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Dear requester

### Provision of requested information

Thank you for your request for information about Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) installations in relation to groundwater protection zones, which we received on 28 May 2025. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

1. Is your organisation aware of any existing or proposed BESS installations located:
  - a. Within Source Protection Zone 1 (SPZ1)  
**Littlecotes Sub-station to North (abandoned) – Site of substation (BESS)** Don't believe the BESS has been installed.
  - b. Within Source Protection Zone 2 (SPZ2)  
**Hill House Solar farm, Hawkspur Green – Small scale BESS accompanying solar farm**
  - c. Within close proximity or next to SPZ1 (by close proximity we could limit that to 100 meters)  
**None as above**
  - d. Within close proximity or next to SPZ2 (as above)  
**None as above**
2. For any such installations identified, please provide:
  - a. the approximate location, eg postcode, co-ordinates or named area, whichever is easier, and  
**TL 65 32 – Hill House Solar Farm**
  - b. Any associated risk assessments, environmental impact assessments or mitigation measures addressing groundwater contamination or related environmental concerns  
**Very low Concern – small scale solar on lower permeability drift deposits**
  - c. Details of any consultations, objections, or recommendations made by your organization in relation to such developments  
**Anglian Water are not a statutory consultee, and we are not always consulted by all Local Planning Authorities on all planning applications. Because BESS applications do not tend to connect to public drainage infrastructure, Anglian Water has not always made comment on these applications.**

When consulted on planning applications, we only make note of sites within or partially overlapping with SPZ zone 1. We do not make note of sites that are within 100metres of SPZ zone 1, or within or close to SPZ zone 2.

We have conducted a search for sites within SPZ zone 1 where Anglian Water provided a formal response, however we did not find any BESS applications.

The SPZ zones 1 and 2 can be viewed on DEFRA's map by turning on the Source Protection Zone layer: <https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.html>

All BESS planning applications can be found in the public domain via Local Planning Authority websites. These can typically be found via search functions (usually by searching in 'BESS').

If Anglian Water have made comment on a BESS site that is close to or within SPZ zones 1 and 2, these comments should be publicly available to view.

Should you have any queries regarding any specific Anglian Water planning responses, please email [planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:planningliaison@anglianwater.co.uk) with details of the site and planning application.

3. If you are aware of any applications for such installations over SPZs 1 or 2 that have been refused, would you please provide the address or the planning application reference of such proposed sites.  
**Unaware of any such consultations.**

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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