

Highway Development Management Consultation Response

Planning Application Ref: PL/2026/02920

Site Address: Land south of the B4040, Minety , SN16 9DX.

Proposal: Revision of grid connection cable route approved under PL/2024/0503 to run through Land South of The B4040 for the approved Milou battery energy storage system (Planning Reference PL/2022/00664 / appeal reference APP/Y3940/W/23/3319392).

Date of Consultation Response: 05/06/2026

I refer to the above planning application dated 06/05/2026 seeking permission for a revision of grid connection cable route approved under PL/2024/0503 to run through Land South of The B4040 for the approved Milou battery energy storage system (Planning Reference PL/2022/00664 / appeal reference APP/Y3940/W/23/3319392).

The application seeks to place cabling for the approved Battery Energy Storage System in private land to the south of the B4040 and crossing the public highway on a short section of the B4040 to allow a connection with the National Grid. The public highway directly affected would be the B4040 Snow Hill.

At the point where the cabling route crosses the B4040 there are drainage ditches and therefore any works within this area would require Land Drainage Consent and I therefore urge the applicant to contact the Highway Drainage Team in this regard. A licence or permit will also be required to carry out any works within the Highway Verge and carriageway; therefore I would request that the applicant contact the Local Area Highway Office in this respect.

Whilst only one area within the B4040 is now proposed to enable the cabling to be routed to the National Grid Connection through the fields to the north of the B4040 this will require part closure of the carriageway with traffic management to ensure highway safety.

I would wish to point out that whilst the route for the cabling through the fields is a separate application (PL/2024/03276), this would cross an area where there is a watercourse present which may require Land Drainage Consent or consent from the Environment Agency as it would pass through the area where the water course is located.

The applicant would be required to obtain a Section 50 Street Works Licence to carry out the proposed works. The S50 licence would be required to have a bond attached which would be directly linked to the length of route for cabling proposed within the public highway.

The proposed development would also be required to have a Construction Management Plan with the inclusion of a photographic survey of the existing highway to ensure that reinstatement of verge or carriageway occurs to a satisfactory specification and include any details of temporary traffic management etc.

I have no highway objection to the proposals subject to the following conditions and informatives:

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT STATEMENT – SITE OPERATION

No development shall commence on site (including any works of demolition/excavation), until a Construction MANAGEMENT Statement, together with a site plan, which shall include the following:

1. Phases plan and detail of anticipated programme of works;
2. the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
3. Number and size of delivery vehicles/ construction vehicles, number of staff vehicle movements;
4. loading and unloading of plant and materials;
5. storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
6. wheel washing facilities;
7. measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction;
8. a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works;
9. measures for the protection of the natural environment;
10. hours of construction, including deliveries;
11. pre-condition photo survey – any damage related to the development will be put right (to the satisfaction of the LHA) within 6 months of the development completion. **NB:** A photographic pre-condition highway survey to be carried out for the entirety of the public highway verges and carriageway affected on the B4040 as detailed on General Arrangement dated March 2026, dwg no 3076-02-18 revision B] and copies of pre and post condition survey to be supplied to WC. The applicant should be informed that the Highway Authority will pursue rectification of any defects identified by the highway condition survey which can be attributed to the site construction traffic under the provision of S59 of the Highways Act.
12. Routing plan
13. Traffic Management Plan (including signage drawing(s))
14. Details of temporary/permanent Traffic Regulation Orders

has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The approved Statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The development shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the approved construction management statement without the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To minimise detrimental effects to the neighbouring amenities, the amenities of the area in general, detriment to the natural environment through the risks of pollution and dangers to highway safety, during the construction phase.

APPLICANT TO OBTAIN A S50 STREET WORKS LICENCE

The applicant will be expected to obtain a Section 50 street works licence under the New Roads and Street Works Act (NRSWA) for further information see <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-section-50>, or contact S50Application@wiltshire.gov.uk to make an application.

LICENCE/PERMIT

The application involves alterations to the Public Highway. The applicant is advised that a licence will be required from Wiltshire's Highway Authority before any works are carried out on any footway, footpath, carriageway, verge or other land forming part of the highway. Requests for further information on the permit scheme or related processes, can be sent to streetworks@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phoning 01225 713 497.

DEVELOPMENT BY WATERCOURSE

The applicant is advised that, if it is proposed to drain this development directly into the river or carry out any work within 8 metres of the watercourse then a Land Drainage Consent is required from the Environment Agency. For further information see www.environment-agency.gov.uk

If you have any queries regarding the above advice, please contact:
HighwaysDevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk