

Commencement of Works Statement

Project: Norrington Gate 150MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Site: Norrington Gate Farm, Norrington Gate, Broughton Gifford, Melksham, SN12 8LW

Client: Masdar

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1. Project Overview – Norrington Gate 150MW BESS

The Norrington Gate project comprises the development and construction of a 150MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility at Norrington Gate Farm, Norrington Gate, Broughton Gifford, Melksham, SN12 8LW. The project includes the associated enabling works and infrastructure required to establish the facility and its electrical and civil interfaces.

The works described in this report relate to controlled enabling and setting-out activities carried out on 10th – 12th December 2025, including route definition, limited access-road formation to support construction logistics, and excavations associated with the PCS Switchrooms and DC BESS units.

Planning context: the development is associated with the Wiltshire Council planning application PL/2022/03914 for a 150MW battery energy storage facility at the above site address, with subsequent submissions for the discharge of conditions.

2. Introduction

This Statement confirms that construction works of planning permission PL/2022/03914 for the 150MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Norrington Gate Farm has been commenced. The purpose of this statement is to evidence that a material start has been made on site and, accordingly, that the permission is extant. The Statement accompanies a request for a Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

3. Scope of Works

Controlled enabling and setting-out activities have been carried out at the site to facilitate the approved development. These works comprise:

3.1 Access Track

- Mark/peg out and excavate the designated route.
- Install Terram geotextile membrane and 200 mm clean stone to access road.

3.2 BESS Cabinet and Private Switchroom Bases

- Mark/peg out location for trenches for the BESS DC and control buildings
- Excavate foundation trenches for the BESS DC and control buildings

Note: Sensitive working methods in relation to Great Crested Newts, including supervision by an Ecological Clerk of Works was in place during the ground scrape and excavation, with the ecologist present on site and inspecting each excavation as it was undertaken.

4. Drawing Reference and Setting Out Information

The works described within this report are supported by the setting out drawing listed below. The drawing provides confirmation of route alignment, excavation extents, and the location of the proposed Private Switchrooms and Control Rooms. All setting out, marking, pegging, and excavation works were carried out in accordance with the referenced drawing.

Referenced Drawing:

- Setting Out Points – Revision 2

Drawing No: 00319-2000 P7

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Site: Norrington Gate Farm, Melksham, SN12 8LW

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PL/2022/03914 6. Site Progress Photographic Record**Day 1 – Site Photos (photos attached)**

Site mobilisation activities were carried out, including the delivery and positioning of plant and materials. Engineering attendance was provided to undertake initial setting out works, comprising the marking and pegging of the instructed areas in accordance with the approved setting out drawing and coordinates. These preparatory works were completed to ensure compliance with planning and environmental constraints and to enable immediate commencement of excavation works following receipt of the necessary authorisations and ecological clearance.

Day 2 – Site Photos (photos attached)

On Day 2, controlled groundworks commenced comprising a shallow ground scrape to a defined section of the access road corridor. Topsoil and associated spoil were carefully stripped and removed to the designated on-site spoil heap for temporary storage.

An Environment Agency–approved ecological watching brief was in attendance for the full duration of the works, from approximately 07:30 to 17:00. The ecologist inspected each area of ground disturbance as works progressed to ensure compliance with ecological constraints relating to Great Crested Newts. All activities were undertaken in accordance with the agreed methodology and under continuous environmental supervision.

Day 3/5 – Site Photos (photos attached)

During Days 3, excavation works were undertaken to form **two battery base excavations** and approximately **100 m² of access road formation**, excavated to the required levels to allow for the installation of Terram geotextile membrane and clean stone. In addition, the **ESS DC and Control room excavation** was completed to the approved footprint and depth, concrete blinding was installed to provide a stable formation, and the excavation was subsequently backfilled in a controlled manner using suitable material. Upon completion of the primary works and during demobilisation from site, localised ground scraping and levelling was carried out to remove ruts and minor surface damage within the field caused by plant movements, reinstating the ground to an even and safe condition and minimising residual site impact.

Appendix A – Setting Out Drawing

Setting Out Points – Revision 2 (embedded image below).

