

Feedback and next steps

Summary

The proposed development seeks an amendment to approved and extant BESS (LA11/2023/1679/F). There is no change to the site location or boundary and the amendments relate to a change in battery technology and associated plant with internal reconfiguration of the layout.

Since the granting of the permission, which remains live until July 2029, the Council has adopted its Plan Strategy. This is now the adopted Local Development Plan for the Council area and its policies supersede those in the legacy Planning Policy Statements. However, within the new policies contained in the Plan Strategy, the principle of development remains acceptable and measures have been taken to ensure that the revised scheme will:

- not result in any demonstrable harm to residential amenity by way of noise or fire risk;
- not have any unacceptable adverse impact on natural heritage / biodiversity and built heritage interests;
- visually integrate into the existing landscape and will be read with the existing substation;
- not be at risk of flooding or cause any flooding elsewhere; and
- not prejudice road safety or access across both construction and operational phases.



Please provide your feedback

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the proposed amendments to the Coolkeeragh Battery Energy Storage System. We would encourage everyone with an interest in the project to give us their feedback. To do this you can use the following methods:

Website:
www.coolkeeraghbess.com (live from Tuesday 23rd September 2025 until Tuesday 21st October 2025 inclusive)

Post:
Coolkeeragh BESS
Belmont
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To be considered during the design process, feedback must be received no later than Tuesday 21st October 2025.

If you have any queries regarding the information presented as part of this community consultation process, please contact us directly using the details provided. Belmont – ABO Energy’s communication and engagement partner on this project – can be contacted via telephone on 028 9072 6059 between the hours of 10am – 4pm, Monday – Friday.

Please note: Any comments made to ABO Energy and/or the project team during this pre-application community consultation process are not representations to the planning authority (Derry City and Strabane District Council). If a formal planning application is submitted, local advertisement and neighbour notification will take place and there will be an opportunity to make representations to the planning authority at that time.

Next Steps

Your feedback will now be considered in detail as work progresses towards finalising our designs and collating all the relevant planning application documents.

It is intended that a full planning application for the project will be submitted to the planning authority by the end of 2025. The planning authority will then process and decide the outcome of the application.