

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250704 – EIR – Data Supplied

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Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 9 June 2025:

"I'd like to understand the plans in place to support a fire at the Holmfield BESS site, I'd like to point out that this BESS will be 500MW and will be largest in the UK to date.

If a fire was to take place at the BESS would there be enough water supply to extinguish the fire and/or cool the surrounding battery units? Also please advise what would be the rules surrounding the BESS water supply if we had a hosepipe ban or a drought?

Please could you also confirm how long it would take to ensure there is enough water available. Do Yorkshire Water need to lay new pipes to the BESS? If so, who would fund this, the landowner or the council?

In addition to the above, have Yorkshire Water any concerns surrounding the development of the BESS and supplying enough water?"

Included with this email is our response to your question, this is information that we have been provided and hold in relation to your request.

Information related to water supply was: *'the provision of fire suppression water on site is currently being investigated. Supply will be provided either via a connection to the existing local water main or alternatively, via a static water tank.'*

Appropriately condition 24 of the permission seeks to clarify the above requiring: *'Prior to construction of the development hereby approved, a Risk Management Plan and Emergency Response Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These plans shall be developed in conjunction with the relevant Fire and Rescue Service...'*

We do not hold any further information in relation to your request at the time your request was received. As such for the purpose of EIR we applied exemption 12(4)(a), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

We trust that the provision of this data satisfies your request. In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with this reply to your request you can ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days by contacting the Data Protection Team.

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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