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## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

### INSTALLATION OF A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ON LAND ADJACENT TO BIOMASS COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT AT WHARF ROAD, DISCOVERY PARK, SANDWICH, KENT.

Dear Ms Morgan,

We write on behalf of our client, Kent Renewable Energy Limited (the 'Applicant'), to submit a full planning application for the 'Installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated infrastructure' at Discovery Park, Sandwich, Kent (the 'Site').

The Site measures 0.58 hectares ('ha'). The Proposed BESS would connect into and draw power from the adjacent Kent Renewable Energy Biomass Plant located to the south west of the Site. It is estimated that the BESS would have a total export capacity of 10 megawatts ('MW'). The Proposed Development would have an operational lifespan of approximately 40 years, before the Site is restored back to its former state.

The Proposed Development would provide further stability to the grid through the storage of electricity and the appropriate coordination and release of stored electricity when demand is high or otherwise required. As such, with the existing constraints of grid capacity in the UK, the consenting of BESS and other energy storage technology will be required to support the Country's transition into a Net Zero economy by 2050.

The application is submitted to Dover District Council ('DDC') in its capacity as local planning authority under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (the 'TCPA 1990').

#### The Applicant

Kent Renewable Energy Limited own and operate the adjacent Biomass Plant on the Site and are a subsidiary of Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners.

#### Pre-Application Consultation

We submitted a request for pre-application advice to DDC on 21 November 2023 and agreed with yourself via email on 8 December 2023 that written advice would be issued in the first instance and that any follow up queries would be dealt with via a meeting where necessary. Due to limitations with the project programme, the Applicant has decided to submit the planning application in

advance of receiving the pre-application advice. The applicant is nonetheless open to discussing pre-application feedback received whilst the planning application with in the system with DDC.

### Environmental Impact Assessment

An EIA Screening Request (ref: 23/01124) was submitted to DDC on 9 October 2023. The EIA Screening Opinion issued by DDC on 25 October 2023 confirms that it is not likely the Proposed Development will give rise to significant environmental impact, and therefore, in accordance with Regulation 5(5) of the 2017 Regulations, an Environmental Statement is not required for the planning application.

### Planning Application Submission

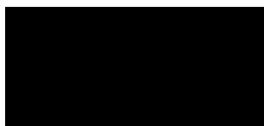
The application submission consists of the following documents:

- Covering Letter (this document);
- Planning, Design and Access Statement;
- Biodiversity Net Gain Report;
- Flood Risk Assessment;
- Ecology Phase 1 Walkover Report;
- Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan; and
- Drawings:
  - KRE BESS – Site Location Plan - ref: 18189\_LAY\_1002 Rev C)
  - KRE BESS - Indicative Layout Plan (ref: 18189\_LAY\_1001 Rev D)
  - KRE BESS – Indicative Battery Container Plan (ref. KREL-ELEV-01)

The application has been submitted electronically via the Planning Portal (PP-12690340). An application fee of £1,758.00 has been paid online at the time of submission, plus the £64.00 Planning Portal service charge.

I trust that everything has been submitted to allow you to validate the application and look forward to receiving confirmation of this in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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