



## **Pre-Application Consultation Report Bolfornought Energy Storage**

*A report to*  
**Stirling Council**

Bolfornought Energy Storage  
Consultation Report

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 The application**

This document supports an application to Stirling Council by Intelligent Land Investments Group plc for consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for construction of a battery energy storage system at Bolfornought Farm, by Springkerse, Stirling FK7 7LL. The proposal is described as Bolfornought Energy Storage.

The application seeks consent for the installation of an energy storage system with a generating capacity of up to 49.99 megawatts. The development would consist of containers containing batteries and associated equipment, an access track, electricity meter building, fencing and new planting. Figures show the site location, and layout.

### **1.2 Site description**

The proposed development site lies in farmland, part of Bolfornought Farm, a working farm. The site is agricultural land. The field in which the proposed development is sited is accessed from the A91 Distributor Road at the Muirton roundabout from where the existing private access serves the farm and 6 houses. This is in the vicinity of Forthbank Stadium and St Modans High School.

The site lies on the flat carse farmland around 2 kilometres east of the town of Stirling on the edge of the large Springkerse industrial area.

The site is around 300 metres from the nearest house at Upper Taylorton Farm to the north.

## **2 LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE**

Intelligent Land Investments Group plc is applying to Stirling Council for consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended, for a grid-connected battery energy storage system at Bolfornought Farm, Springkerse, east of Stirling. The applicant wishes to install a generation capacity of over 20 megawatts, the relevant threshold, and so the applicant must carry out pre-application consultation, and submit a report on this activity. This document reports the consultation process and results.

A Proposal of Application Notice proforma was completed dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and submitted to Stirling Council with the location and site plans and registered 14<sup>th</sup> August (planning reference PAN-2020-009). A reply was received from the Council dated 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 accepting the level of information submitted and the level of consultation proposed.

The Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 which came into effect on 24 April 2020, temporarily suspend the requirement to hold a public event for a proposal such as Bolfornought Energy Storage and describe alternative arrangements.

The applicant had intended to hold a public event in a local venue and altered this approach in the light of the Coronavirus situation.

## **3 COMMITMENT TO ENGAGEMENT**

The developer, Intelligent Land Investments Group plc, is committed to consultation and engagement with communities. A large number of consultation events have been held for projects and the company is readily accessible through its website and social media.

<https://www.ili-energy.com>

## **4 CONSULTATION**

### **4.1 Proposal of Application Notice**

A Proposal of Application Notice was submitted to the Council and registered in August 2020. An online event was proposed to describe and introduce the project and answer any questions.

The applicant made contact with Polmaise Community Council and with Braehead and Broomridge Community Council at that time.

An advertisement was placed in the Stirling Observer of 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 advertising the project, describing how to access the online event and obtain information about the project online, and how to ask questions or give feedback to the developer. A copy of this advert is provided in Appendix 1 of this report.

### **4.2 Webinar**

A Webinar Event was held live on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 from 3pm to 7pm.

A video presentation was made by 2 staff from the developer. Maps and plans were included with information about battery storage technology and the applicant. The purpose of the event was to explain the battery storage project, engage with those present, answer questions and to seek feedback.

Questions or comments were invited either by typing into the 'chat' box next to the video presentation on screen, or by email or telephone.

The presentation was given regularly during the event as participants joined and left, and could be viewed online at any time in the following weeks.

Ten users joined the webinar. It is possible that some of these may have been more than one person viewing a computer.

No comments or feedback were received in relation to the siting or design of the facility, no written feedback was received. After the event, the applicant heard from a nearby resident seeking more information about the project and some material was provided and discussions had and we understand that party is content with the development.

#### **4.3 Website**

Information describing the Bolfornought project was available through the developer's website:

<https://meetings.ili-energy.com/>

The information included a video presentation by 2 staff from ILI Group that included an introduction, a description of the location, location and site plans, and other proposed plans. It was described how to ask questions or make comments.

In addition the site included a downloadable presentation that included a description of the project and its purpose, information about the applicant, the choice of location, as well as proposed site plans and sections.

These websites were still available as at mid February 2021, more than 20 weeks after the event.

#### **4.4 Other feedback**

The developer received no other feedback about this project by other means or at other times.

### **5 CONCLUSIONS**

The developer proposes a battery energy storage facility at Bolfornought east of Stirling. The developer has undertaken consultations and engagement in relation to this proposal. This has included contacting community councils, newspaper advertisement, and a public event.

No significant issues have been raised by members of the public or other consultees.

