

Report on the Meeting with Robert Jenrick MP

Presented by: Cllrs Fereday, Bradey & Cobley and Debs Storey (BESS Action Group)

Date of Meeting 14th July 2023

The Planning Committee at NSDC had voted to Object to the planning application for the Staythorpe BESS at their meeting on 6th July.

Those present asked for Mr. Jenrick's support in raising concerns over the number of such schemes in the pipeline. His response was positive and he said he would speak to Maria Miller MP who has proposed a Private Members Bill calling for oversight of the BESS industry.

Mr. Jenrick also agreed to speak to Michael Gove MP because the DHCLU are currently updating the National Planning Policy and to write to NSDC expressing concern over this application and others which are in the pipeline.

Mr. Jenrick did not want the Parish to be a test bed for these schemes due to the impact on the landscape and communities.

Mr. Jenrick agreed to meet the local residents as soon as a mutual date can be agreed and will forward any relevant information which may be needed if the objection goes to appeal.

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