Highview

Landscape and Visuals

Landscape Designations

There are no National Parks or national scenic areas within 3km of the site, though the North Ayrshire special landscape area is within 1km of the site.

Assessment Status

Photo panels will be prepared to show the BESS facility in its landscape context, similar to the one shown below. These will be done for several different viewpoints including from Millport and Fairlie.

A Landscape and Visual Appraisal will be completed and submitted as part of the consent application.

Visual Impact Mitigation

Views from the A78 and nearby properties will be screened by existing roadside trees.

From the south and Hunterston Estate, views will be screened by existing woodland and landforms.

When viewed from Millport to the west and from higher ground to the east, the BESS facility is unlikely to be visible.

There may be views across the tops of the BESS containers from the coastal path to the southwest but these will be minimal due to the existing trees in the foreground.

Water and flood risk

Although the site is on the coast, ground levels are outside of the flood risk zone.

There are patches of standing water where depressions in the ground collect rainwater, which will be levelled as part of the build.

Surface water from the site will be clean of silt and other contaminants and discharged to the neighbouring watercourse under a license from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) if required.

Pollution control measures will be agreed with SEPA to protect the watercourse and the neighbouring SSSI from any contamination in the event of a spill or leak, which will be monitored under an Environmental Management Plan.

Flood risk areas at the Hunterston PARC

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