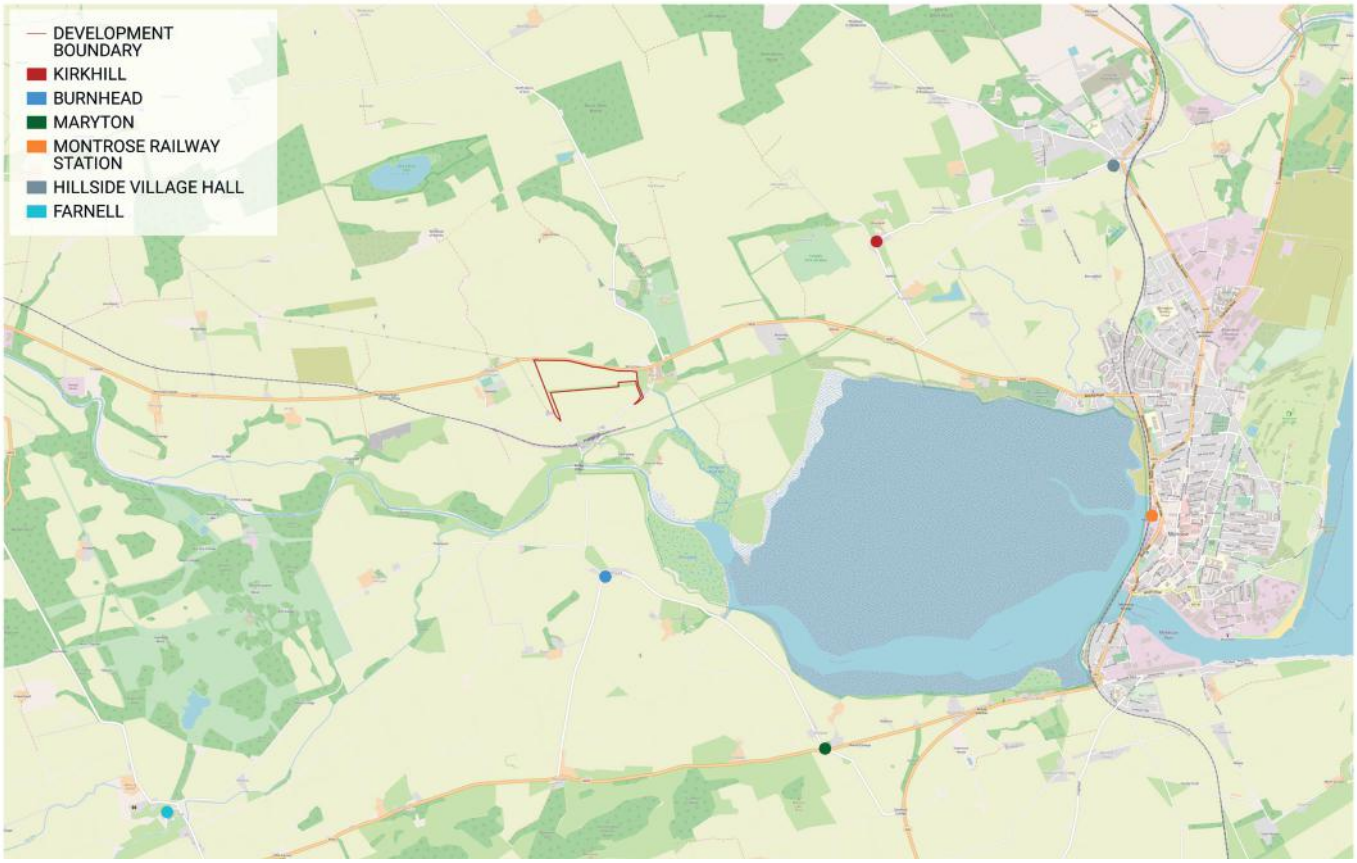
Location Plan



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NEWS

Angus Council has seen a decline in the number of people coming forward to be foster carers.

Foster care campaign

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Angus Council has launched a new #FosterWithYourCouncil social media campaign to help increase the number of people coming forward to be foster carers with them, to ensure Angus children who can't live with their own families can stay in their local community.

This comes at a time when Angus Council has seen a decline in the number of people coming forward to be foster carers.

The council currently supports 53 fostering households providing care to children on a temporary, short break or continuing care basis but this is below the level of foster carers needed to keep Angus children with local carers.

This means there are children living with foster carer families outwith the Angus area. This is not the best option for children, as it means that they not only leave their immediate family, but they also lose connection with their wider families, their school, their friends and any social groups that they have established links with.

