FENWICK SOLAR FARM

Preliminary Environmental Information Report

Volume III Appendix 2-2: BESS and On-Site Substation

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1. Battery Energy Storage System

- 1.1.1 The Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) allows excess energy in either the Solar PV generation or excess energy in the grid to be stored and released at times of peak demand, assisting the UK grid to become more resilient and efficient.
- 1.1.2 The BESS Area would comprise the following equipment:
 - a. Up to 432 individual BESS Battery Containers;
 - b. Up to 108 inverters;
 - c. Up to 54 containerised units consisting of transformers and switchgear;
 - d. Underground power and control cabling; and
 - e. A main control point for the supervision and management of the BESS equipment located within the Control Building.
- 1.1.3 Batteries and inverters would be replaced approximately every 15–20 years depending on their use and technology at the time.
- 1.1.4 The BESS Area contains above ground water storage tanks for firefighting purposes. The volume of water to be stored on-site, as well as access requirements for firefighting vehicles will be agreed with the relevant fire and rescue services. Any fire water runoff would be contained within the lined impermeable swale using a penstock to ensure no firewater is released to groundwater or to surface water without prior testing. More details on the preliminary firewater storage and containment requirements are provided in Section 9.4 of PEIR Volume I Chapter 9: Water Environment.
- 1.1.5 Indicative layout of the BESS Area is shown in Plate 1.

2. On-Site Substation

- 2.1.1 The On-Site Substation would have a single bay and is the intermediary between the transmission network and the Scheme. It is the collector of the multiple 33 kV outputs at the Field Stations to a single point. The separate 33 kV connectors are all independently connected, protected and monitored before being accumulated into a single transformer. This then transforms the voltage up to 400 kV ready for transmission level for the energy to be accepted by the National Grid. The transformer has a single output being connected to the underground Grid Connection Cables back to the Existing National Grid Thorpe Marsh Substation.
- 2.1.2 An indicative layout of the On-Site Substation is shown in Plate 2-1.

