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### Heritage Application consultation response

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<b>Application reference:</b>	23/03875/APP
<b>Site:</b>	Rookery Farm Granborough Buckinghamshire MK18 3NJ
<b>Proposal:</b>	Development of a battery energy storage system (BESS), connected directly to the national Grid with associated infrastructure including access, drainage and landscaping
<b>Action required prior to determination:</b>	No (see below)

#### Summary

No objection is raised on heritage grounds.

#### Heritage Assets

There are no heritage assets within the site. Botolph Claydon and Middle Claydon Conservation Areas are located to the west of the site. And a number of listed buildings are located in East Claydon to the west and Granborough to the East. The closest listed building is Rookery Farm on the edge of Granborough which is Grade II listed.

#### Relevant planning history

23/01438/SO - EIA screening opinion with regard to the proposed development of a battery energy storage system (BESS)

#### Discussion

This assessment is made following a desk-based assessment.

#### Considerations:

- Impact of the development on the setting of the Conservation Area (CA)
- Impact of the development on the setting of nearby listed buildings

#### The Proposal:

The application seeks consent for the construction of a battery storage facility with associated

infrastructure.

**Discussion:**

There is understood to be minimal to no visibility between the site and the surrounding designated heritage assets. Any impact would be marginal and viewed in the distance. Therefore, no objection is raised.

## **Heritage Policy Assessment**

### **The Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990**

The proposals would preserve the architectural and historic interest of the listed building and therefore complies with sections 66 of the Act.

The proposals would preserve the setting of the conservation area and therefore complies with section 72 of the Act.

### **NPPF**

The proposal would cause no harm to the significance of the heritage asset.

### **Local Plan**

The proposals comply with the following Local Plan Policy BE1 Heritage Assets that states that the Council will;

a. Support development proposals that do not cause harm to, or which better reveal the Significance of heritage assets.

## **Conclusion**

For the reasons given above it is felt that in heritage terms:

The application would not raise any heritage objection subject to the following conditions:

- If the planting fails within 5 years it should be replaced to maintain screening around the site.