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FAO: Rachel Richardson

Dear Rachel

Having looked at the details for the micro energy storage facility, I wanted to ask if there are any further details available for the fire safety requirements for these cabinets. We have consulted on a considerable number of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) across the County, and admittedly they are a bigger size than the cabinets identified for this site, but I would expect there would be a minimum clearance distance away from any surrounding properties, and from public footpaths to protect the public in the event of an incident occurring.

As the cabinets do hold Lithium batteries, and knowing how they react in a fire situation, I would expect some control measures would be required. As a guide full size BESS containers require a minimum clearance of 25-metre to any property or building, to prevent fire spread should an incident occur. I'm not saying this distance would be required for these cabinets as they are considerably smaller, however I would expect some form of safe distance would be required. It might be that the required distances have been met, but there is nothing to identify this in the application.

As there is a public footpath in relatively proximity to the micro energy storage facility, would there need to be some protection to anyone walking past during a fault or fire incident within the cabinets.

Regards
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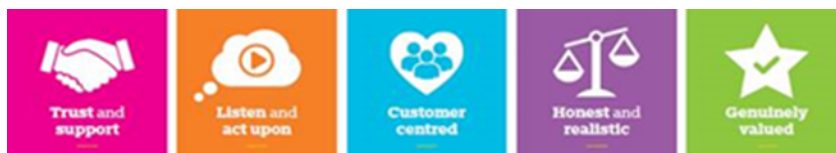
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