

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/26/2069/0F1
2.	Proposed Development:	LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR INSTALLATION OF 15 NUMBER 22KW DUAL EV CHARGERS AND A DC 160KW DUAL SUPER CHARGER WITH ARM SWINGS AND AN EXTERNAL BESS SYSTEM (120.5KWH) AND GRP ENCLOSURE
3.	Location:	CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY TRAINING FACILITY, CALDERBRIDGE
4.	Parish:	Ponsonby, Beckermest with Thornhill
5.	Constraints:	ASC Adverts - ASC;Adverts, Flood Area - Flood Zone 2, Flood Area - Flood Zone 3, Safeguard Zone - Safeguard Zone, Coal - Off Coalfield - Data Subject To Change, DEPZ Zone - DEPZ Zone, Preferred Route Corridor - Within Preferred Route Corridor, Outer Consultation Zone - Sellafield 10KM, PROWs - Public Right of Way, Main River Consultation Area - Main River Consultation Area
6.	Publicity Representations &Policy	See Report
7.	Report:	
	Site/ Location	Located within the grounds of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) training facility `Griffen Park` to the immediate south of Sellafield, the application site comprises part of the main CNC facility car park and lies adjacent parking areas which are situated to the northwest.
	Proposal	This application seeks a lawful development certificate (LDC) for a proposed development on

the site which is deemed to constitute permitted development by virtue of Schedule 2 Part 2, Class E (amendment Order 2025 no 560) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

The proposal is for the:

- Installation of 15 x 22kW dual EV chargers to accompany existing car parking bays and associated development comprising:
- A DC 160kW dual super charger with arm swings on an adjacent parking area.
- An external BESS system (120.5kWh)
- GRP enclosure

Relevant Planning History

4/23/2290/OF1 Approved change of use to memorial garden on land adjacent to the car park.

4/24/2368/OF1 Application seeking if Prior Approval is required for installation of solar PV's on the main roof of the CNC facility.

4/25/2141/OF1 Extension and reconfiguration of existing car park, erection of memorial garden and associated landscaping. Approved 10 October 2025.

Consultations

Although there is no statutory requirement to consult third parties including parish councils or neighbours for this type of application, it is standard protocol for the Council to notify local parishes adjacent to and adjoining Sellafield and any associated nuclear related development including Griffen Park to which this application relates. Other relevant bodies have also been informed.

It should be noted that views expressed by third parties on the planning merits of the case, or on whether the applicant has any private rights to carry out the operation, use or activity in question, are not relevant when determining the application.

Beckermeth with Thornhill Parish Council

No objection / concerns.

Ponsonby PC

No comments received

Gosforth PC

No comments received

Seascale PC



Cumberland Council

No comments received

Cumberland Property and Estates

No objections

Environmental Health

No objections

Cumbria Fire and Rescue

No objections

Emergency Planning and Resilience

No objections

ENW

No objections

ONR

No objections

Sellafield Ltd

No comments received.

Public Representations

There have been no adverse representations received from any neighbours.

Relevant Planning Legislation

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 192 as amended by Section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Assessment

A Certificate of Lawful Development (Proposed) establishes whether a proposed use of buildings or other land, or some operations proposed to be carried out in, on, over or under land, would be lawful for planning purposes under section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), that is, development against which no enforcement action may be taken and where no enforcement notice is in force, or, for which planning permission is not required.

This application seeks to determine whether the proposed installation of 15 EV's and

	<p>associated minor works and associated infrastructure as described above would be lawful, i.e. that the proposal would not require an application for formal planning permission.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>Taking the above into account, and having assessed the proposal against the criteria set out in Schedule 2, Part 2, Class E of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) it is considered that the proposed development, comprising installation of 15 EV's to accompany parking bays on an existing private car park along with associated minor plant/infrastructure works on this site, constitutes permitted development and that a Certificate of Lawfulness can be granted.</p>	
8.	<p>Recommendation: Approve</p>	
Case Officer: H.S. Morrison		Date : 29.04.2026
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst		Date : 30.04.2026
Dedicated responses to:- N/A		