

**Annex EF29** of Dr E J Fordham Interested Party – Unique Reference: 20030698  
EN010106 – Sunnica Energy Farm

Letter from Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland

Re: Planning application LA06/2022/0251/F

HSENI Ref: CN202204-0007

LPA: Ards and North Down Borough Council

Date: 13 May 2022

Planning Department  
Ards and North Down Borough Council  
The Council Office  
2 Church Street  
Newtownards  
BT23 4AP

13 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**PLANNING APPLICATION: LA06/2022/0251/F**

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**LOCATION: Lands located directly adjacent to and south of Newtownards Electricity Substation, Ballyharry Business Park, Berkshire Rd, Newtownards BT23 7HH**

Large scale battery facilities, also known as BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) have the potential to require a Hazardous Substance Consent and be subject to the COMAH Regulations.

HSENI advises that the applicant should provide details (type and mass) of any dangerous substance;

1. Stored or produced during normal operation
2. That can result from a fire, explosion or other event if there is a loss of control of the process.

Once this information is provided, it can then be assessed if a Hazardous Substance Consent and COMAH Regulations are applicable.

HSENI notes there are a number of dwellings near the proposed development. HSENI advises the planning officer to consider the HSENI Technical Note regarding the risks from fire and explosion involving a single BESS container. This note was provided to DfI by HSENI for distribution to Local Planning Authorities.

In considering this application, HSENI assumes the applicant will meet all the Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978 requirements and relevant statutory provisions if planning permission is granted.

Yours faithfully

**Notifications Team**  
**HSENI**

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