Angus Council's Convenor of Children and Learning, Cllr Lynne Devine said: "With the continued need for care placements for children in Angus we are calling for families, couples and individuals to consider fostering. Whether you're at the initial stage of just thinking about it or you've done your research and ready to get started, please come forward.

"Our priority continues to be to place children in Angus where possible but to do this, we urgently need more foster carers with the council. Last year we had to place an Angus child 100 miles away from home because we had no local carers available.

"This problem is not unique to Angus, as there is a national shortage of foster carers across the UK. And I understand that many families are struggling financially, but with the reimbursements, you don't need to be worse off.

"I'd urge anyone thinking about fostering to get in touch with the fostering team at the council just to find out more about what's involved and the different options available to foster carers. You may be surprised how well it could fit with your situation."

Visit Angus Council's website www.angus.gov.uk/fostering for information or give the team a call on 01241 464646 or email fosteringandadoption@angus.gov.uk for more information.

Money for 'vital services'

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The current food waste service will be extended to an additional 3900 households, meaning less food waste going into the non-recyclable waste bin.

Councillor Beth Whiteside, council leader, said the proposals will help with efficient and cost-effective disposal while supporting zero-carbon ambitions.

She added: "Many respondents of the Kerbside Recycling Service Survey which ran in November and December 2022, were willing to support changes if it meant saving substantial amounts of money that could be used to protect other vital services.

"I recognise that not everyone will welcome the changes however they will ensure we can continue to deliver reliable and efficie nt kerbside recycling services."

Changes made to booking system

Changes are being made to improve the way commercial and commercial-style vehicles will access the council's recycling centres.

From November 1, the council introducing a fully electronic system for commercial waste disposal that will mean customers will no longer have to print out their commercial waste tickets.

When a commercial customer books their slot using the online booking system for their visit to a recycling centre, they will also log their disposal ticket reference number.

When they arrive at site their visit will be checked off by staff using a mobile device and following their visit the customer will be emailed their Waste Transfer Note, a document that is legally required to prove proper disposal.

Customers will still be sent their tickets electronically; however site staff will now have access to live information allowing them to close off the ticket once it's been used without any paper changing hands, making the system easier for both customers and the site staff.

Those with tickets purchased prior to November 1 will still be able to use their ticket reference number to book online.

Changes will also be made to the type of vehicle that is required to book. The council currently requires larger vans and trailers to be booked in for visits to recycling centres and as of the November 1, this will be extended to small vans and pick-ups.

This means that all commercial-style vehicles will be required to book, allowing the council to monitor vehicle usage.

