

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT



An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening request has been submitted to the Highland Council, and we are currently awaiting their response to determine whether an EIA is required for this application.

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.