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Dear Michael,

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED WORKS AT ROCHDALE ROAD

On behalf of Cubico UK Development Limited ('the Applicant'), we are pleased to submit to Rossendale Borough Council ('the Council') as Local Planning Authority a full planning application relating to Land at Rochdale Road and Bamford Road, Turn Village ('the Site') for development in line with the following description:

"Construction, management and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with associated infrastructure, including access, drainage, security measures and landscaping and provision of a connecting cable to Croston Close Road substation"

BESS are a cornerstone of the UK's strategy to achieve climate change targets, enhance energy security, and reduce electricity costs. This critical role is articulated across a range of Government policy documents and strategies, as well as in publications by organisations such as National Grid. The deployment of BESS is considered to be a 'Critical National Priority'. By integrating renewable energy sources more effectively, BESS directly supports the transition to a low-carbon economy.

BESS projects, including the Proposed Development, deliver significant benefits by:

- **Grid Balancing:** Storing surplus electricity during periods of high generation and releasing it during peak demand to prevent blackouts and brownouts.
- **Maximising Renewable Energy Utilisation:** Reducing the curtailment of renewable generation caused by insufficient network capacity, thereby promoting cleaner energy.
- **Accelerating Renewable Integration:** Facilitating the rapid deployment of renewable energy sources by creating storage capacity that offsets delays in grid infrastructure upgrades, reducing overall costs for consumers.

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- **Decentralising Energy Supply:** Supporting a shift away from fossil fuels by enabling a more resilient, decentralised grid, which contributes to significant reductions in CO2 emissions.

The Proposed Development by the Applicant is designed to deliver a storage capacity of 85MW, representing a significant contribution to national energy strategy objectives. It aligns with the urgent need for infrastructure that supports renewable energy integration, grid resilience, and energy cost reduction.

The application is submitted with the minimum required in order to register the application on the Council's system as discussed with Michael Atherton. This includes the application form, location plan and fee.

The application will be supplemented by a full suite of supporting documents and drawings as required in order to validate the application, and in accordance with the scope agreed through pre-application discussions in late January/ early February. The schedule supporting documents to be submitted is outlined within **Appendix 1** of this covering letter.

The application has been submitted via the Planning Portal (ref. PP-13642060). The requisite application fee of £5,202.00 based on the BESS and substation footprints covering 8,742sqm (0.87ha) and the vehicular access, car parking and internal service roads, grid connection/drainage corridor and pond footprint covering an area of 54,663sqm (5.47ha) has been paid by the Applicant via the Planning Portal.

We look forward to receiving acknowledgement of receipt of the application however should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1: Application Document Schedule

DOCUMENTS

Name	Author
Planning Statement	Turley
Design and Access Statement	Turley
Air Quality Assessment	AQC
Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment	AOC
Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment	TEP
Economic Benefits Infographic	Turley
Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy	Hydrock
Heritage Statement	Turley
Landscape Visual Impact Assessment	TEP
Mineral Safeguarding Assessment	Hydrock
Noise Impact Assessment	Hydrock
Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan	Hydrock
Phase 1 Ground Condition Report	Hydrock
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal	TEP
Transport Statement	Hydrock
Statement of Community Involvement	Lexington
Sustainability Statement	Turley
Wintering Bird Survey	TEP

DRAWINGS

Name	Author
Site Location Plan	Cubico
Parameter Plan	CADmando
Illustrative Layout Plan	CADmando
Landscape and Planting Strategy	TEP
Indicative Electricity Cable Route Connection	Cubico