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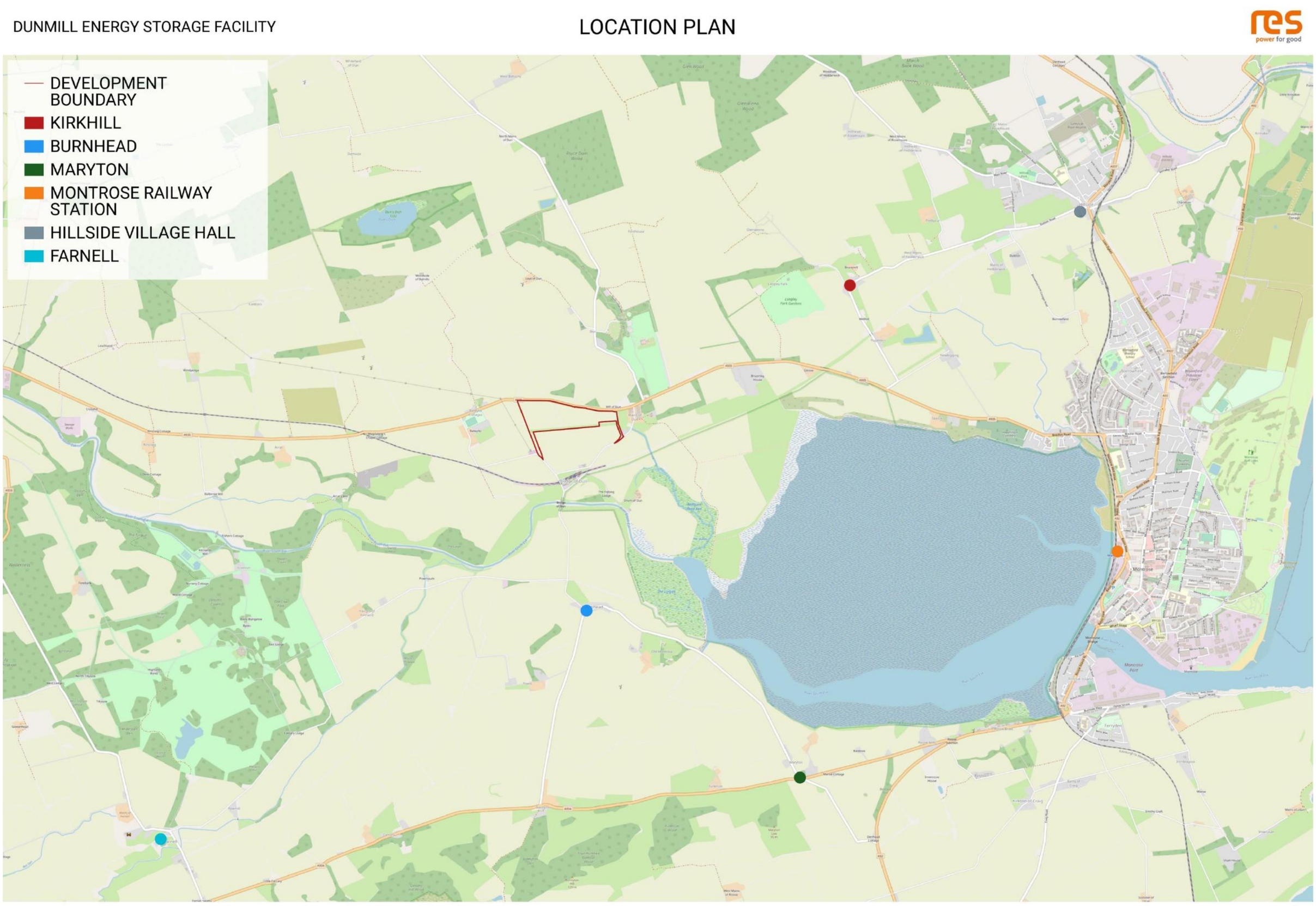

The energy storage project is not expected to exceed 4 hectares in size and will have a capacity of 49.9MW.

The site lies outside of any international, national or local environmental designations.

We expect to submit an application for planning consent to Angus Council this year.

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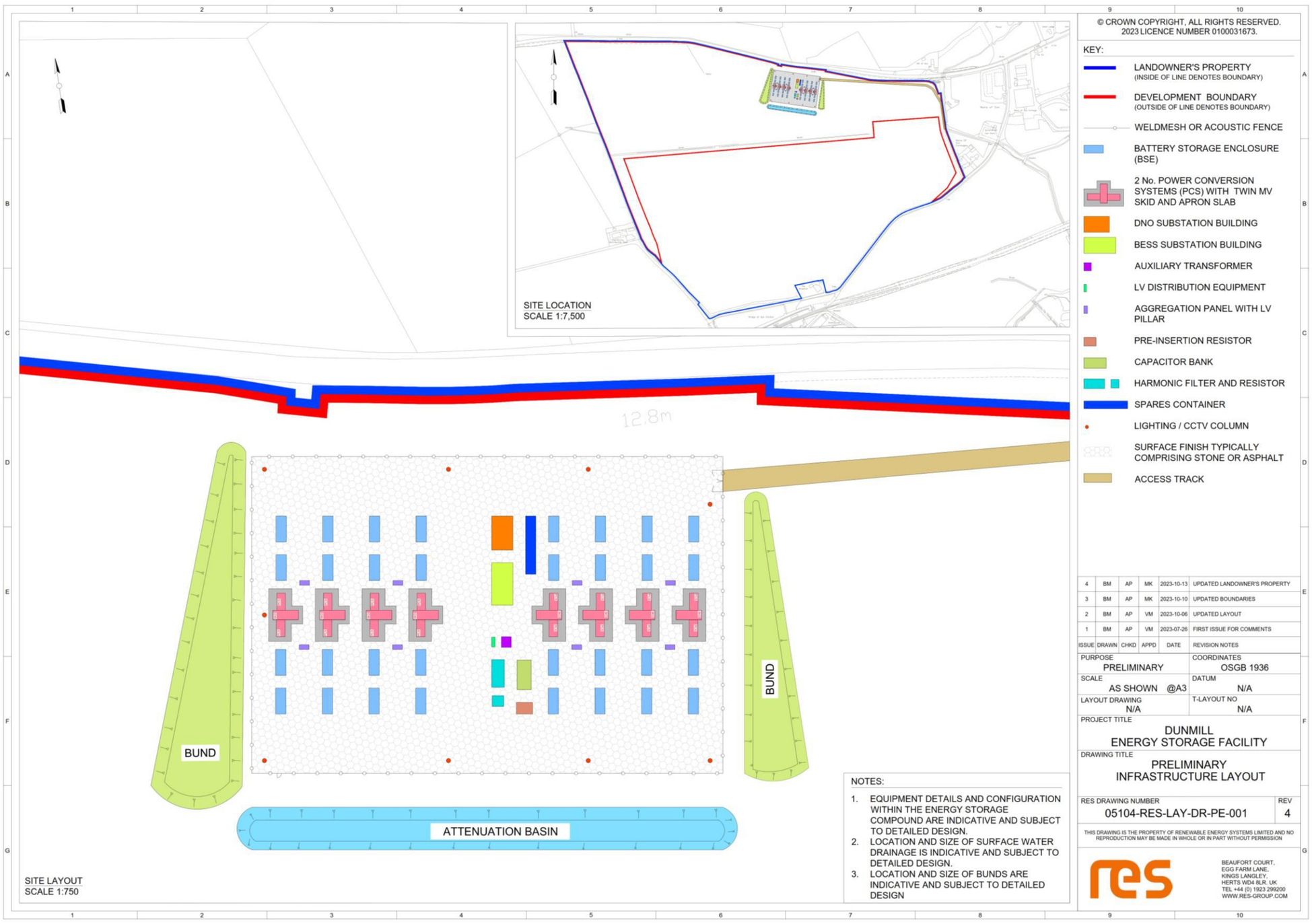
About the Project

