

# Planning

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## Acknowledgement of Planning Application

Dear Sir/Madam

**Location :** Land to the north of the Culham Science Centre Thame Lane OX14 3GY

**Proposal :** 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.

**Application Reference :** P24/S1498/FUL

Thank you for your planning application which we registered on 9th May 2024, and I have received your fee of £71408.00.

You can view your application online at [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk) by typing in the application reference number in the search box on the home page of our website. Members of the public can view this as well.

The description of development we have used may differ from the wording submitted on your application and we will assume you agree to this change unless you contact us to advise otherwise.

I will make a decision on your application by 8th August 2024. I will contact you if I need more information or if I need more time.

From now on, I will contact you about this application using the email address [kcassie@stateraenergy.co.uk](mailto:kcassie@stateraenergy.co.uk).

I will send you updates so you are aware of the progress on your application. The updates will be sent to the email address you provided.

**To allow me time to focus on determining your application I would be grateful if you could only contact me if there is an urgent matter or update.**

## What happens next?

- | I will contact everybody that we need to inform about your application. This includes your town or parish council and your neighbours so they can make comments. A full list of these people and their comments will be available to read on the application page of our website.
- | I will visit the place your application relates to. I will let you know if I have any problems gaining access.
- | Once the consultation period has finished and I have undertaken a site visit I will be able to assess your application. Please note that until this point, I am unlikely to be able to advise you on my recommendation.
- | **If I require any further information or clarification, I will contact you.**
- | For non-major applications one set of amended drawings and/or one set of further technical reports will usually be accepted after the consultation period has ended if a positive change is proposed. No further amendments will be accepted.
- | As most amendments require further consultation with consultees or neighbours, we will only accept amended plans if an extension of time of the application is agreed, otherwise you may be advised to withdraw your application and resubmit.
- | Large and complicated applications sometimes must be decided by the planning committee, which is made up of councillors. If your application is referred to the planning committee, I will let you know and explain how you can speak at the meeting.
- | If I do not make a formal decision by 8th August 2024 and you have not agreed to extend the decision date, you can appeal to The Planning Inspectorate who will make a decision instead. You can find more information about the appeal process at [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk).

If you have any general queries or questions, please see the planning pages on our website at [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk). If we require any further information or we need to contact you, we will be in touch.

Yours faithfully



Paul Bowers  
Planning Officer