

BATTERY BOX HOMEFIELD BOX ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

VARIATION OF CONDITION SUBMISSION

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1.0 Application Details

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Application Number: DC/24/0579/FUL
Local Planning Authority: West Suffolk Council
Description of the Proposal: Planning application - micro energy storage facility
Date of decision: 01/08/2024

1.1 Original Submission Drawings:

The original planning application is accompanied by the following drawings:

- 01 Site Location Plan
- 02 Site Layout Plan
- 03 Battery Box - Standard Layout 1.20
- 04 Battery Equipment – Plans and Elevations
- 05 Electrical Cabinet – Plans and Elevations
- 06 Fence Elevations

2.0 Introduction

This application relates to planning permission DC/24/0579/FUL at 10 Homefield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8QP. The planning application was for a micro energy storage facility, known as a 'Battery Box'. Subsequently, planning permission was granted of the design and layout of the Battery Box system.

This submission seeks to make a non-material amendment to condition 2.

2.1 Condition 2 of the planning permission-

*The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the following approved plans and documents, unless otherwise stated below:
Reason: To define the scope and extent of this permission. Planning and Growth, West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU Reference number Plan type Date received (-) Site location plan 24 April 2024 (-) Specification 24 April 2024 (-) Site layout 24 July 2024 (-) Fence elevations 12 July 2024.*

2.2 Purpose and Reason for Submission

This application now seeks to amend condition 2 of that permission, which relates to the approved plans. The primary change concerns the design and specifications of the Battery Box, as the project now involves a different Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).

While the OEM has changed, the capacity of the units and the overall operational functionality of the system remain entirely unchanged. The system will continue to function as originally intended, importing electricity during periods of low demand or high renewable energy availability and exporting it during peak demand. The core objectives of the project—providing a flexible and decentralised energy storage solution—remain unaffected.

2.3 Key differences: Original vs. Proposed Battery Units

	Consented Scheme	Proposed Amendments
Total footprint (L X W) Sqm	6.40m * 4.30m = 27.52m ²	6.40m * 3.90m = 24.96m ²
Battery Unit Height	2.78m	2.41m
Fence Type	Paladin – 21.4 m Perimeter	Paladin – 9.99 m Perimeter
Battery Units/PCS/Electrical Cabinet	2 Battery units 1 PCS 1 Electrical Cabinet	4 Battery Units (PCS Included) 1 Electrical Cabinet

2.4 Impacts of Amendment

As shown above, the footprint, scale, and visual impact of the development have decreased. There will be no additional environmental impacts due to the proposed changes. The new OEM will provide similar units with only slight design variations, which require updated plans. These design changes are purely technical and non-material in nature, as they do not affect the system's capacity, operational parameters, or its intended role in the local energy network.

Considering this, the applicant deems the proposed amendment to condition 2 is non-material and not significant, as it does not alter the project's approved objectives, performance, or compliance with relevant planning policies.

The proposed equipment falls entirely within the original submission 'red line', further emphasising that the amendment does not impact the scale or scope of the originally approved site.

2.5 Plans to remain consistent with original application

- 01 Site location Plan
- 06 Fence elevations

2.6 Plans to be amended and submitted, subject to approval

Plan Submitted with original application	New Plan
02 - Site Layout Plan	02 – Site Layout Plan NMA Oct 2024
04 Battery Equipment – Plans and Elevations	04 Battery Equipment – Plans and Elevations NMA Oct 2024
05 Electrical Cabinet – Plans and Elevations	05 Electrical Cabinet – Plans and Elevations NMA Oct 2024

2.4 Previously approved plans which are superseded

The following plan is no longer relevant and is no replacement is proposed.

- 03 Battery Box - Standard Layout 1.20

3.0 Conclusion

The proposed development remains an Energy Storage System (ESS), part of AMP Clean Energy's initiative to deploy Battery Boxes across the UK. These systems provide flexible, decentralised grid capacity, which is essential as the UK increasingly relies on intermittent renewable energy sources.

As the share of renewable energy grows, maintaining flexibility is crucial for a stable electricity supply. The ESS will enhance the local grid's resilience, ensuring a stable power supply and emergency backup for local homes and businesses.

The NMA will result in an overall decrease in its footprint, meaning it will have an even lesser impact on the surrounding area. The minor design adjustments reflected in the updated plans are non-material and do not alter the project's core objectives or compliance with local and national policies. We respectfully request West Suffolk to approve this Non-Material Amendment application.