The plan below shows the updated layout for the 49.9MW Dunmill Energy Storage project. Minor changes have been made to the location which has been moved a few metres to the east, to form a larger buffer from the overhead line.

We are still consulting on this layout and as such it is subject to change.



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Environmental Considerations

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A number of surveys and assessments are ongoing to ensure any potential impact upon the environment, landscape, heritage and local residents is appropriately assessed and mitigated.

These assessments include:

Ecology
A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal will present the main findings of a desk study and walkover survey, categorising baseline habitats and conditions and their nature conservation value and predicting any potential ecological impacts from the project.

Landscape
A Landscape and Visual Appraisal considers the site and its surrounding context in both landscape and visual terms, to assess the potential effects of the proposed energy storage system upon landscape features, landscape character and visual amenity.

Heritage & Archaeology
The specific objectives of this assessment is to set out the cultural heritage baseline of the site as well as assessing the site's archaeological potential. It will assess the potential effects of the project on the cultural heritage resource, within the context of relevant legislation and planning policy, and determine, should any predicted adverse effects be identified, how these effects can be mitigated.

Flood Risk & Surface Water Management
A review of flood risk from various sources has been undertaken to ensure the proposed development will not increase flood risk anywhere on or off site. The report will also set out the proposed surface water drainage solution.

Noise & Vibration
Noise is an important consideration, and the energy storage system is designed to comply with strict noise limits set by the determining authority should the project be granted consent. The scope of the acoustic assessment includes determining the baseline background sound levels and predicting sound levels from the project in order to assess the level of potential impact, in accordance with relevant planning guidance.

Transport
The Transport Statement will provide details of the proposed transport management arrangements during the construction of the project, if it is consented. It will also provide details of transport movements during construction and operation of the project.

