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Subject: Calala BESS- Site access works and temporary facilities

Dear Mr Prent

I refer to your letter dated 4 June 2025 regarding the construction of the of the site access point and temporary site establishment works.

It is understood that you are requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to construct the site access as shown in the drawing provided with your correspondence (CAL/AO/B/UGU-EVD/DWG/001) in addition to initial site establishment works. The proposed works include:

- installation of the site access point;
- topsoil stripping in the area identified for the access point, parking and temporary compound; and
- establishment of temporary compound areas including the placement of crushed aggregate on the access road and car parking for the initial works, installation of temporary buildings.

As previously agreed by the Planning Secretary in our correspondence of 7 April 2025, the early site establishment works can commence in parallel with the construction of the site access point to facilitate the safe delivery of the access point off Calala Lane.

Please note that as the work described in your correspondence involves 'construction activities' and extends beyond the approved site access point shown in Appendix 4 of the Development Consent (SSD-52786213), all pre-construction and construction requirements need to be completed and approved as required by the development consent. This includes, but is not limited to, the preparation of all required management plans and strategies, dilapidation surveys, and the retirement of biodiversity credits that are required prior to the commencement of construction.

In considering this request the Department has carefully reviewed the information provided, including Tamworth Regional Council's agreement to the proposal.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition B6, I agree that the work identified as necessary to support the construction of the site access can occur concurrently.

All pre-construction and construction requirements will need to be completed and approved as required by the development consent prior to any work being undertaken on site.

The site access point off Calala Lane must be completed prior to Stage 1c.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Keren Halliday on (02) 8289644.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Iwan Davies', with a large, stylized 'D' and a trailing flourish.

Iwan Davies
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary