



**Pre-Application Consultation Report
Dyce Energy Storage**

A report to
Aberdeen City Council

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Figure 1 Location plan

Figure 2 Battery site layout plan

1 INTRODUCTION

The developer proposes a battery energy storage system at Kirkton Drive, Dyce. This document describes the consultations carried out in relation to the project.

1.1 Planning application

This document supports an application to Aberdeen City 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 Raiaths Industrial Estate, Kirkton Road, Dyce AB21 0BG. The proposal is described as Dyce Energy Storage.

The application seeks consent for the installation of an energy storage system with a generating capacity of up to, and not exceeding, 50 megawatts. The development would consist of containers containing batteries and associated equipment, an access track, electricity meter building, fencing and new planting. Figures 1 and 2 show the site location and layout.

1.2 Site description

The proposed development site is a currently vacant plot within the industrial estate, adjacent to other industrial units and to the boundary of Aberdeen Airport. Immediately to the north is farmland. The development would be accessed from an existing access on Kirkton Road.

The site lies around 1.5km north west of the town of Dyce. The nearest dwellings are around 270 metres from the proposed plant, at The Mews on Pitmedden Road, and around 400 metres to the north at Dyce Drive and Pitmedden Road.

The Dyce – Kintore railway lies around 200 east of the site.

2 LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

Intelligent Land Investments Group plc is applying to Aberdeen City Council for consent under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended, for a grid-connected battery energy storage system at Kirkton Drive, Dyce, with a maximum generation capacity of over the relevant threshold of 20 megawatts. So the applicant must carry out pre-application consultation, and submit a report on that activity. This document reports the consultation process and results.

Aberdeen City Council advice on public engagement for major projects “Pre Application Consultation Information” (6 pages, dated 2016) was consulted. The advice follows the national framework and was followed for this project.

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 Dyce 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

The developer completed and submitted a Proposal of Application Notice proforma to Aberdeen City Council with the location plan on 27th July 2021 (Planning reference 211081/PAN).

It had been intended to hold a Drop In Event in a local Community Centre, however due to the Coronavirus situation an online event was proposed and held.

The Council responded to the Proposal of Application Notice. No changes to the proposed consultations were requested.

The Dyce and Stoneywood Community Council was consulted.

An advertisement was placed in The Press and Journal newspaper of 30th August 2021 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.

4.2 Event, 14 September 2021

A Webinar Event was held live on the 14th September 2021 from 4pm 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.

Some questions and queries about the project and technology were answered. Comments or feedback in relation to the siting or design of the facility included on where the electricity would come from for the project and how the facility would interact with the electricity grid.

4.3 Website

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

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

and specifically

<https://meetings.ili-energy.com/dyce-energy-storage-project/>

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.

These websites were available for more than 3 months following the event.

4.4 Pre-Application Forum

The developer was invited to present to the Aberdeen City Council Pre-Application Forum web meeting. The developer provided some written material in advance and gave a presentation to the Forum. Questions were answered and the Council followed up with written feedback.

The forum was held on 30th September 2021 under notice ref 211081/PAN

The feedback requested details with an eventual Planning Application to cover

- Plans, site layout and elevation
- Design and access statement
- Landscaping plan
- Tree survey, including protection measures for trees along southern boundary and bat roost potential of any trees proposed to be removed.
- Drainage and SuDS proposals
- Preliminary ecological assessment
- Transport statement, access for emergency and refuse vehicles
- Noise assessment
- Planning statement

Details covering these issues has been provided with the application.

4.5 Aberdeen Airport

Consultation was made with the safeguarding team of Aberdeen International Airport including providing details of the highest physical points relating to airport protected surfaces and further details requested were subsequently provided. We understand that the proposal is not in conflict with any airport safeguarding issue.

4.6 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Consultation was made with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who responded with initial comments 12 Nov 2021 welcoming the proposal of future liaison over the facility.

4.7 Other feedback

No other feedback about this project by other means or at other times was received.

5 CONCLUSIONS

The developer proposes a battery energy storage facility at Kirkton Drive, Dyce. The developer has undertaken consultations and engagement in relation to this proposal. This has included contacting community council, newspaper advertisement, a project website and online webinar event. Questions raised have been responded to. No feedback suggesting objection to the location or design has been received.

6 APPENDIX

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Development at Land at Raiths Industrial Estate, by
Kirkton Drive, off Pitmedden Road, Dyce, AB210BG

Tuesday 14th September 2021, 4-7pm

Online Presentation and Q&A:
meetings.ili-energy.com/dyce-energy-storage-project/

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 an online live presentation at meetings.ili-energy.com/dyce-energy-storage-project/ where viewers will
be able to ask questions live through the website and provide
comments by filling out an online comment form. Comments
and feedback should be made by the 24th of September
2021 through the online comment form or in writing to Grieg
Templeton, Planning Project Manager via email: gt@ili-energy.com
or by post to ILI Group, 33 Bothwell Road, Hamilton ML3
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Comments made to ILI Group are not formal representations
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there will be an opportunity to make formal representations on
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