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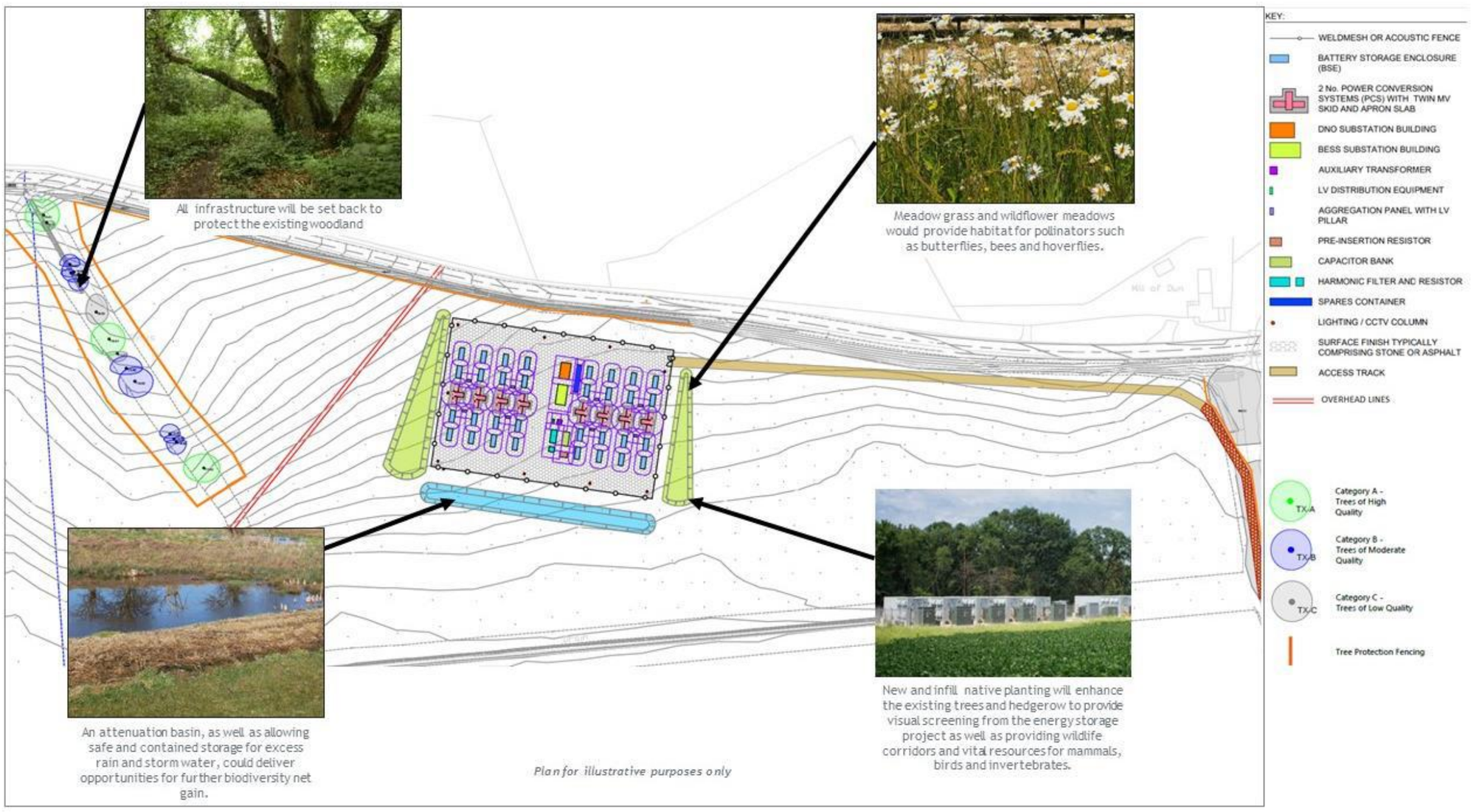
Landscaping and Biodiversity Enhancement

The Dunmill project is being specifically designed to include planting of native trees, hedgerows and wildflower grass areas. These will not only reduce potential visibility of the scheme but also seek to enhance biodiversity by providing wildlife corridors and vital resources for mammals, birds, and insect species.

The illustrative plan below shows how landscape planting could be delivered along with other measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity around the site.

A Landscaping Masterplan will form part of the planning application and will also provide landscaping specifications for new vegetation in accordance with relevant standards. It will also provide information on the timings and aftercare regime for all planting.



Tree Protection Plan

Protecting existing trees and hedgerow has been an important part of the design of the Dunmill project. No trees or hedgerow will be removed to facilitate the energy storage system and there are no tree preservation orders (TPOs) at the location.

An Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been undertaken and includes a Tree Protection Plan (TPP) which will be submitted as part of the planning application. The TPP sets out how tree protection and mitigation measures will ensure all trees to be retained will be integrated into the project.

Included within the TPP are details of the location and specification of protective barriers to form a construction exclusion zone around retained trees, as well as measures to ensure proposed hard surfacing does not impact on the root protection areas of existing trees.

