



## HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SUMMARY

### PROPOSED 80MW BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) & ALL ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING CABLING & SCREENING LAND TO THE NORTH EAST OF GAGIE HOME FARM, DUNTRUNE, DD4 0PR





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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Sirius EcoDev (Tealing) Ltd (“the Applicant”) is proposing to develop an 80MW Battery Energy Storage System as Phase 1 of a Solar and Storage Farm development, utilising lithium ion batteries for the storage of electricity to provide a balancing and back up supply facility to the National Grid.

(“The Application”) will encompass container units with associated infrastructure components, such as transformers, Inverters, DC and AC converters, switchgear and controllers, as well as requisite substations which will be housed within units as determined within the site layout plan.

In order to ensure that there is no unacceptable impact to the historic environment in and around the development site a study has been undertaken to establish where, in the historic environment, sensitive sites and properties lie, and what, if any impact can be expected.

## 2. AREAS OF SENSITIVITY & POTENTIAL IMPACT

As shown on the plan annexed none of the development and associated works, including cabling or drainage for SUDS has an impact on any site of sensitivity.

The nearest **Scheduled Monument, Craig Hill, Fort and broch (SM3038)** lies in the region of 3Km from the body of the development.

Due to the topography, existing established tree planting and screening, as well as the current built environment between the sites, it is envisaged that there will be no impact to the visual, landscape or setting of the Scheduled Monument.

There are two, **Category A Listed Buildings**, to the south west of the site.

**Gagie House (LB 19001)** lies approximately 690m from the development site with the closest works for the SUDS passing 230m to the east of Gagie House.

**Gagie House, Summer House, (LB19004)** lies approximately 700m south west of the main development with the SUDS development works passing 220m to the east.

Due to the topography of the site, the mature and established wood and trees surrounding Gagie House and Summer House, it is envisaged that there will be no impact to the setting, visual or within the landscape to the Category A Listed Buildings .

There are 4, **Category B Listed buildings/Sites** lying south west of the development.

**Gagie House walled garden & Sundial (LB 19005)** approximately 740m from the development.

**Gagie House Coach House/Stable Block (LB 19002)** approximately 820m from the development.

**Gagie House Gate Piers and Adjoining Walls (LB19003)** approximately 730m from the development.

**Gagie Home Farm Steading (LB 19000)** approximately 810m from the development.

Due to the topography of the site, the mature and established wood and trees surrounding Gagie House Walled Garden, Sundial, Coach House/Stable Block, it is envisaged that there will be no impact to the Category A Listed Buildings and the setting will be preserved.

There is 1, **Category C Listed Building** to the south west of the development.

**Gagie Home farm, Farmhouse at No 3 Holding (LB 18999)** lies approximately 820m from the development.

The topography of the land, siting of the Farmhouse within outbuildings and further residential properties as well as mature trees and established planting of the area, allow for the development to have no impact of the category C Listed Building.

To the south of the development site lies a **Category B Listed Site**.

**Gagie, Gagie Filters, Gagie Well, including Filter Beds, Gatepier & Boundary Wall (LB18998)** lie approximately 1km from the main development with the drainage infrastructure for the SUDs passing in the region of 190m to the west. This Listed site is the closest site to any part of the development. The site is separated by a track and established planting and no impact is expected to the setting or place within the landscape of the Listed site at any point of the development.

**A category B Listed site** lies to the east of the access road to the development.

**Wellbank, Little Gagie Farm, Aqueduct, including Embankment (LB19021)** lies approximately 170m from the access road and approximately 810m from the development site.

Established tree and shrubbery separate the site from the main access route utilised by all traffic in the area. This mature screening helps to preserve the setting and it is not envisaged that there will be any impact to the B Listed site.

### **3. RELEVANT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Policy 9: Managing TAYplan's Assets states that land should be identified through Local Development Plans to ensure responsible management of TAYplan's environmental and

**historical assets.** With regard to the Proposed Development, no significant adverse impacts are predicted to historical assets.

**The Proposed Development is considered to comply with Policy 9.**

#### Policy PV8 Built and Cultural Heritage

Angus Council will work with partner agencies and developers to protect and enhance areas designated for their built and cultural heritage value. Development proposals which are likely to affect protected sites, their setting or the integrity of their designation will be assessed within the context of the appropriate regulatory regime.

#### National Sites

Development proposals which affect Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings and Inventory Gardens and Designed Landscapes will only be supported where:

- **the proposed development will not adversely affect the integrity of the site or the reasons for which it was designated;**
- any significant adverse effects on the site or its setting are significantly outweighed by social, environmental and/or economic benefits; and
- appropriate measures are provided to mitigate any identified adverse impacts.

#### Regional and Local Sites

Development proposals which affect local historic environment sites as identified by Angus Council (such as Conservation Areas, sites of archaeological interest) will only be permitted where:

- **supporting information commensurate with the site's status demonstrates that the integrity of the historic environment value of the site will not be compromised;** or
- the economic and social benefits significantly outweigh the historic environment value of the site.

**The proposed development is considered to comply with Policy PV8.**

#### The Electricity Act 1989

Schedule 9 sub-paragraph 3 (1) of the Electricity Act advises that a developer:

“(a) shall have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of **architectural, historic or archaeological interest.**

**The proposed development is considered to comply with Policy PV8.**

#### 4. CONCLUSION

All Schedule Monuments and Listed Buildings and Sites, as noted above, have been assessed to establish what, if any, impact may be expected due to the development.

Due to the siting of the proposed development, in which the topography of the area allows for limited visual and landscape impact, as well as the area having established wood and tree planting which preserves the settings of any Scheduled Monument, Listed Building or Site, it can be confirmed that the development and all associated works including cabling, access and drainage, will have no impact to the historic environment. It is therefore deemed acceptable in terms of impact to the Historic Environment and no mitigation or further study is required.