### **6 APPENDICES**

Newspaper advert

# Public Notices

## Public Notices

**ILI GROUP PLC**  
**NOTICE OF ONLINE PUBLIC EXHIBITION**  
**FOR PROPOSED ENERGY STORAGE DEVELOPMENT**  
 Development at Bolforought Farm, Stirling AB51 0XJ  
 Tuesday 22nd of September 2020 3pm - 7pm  
 Online Presentation and Q&A: [meetings.ili-energy.com](https://meetings.ili-energy.com)

ILI Group PLC are exploring the potential for a new energy storage facility. This new proposal would enable 49.9MW of power to be stored and exported from the site to the electricity grid.

We are looking to engage with the local community and as part of our pre-application consultation we are holding an Online presentation and Q&A to enable people to find out more about the proposal and to provide us with their views. We will be hosting a online live presentation at [meetings.ili-energy.com](https://meetings.ili-energy.com) where viewers will be able to ask questions live through the website and provide comments by filling out an online comment form. Slides from the presentation will be available until the 13th of October 2020 where members of the public will be able to comment by filling out an Online comment form. Feedback can also be sent in writing to Grieg Templeton, Planning Project Manager via email: [gt@ili-energy.com](mailto:gt@ili-energy.com) or by post to ILI Group, 33 Bothwell Road, Hamilton ML3 0AS.

If ILI Group PLC submits a planning application there will be an opportunity to make formal representations on the application to Stirling Council.

**Stirling Council**  
**PUBLIC NOTICES**

The COUNCIL made The Stirling Council (C3 nr Airth) (Temporary Closure - No 2) Order 2020 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) on 4-9-20.

This Order will close:  
 C3 From the junction of the B9124 to the junction of Powdrake Road from 0800 hours until 1600 hours from 9-9-20 until 25-9-20 to facilitate riverbank protection works. The weight restriction on the B9124 will also be suspended for the duration of the works. Emergency service and local access will be maintained via B9124, A905, A88 (Bellsdyke Road), C3 and vice versa.

Alternative Routes:  
 A COPY of the Order can be provided by e-mailing [traffic@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:traffic@stirling.gov.uk).

The COUNCIL made The Stirling Council (Underwood Cottages, Cambusbarron) (Temporary Road / Footway Closure and Suspension of Parking - Amendment) Order 2020 under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) on 4-9-20.

This Order will close the road and footway and suspend the parking on the following:  
 Underwood Cottages From its junction with Underwood Road to its junction with Wallace Place from 0800 hours until 1800 hours from 21-9-20 until 9-10-20 to facilitate footway and carriageway resurfacing works. Please note that these are a change to the previously advertised dates of 7-9-20 - 25-9-20.

Alternative Routes:  
 via Wallace Place, Gillieshill, Underwood Cottages  
 Emergency Service and local access will be maintained.

A COPY of the Order can be provided by e-mailing [traffic@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:traffic@stirling.gov.uk).

[www.stirling.gov.uk](http://www.stirling.gov.uk) or [www.tellmescotland.gov.uk](http://www.tellmescotland.gov.uk)

**Stirling Council**  
**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Stirling Observer**

Ref: 20/00571/FUL Development: Garden room extension to rear of dwelling house, at 20 Fountain Road, Bridge Of Allan, FK9 4AT, Reason: Development in Conservation Area

Ref: 20/00564/FUL Development: Erection of 11 dwelling houses with associated open space, landscaping, roads, access, engineering and infrastructure works at Land To Rear Of 2, 4, Eaglesfield And Firleary, Milindavie Road, Strathblane, Reason: No Premises on Neighbouring Land

Ref: 20/00566/FUL Development: Installation of 3No. velux rooflights and erection of porch to rear of dwelling house at 1 Westerton Drive, Bridge Of Allan, FK9 4AX, Reason: Development in Conservation Area

Applications may be viewed online at [www.stirling.gov.uk/onlineplanning](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/onlineplanning). Written comments may be made to the Planning & Building Standards Service Manager, Planning Services, Stirling Council, Teith House, Kerse Road, Stirling FK7 7QA (Telephone 01786 233660) within 21 days of this notice.

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<b>Job Title:</b> Room Attendant <b>Location:</b> Stirling <b>Wage:</b> National Minimum Wage <b>Hours:</b> Part Time <b>Job ID:</b> Apply via Findajob.dwp.gov.uk Ref: 3816170957fb4115b2c6	<b>Job Title:</b> Customer Team Member <b>Location:</b> Stirling <b>Wage:</b> Not stated <b>Hours:</b> Part Time <b>Job ID:</b> Apply via Findajob.dwp.gov.uk

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