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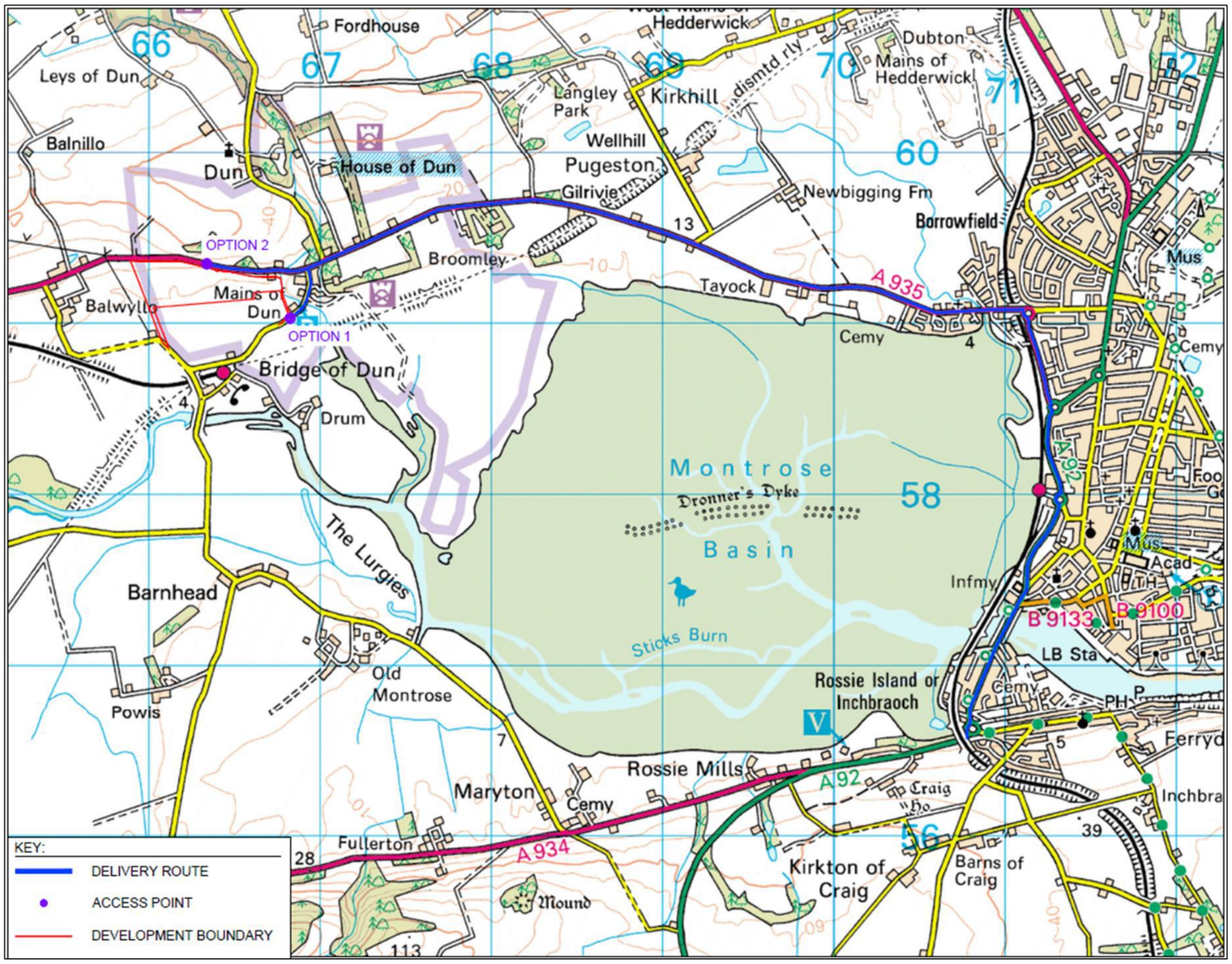
Traffic and Access

All delivery traffic will access the site from the A935 running from Montrose toward Brechin. This route avoids the Bridge of Dun. At present, Option 1 outlined below is the preferred option for the delivery route and location of site access.



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A Transport Statement will accompany the planning application, which outlines the overall framework for managing the safe movement of construction and delivery traffic. The Traffic Statement will also itemise the estimated number of deliveries over the 12-month construction period, if the project is consented, as well as the indicative spread of vehicle movements during the construction phase.

It is anticipated that all traffic movements will be carried out between 08.00 to 18.00 on Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays or Bank or National Holidays unless otherwise agreed in advance with Angus Council.

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Why Energy Storage?

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Energy storage is crucial in enabling the rollout of zero carbon energy and supporting the UK's net-zero emissions target.

Renewable energy technologies are needed to replace electricity generation from fossil fuels, however, they can generate electricity intermittently depending on weather conditions, which can cause imbalances in the electricity network.

Energy storage works by storing energy at times when generation exceeds demand and then releases electricity back to the electricity network when demand exceeds generation. Energy storage is also considered the fastest technology for responding to a sudden spike in demand or an abrupt loss of supply.

Electricity is not physically generated on site.

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Have Your Say

We believe in meaningful and effective consultation.

