

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT



An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening request was submitted to The Highland Council, and they have determined that that an EIA is not required for the development. This is because the potential impact on the environment is not considered to be significant due to the localised nature of the impact.

An Environmental Report (ER) has been commissioned for the Lochluichart East BESS Proposed Development. This extensive study will form part of the formal planning application to be made to The Highland Council.

The ER process includes:

- Consultation with the local planning authority, key stakeholders and the public to identify specific concerns and issues;
- Determining the existing conditions at and around the BESS site by reviewing the available data and undertaking specialist field surveys;
- Assessing the potential impacts on the existing environment; and
- Mitigation proposals to alleviate any significant impacts identified.

The ER work is on-going, gathering data on the following topics:

- Landscape and visual impact;
- Carbon rich soils and priority peatland habitats;
- Ecology;
- Ornithology;
- Hydrology;
- Noise;
- Traffic and Transport;
- Archaeology/Cultural Heritage;
- Forestry

Other desk-based assessments will include appraising the impacts of the proposed development on Health and safety, fire risk and mitigation, and socio-economics.