

10 January 2024

Ref 23/03875/APP - Rookery Farm, Granborough, Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ

Thank you for consulting with me in relation to the above application.

Having reviewed the submitted documentation I have been unable to identify a boundary treatment plan. From the details submitted in the DAS it would suggest that the compounds will be protected by the weld mesh security fencing, however I also note the presence of stock fencing and palisade fencing on the site I ask that clarification is provided.

To clearly identify the positioning of each proposed fence type and ensure the perimeter is adequately protected I ask that a boundary treatment plan is provided prior to any planning permission being granted.

I also ask that clarification is provided regarding the purpose of the barbed wire topping to stock fencing and whether this is intended to manage animals rather than people. This request is based on the fact that stock fencing with a hostile topping is likely to be unsuccessful when stock fencing can be easily cut.

I note the applicant's intention to provide the following to address the potential for crime (as taken from the DAS below), all of which would be appropriate for this proposal.

Crime	
7.21	The facility will be enclosed by new 2.5m high fencing to offer site security and ensure that the equipment is protected from vandalism.
7.22	Day and Night Infrared Cameras with Target areas built in that as soon as a person or vehicle moves into the space it triggers a recorded event on top of the 24/7 recording of the site.
7.23	On site Speaker system to alert any intruder that they are being recorded.
7.24	24/7 Monitored CCTV that have mobile security staff that can attend if we can't get to site quick enough and a facility to call the local police Station if needed.
7.25	High grade security locks on all access gates.
7.26	All equipment on site has a coded lock so that if anyone did get into site there is still the security of the HV rooms, LV Rooms and also the battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and inverters.

To ensure all points raised within the DAS come to fruition, I ask that further details are provided in an 'Access and Security Strategy' submitted for review and conditioned for planning approval.

I hope you find my comments helpful in deciding this application.

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