The aims of our consultation process are to:

- Engage early with the local community to facilitate a constructive consultation process to help identify and understand concerns.
- Assist the local community in understanding the benefits and potential impacts of the proposed energy storage system.
- Add value and improve the quality of our proposal through meaningful and productive consultation.

Before we submit a planning application, we will create a Pre-Application Consultation Report (PAC), that documents the community engagement process and any steps we have taken to adapt our proposal.

At this stage we are inviting the local community to submit comments directly to RES. If an application is submitted there will be the opportunity to submit representations to the determining Planning Authority at that time.

We are keen to understand your views on the proposal and the information available at this exhibition.

Please take a few minutes to fill out a comment form with your feedback.

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RES has considerable experience in developing energy storage projects throughout the UK and believes in the importance of community consultation to identify issues and concerns, as well as benefits and opportunities, which can be considered when developing and designing a project.

We encourage early involvement with the community and invite feedback on the proposal, at a time when it can inform the project design.

At our public consultation event in August 2023, we asked visitors to complete a comment form regarding the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage project. This information sheet refers to the feedback we received and how we have responded to it.

NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT

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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

All delivery traffic will access the site from the A935 running from Montrose toward Brechin. This route avoids the Bridge of Dun. At present, Option 1 outlined in the plan below is the preferred option for the delivery route and location of the site access.

A Transport Statement will accompany the planning application and outlines details of the proposed transport management arrangements during the construction of the project, and also provides details of transport movements during both construction and operation of the project.

Throughout the construction phase, delivery vehicles will be comprised of a combination of HGVs and cars/vans with all contractors encouraged to car/van share to reduce vehicle movements.

Parking for the workforce will be fully accommodated on site. There will be no vehicle movements on Sundays or bank holidays and deliveries, where possible, will be scheduled to avoid peak times where relevant, e.g. avoiding rush hours and after school drop off and pick up times.

If consented, construction of the energy storage system is expected to take around 12 months, with peak HGV traffic movements expected in the first few weeks.

FIRE RISK

We propose the use of Lithium-ion battery technology which has already been deployed on multiple storage projects across the UK and in a wide range of other uses from electric vehicles to smartphones. There are a number of safety protective measures built into the system design and RES' battery systems are monitored 24/7/365 from our control centre in Glasgow.

The following bullet points summarise the key mitigation measures against the risk of fire ignition and propagation:

- Selection of battery technology design is based on Lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery technology in part for its stability against thermal runaway at higher temperatures compared to other battery chemistries. This is supported by the UL 9540A test results of the preferred battery system which show that, at a unit level following deliberate initiation of thermal runaway:
    - No flaming outside the initiating battery rack was observed.
    - Surface temperatures of modules within the target battery rack adjacent to the initiating battery rack do not exceed the temperature at which thermally initiated cell venting occurs.
    - Wall surface temperature rise does not exceed 97°C above ambient.
    - Explosion hazards were not observed during the test.
- The Dunmill project is being designed to include adequate spacing between the battery storage enclosure pairs to mitigate against the risk of fire spread in the event of a fire within one battery storage enclosure. The site layout will align with applicable NFPA 855 spacing criteria as well as the spacing recommendations outlined in FM Global Property Loss Prevention Datasheet 5-33 (Interim revision July 2023).
- Each battery storage enclosure would have a dedicated fire protection system, comprising flammable gas detection and venting, fire detection and alarm, and an automatic aerosol-based fire suppression system. The battery enclosures themselves would have a fire rating of a minimum of 90 minutes. Additionally, key battery health and environment parameters are continuously monitored with alarms sent to a 24-hr control centre. Automatic electrical disconnection is enacted by the Battery Management System should operational temperature, current or voltage limits be breached. There are multiple levels of alarms prior to protection limits which warn the operator of proximity to safe operating limits.
- The fenced compound has a wide access route through the centre, allowing the fire service to access the site during any incident. A fire management response plan will be prepared in conjunction with the battery supplier and the local Fire Service, if the scheme is consented.

Further information will be available in the Fire Risk Assessment which will accompany the planning application.

FLOOD RISK

The site has been carefully located to avoid any flood zones.

A Drainage Management Plan will accompany the planning application and will incorporate sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) best practise principles, to ensure no significant impacts are created by the development.

Drainage measures will also be incorporated into the construction phase as well as a Construction Environmental Management Plan to ensure that the rate of run-off during construction will not increase the flood risk beyond the site boundary. These measures will also include methods to prevent any suspended sediment entering the watercourse mentioned above.

An attenuation basin, as well as allowing safe and contained storage for excess rain and storm water, could deliver opportunities for further biodiversity net gain.

