

Tritax Symmetry (Hinckley) Limited

## **HINCKLEY NATIONAL RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE**

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### **The Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order**

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### **Written Statement of Oral Case ISH3 [Appendix D – Battery Storage Update Note]**

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Planning Act 2008

The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009  
Regulation 5(2)(q)

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service have been contacted and we are continuing our consultation with regard to the design of the development. As the design is progressed we will continue our engagement and will share details of proposed battery storage systems with them for their comment

We have been using the guidance provided within The National Fire Chief Council Planning Guidance Note for Grid Scale Battery Energy Storage System planning – Guidance for FRS - Version 1.0 November 2022 <https://nfcc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Grid-Scale-Battery-Energy-Storage-System-planning-Guidance-for-FRS.pdf> which covers the following: covering the following:

- System design including placement
- Construction, testing and decommissioning
- Detection and monitoring
- Suppression systems
- Site access
- Water supplies
- Signage and Emergency plans
- Environmental impacts
- Recovery

This guidance is also referred to in the August 2023 amendment to the planning guidance on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy, <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/renewable-and-low-carbon-energy#full-publication-update-history> which adds a new section on “Battery Energy Storage Systems”. This guidance is predominantly associated with the need to assess the risk of fire for any battery storage >1MWh and to engage with the LPA and fire/rescue services to ensure that we consider the location of the battery, thermal runaway prevention measures and accessibility for emergency services.

These design considerations will be further addressed and in turn consulted on in accordance with the planning guidance as each phase of development comes forward.