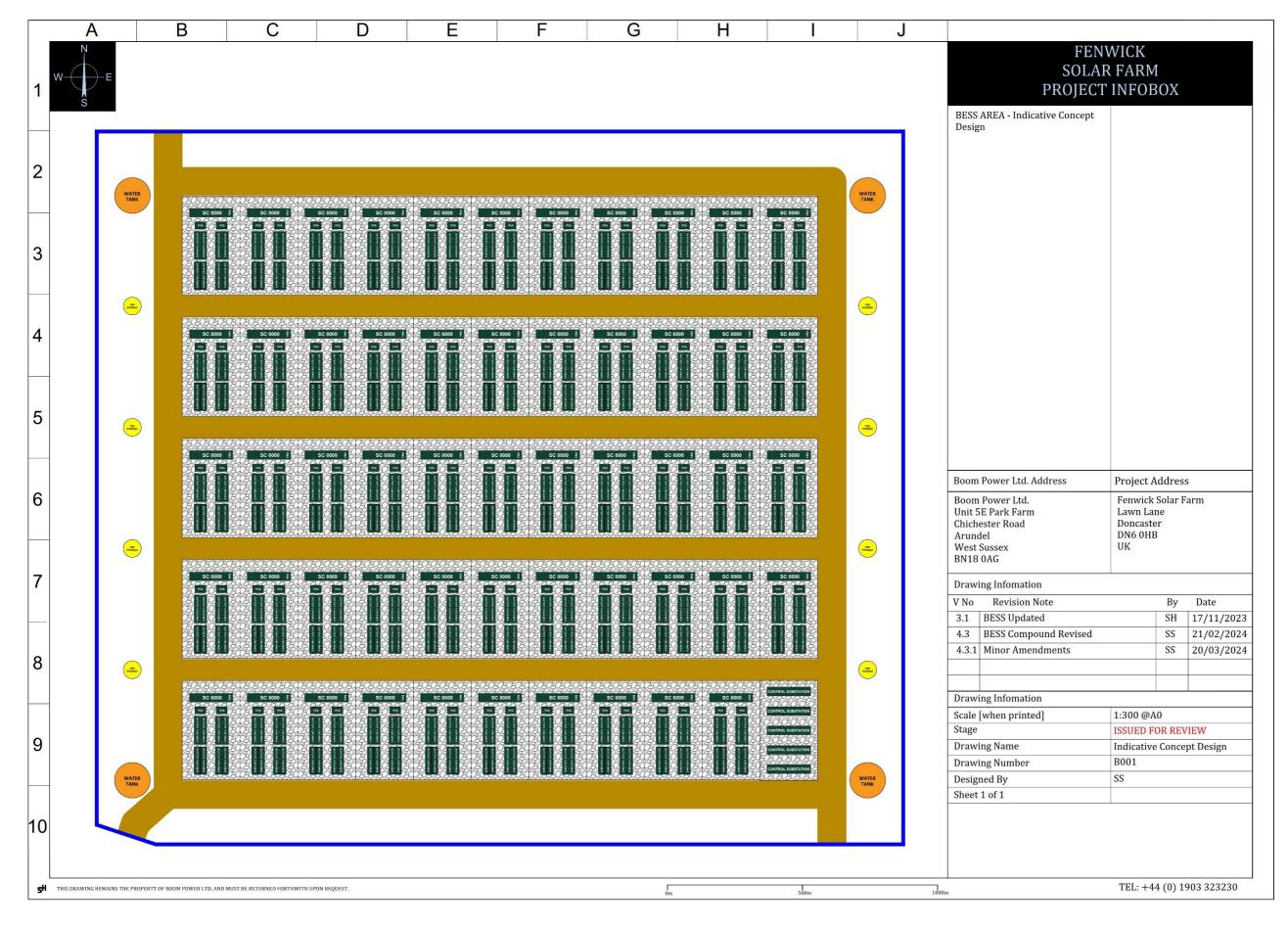


Plate 2-1: BESS Area Indicative Layout

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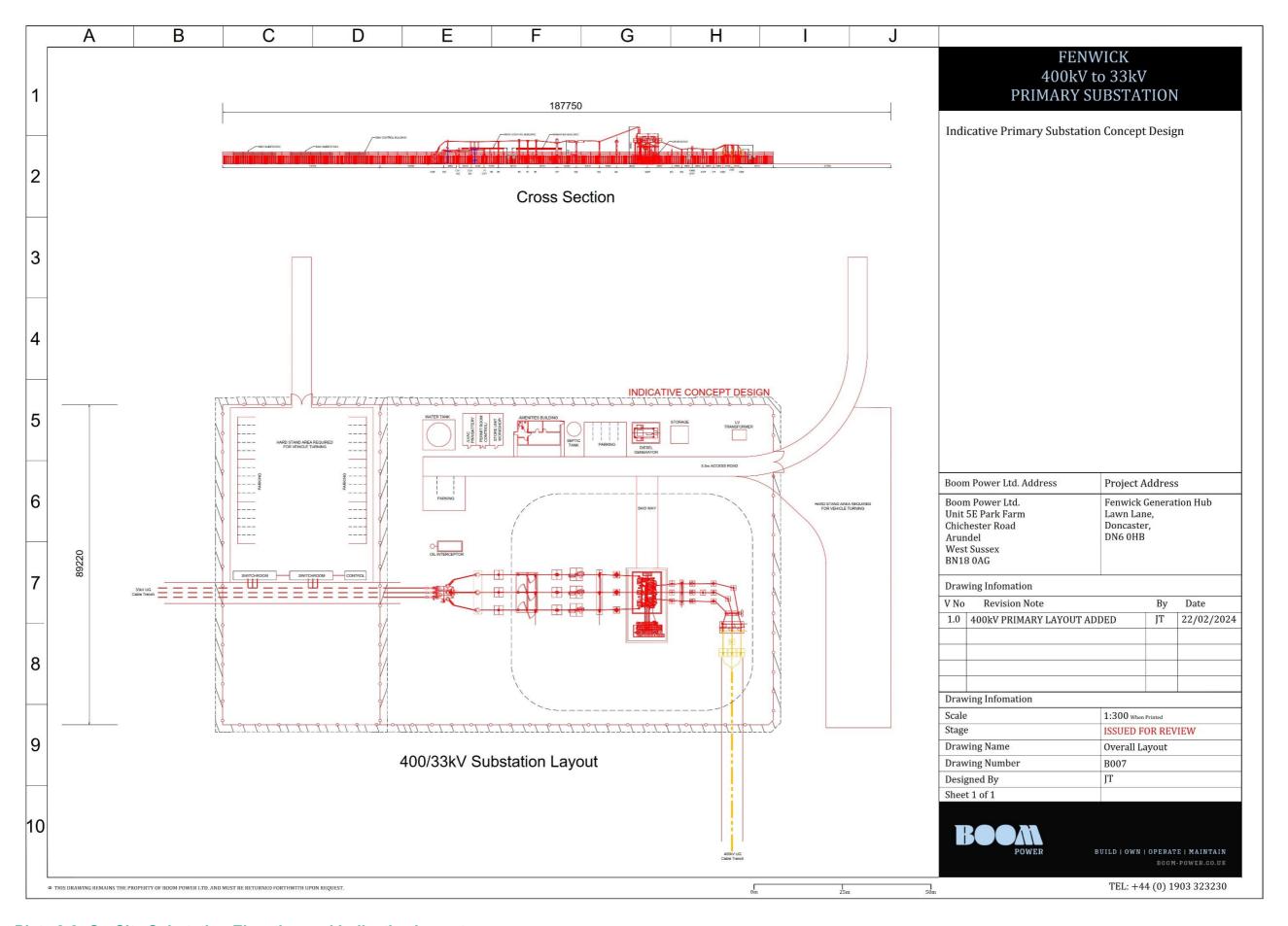


Plate 2-2: On-Site Substation Elevation and Indicative Layout

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