Once completed, the project will increase the impermeable area slightly due to the hardstanding area of the battery compound. A surface water attenuation pond and drainage scheme will therefore be incorporated into any final development design to ensure that the risk of flooding on and off site is not increased.

LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL

The site of the Dunmill Energy Storage project is outside of any local or national landscape designations and is located a good distance from residential properties.

Given the relatively low heights of the proposed development, potential visibility will be largely limited by the existing woodland and vegetation.

A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment will accompany the planning application and will provide an assessment of the potential effects of the project on the existing landscape and visual amenity of the site and the surrounding area and accompanies the planning application.

ABOUT RES

RES, a British company, is the world's largest renewable energy company with operations across Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific. At the forefront of renewable energy development for over 40 years, RES has developed and/or built more than 23GW of renewable capacity worldwide.

RES has been operating from offices in Glasgow since 1992 employing over 100 people. RES has the expertise to develop, construct and operate projects of outstanding quality such as Scotland's first utility-scale battery storage facility, the 20MW Broxburn Energy Storage facility in Broxburn, West Lothian.

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Dunmill Energy Storage System Proposal

Comment Form

RES believes in meaningful and productive consultation and engage with the local community and key stakeholders in order to facilitate constructive consultation. This helps to identify issues and concerns, as well as benefits and opportunities, which we can then consider when developing the design of the proposal.

At the Public Exhibition we have presented an updated design for the project which has been refined in response to feedback received and ongoing surveys and assessments. Feedback from the local community on the updated design is an important part of our ongoing pre-application consultation and we would be grateful if you could take the time to fill out this comment form with your feedback. Please provide feedback by **10th November 2023**. Comments will still be accepted after this date but may not be considered in relation to the design development.

Please note that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority (Angus Council). There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should an application be made.

1 Dunmill Energy Storage System public exhibition

1.1 How did you find out about the public exhibition?

☐ Newsletter through the door

☐ Advert in local newspaper

☐ Project website – www.dunmill-energystorage.co.uk

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Other (please specify)

1.2 Before visiting the exhibition how would you describe your knowledge of the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage System?

☐ Knew a lot

☐ Knew quite a lot

☐ Knew a little

☐ Knew very little

☐ Knew nothing at all

1.3 Having visited the exhibition, to what extent do you feel you have increased your understanding about the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage System?

☐ A lot

☐ Quite a lot

☐ A little

☐ Very little

☐ Nothing at all

1.4 Do you have any suggestions for ways in which we could have improved our exhibition?

2 Dunmill Energy Storage System Proposal

Your views on the Dunmill Energy Storage System proposal - specifically the preliminary layout of the project where people's comments can have a direct influence – will be considered in relation to the design development of the project.

2.1 How do you feel in general about the Dunmill Energy Storage System proposal?

☐ I am supportive

☐ I am neutral

☐ I am opposed

Further comments:

2.2 What do you think about the updated design layout of Dunmill Energy Storage System?

☐ I am happy with the proposed layout

☐ I am neutral towards the proposed layout

☐ I have concerns about the proposed layout

Further comments:

2.3 Please provide us with any further suggestions or comments regarding the proposed Dunmill Energy Storage System

3 Climate change, energy security and renewables

The below section is optional and designed to help us understand people's thoughts on how renewables can help to tackle climate change and improve energy security.

3.1 Do you agree that we are facing a global climate change emergency?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

3.2 Do you agree that generating electricity from renewable sources, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, can help towards tackling the issue of climate change?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

3.3 Do you agree that generating electricity from renewable sources will provide greater energy independence and security for Scotland?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

3.4 Do you agree that we need to develop energy storage projects to create a more stable and secure electricity system, supporting the rollout of zero carbon energy?

- ☐ I strongly agree
- ☐ I agree
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I disagree
- ☐ I strongly disagree

Further comments:

4 Your details

Please provide your name and contact details below.

Your contact details will be treated by RES with the strictest of confidence, in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. We may at times share your contact details, in confidence, with third parties who we employ to help process your comments or update you on the project and by providing your details below you consent to this. You may write to RES at any time to ask that your contact details be removed from our records and from any third parties we work with.

Name	
Email	
Address	
Telephone Number	

If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, please tick this box ☐

When you have completed the comment form, please place it in the box provided. Comment forms can also be sent by email to carey.green@res-group.com or by post to: Dunmill Energy Storage System Project Team, RES, Third Floor, STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1PQ.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this comments form, your feedback is important to us.