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## **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

**Site Address : Land to the north of the Culham Science Centre Thame Lane  
near Clifton Hampden OX14 3GY**

**Description of development: The development of a Battery Energy Storage  
System (BESS), comprising a 500 megawatt (MW) battery storage facility with  
associated infrastructure, access and landscaping, with a connection into the  
Culham Jet National Grid substation.(A hard copy of the Environmental  
Statement can be viewed at South Oxfordshire District Council, Abbey House  
Abbey Close Abingdon OX14 3JE).**

**Application reference: P24/S1498/FUL**

**Appellants name : Culham Storage Limited**

**Appeal reference : APP/Q3115/W/24/3358132**

**Appeal start date: 6th March 2025**

I refer to the above details. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State  
against South Oxfordshire District Council's decision to refuse the above planning  
application.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of an inquiry. The procedure to be  
followed is set out in the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by  
Inspectors) (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2000, as amended.

For any group or organisation who wish to take an active part in the Inquiry, the  
opportunity is available to apply for what is known as Rule 6 status. Although  
unusual, there is also scope for interested individuals to take part on the same basis.

Rule 6 status means that you would be able to present your evidence on a formal  
basis and cross examine the evidence of others. You can find guidance at the  
following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-rule-6-status-on-a-planning-  
appeal-or-called-in-application](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-rule-6-status-on-a-planning-appeal-or-called-in-application)

Arrangements for the Inquiry are currently being finalised by the Planning Inspectorate. These will include a pre-Inquiry conference call with the lead parties to deal with procedural and administrative matters, including how the evidence will be heard. As a Rule 6 party, it is anticipated that you would also be a part of that process. If, having read the above guidance, you wish to apply for Rule 6 status and/or have any related questions, you should contact the Planning Inspectorate immediately. If you are interested but are unable to access the guidance electronically, again, you should contact the Planning Inspectorate who will try and assist.

If, having read the above guidance, you wish to apply for Rule 6 status it is essential that you contact the Planning Inspectorate immediately.

We have forwarded all the representations made to use on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to:

John Legg  
The Planning Inspectorate  
Room  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN

All representations must be received by **10th April 2025**. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. All representations must quote the appeal reference.

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

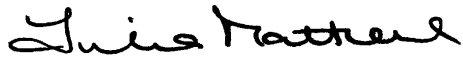
If you submit comments and then subsequently wish to withdraw them, you should make this request to the Planning Inspectorate by the date above.

If you would like to view the appeal documents these can be viewed on our website [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk) under the application reference number in the appeal folder. If you have any difficulty in accessing these documents please contact us.

You can get a copy of one of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in enforcement appeals" booklets free of charge from GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal> or from us.

When made, the decision will be published online at  
<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

Yours faithfully



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