

Blackford Renewables Fire Assessment for 500MW Battery Proposal, Rothienorman, Inverurie, NE Scotland

From January 1st 2026 (for about 14 days) remote houses adjacent to the proposed BESS site have been completely cut off by deep drifting snow. It has made it very apparent how escape would be completely impossible in the event of a fire.

The picture below shows the driveway to Westfield Croft and the dashed red line the only escape route (the approximate position of the batteries is also shown in black outline). It's impossible to drive and it is a difficult and slow walk in these conditions. **The occupants of the property would be trapped.**

Most of the escape route shown is closer to the proposed batteries than the extremities of the site where the identical risk is described as **intolerable**. **On site risk = cautious and strict. Offsite risk = thoughtless**



Although slightly further away from the proposed BESS site, the occupants of Maryfield, Baikiehill, Beikehowe and The Beeches are also snowed in.

