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Sent: 16 June 2026 12:28:22 UTC+01:00
To: "Andy Watt" <andy.watt@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1297

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/06/2026 12:28 PM.

Application Summary

Address: Land Adjacent To Bolney Substation Bob Lane Twineham West Sussex

Proposal: Variation of condition nos 12 and 27 relating to planning application DM/26/1068 (original application DM/23/0769)
Condition 12 - rectify error on decision notice whereby condition 12 currently repeats condition 11. Condition 27 - amendment to the proposed site layout.

Case Officer: Andrew Watt

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Customer Details

Address: Coombe House Cowfold Road Bolney

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I write to object to the applicant's proposals to relocate the substation compound from the west of the applicant's site to the centre of the site, and therefore closer to my house.

Despite moving the substation closer to local residential properties including my own, the applicant's Noise Assessment fails to

explain how the changes mean that the noise from the site will still be within acceptable levels for local residents despite the equipment being much closer to residential properties.

The report mentions proposed mitigating measures. The tallest equipment in the substation compound will be 8.5m and the lowest approximately 4.1m. The applicant proposes a 5m concrete wall around three sides of the two transformers which are both 8.5m in height. These walls are clearly not high enough to mitigate noise. The applicant further proposes a 3.5m acoustic fence along the northern boundary of the site. Given the significant height of the substation equipment, this is not high enough to mitigate the noise impact on local residents, particularly those to the north like me and my neighbours. Additionally, the ground level at the northern boundary of the site is some 4m lower (19m) than that of the proposed site of the substation (23m) - see the applicant's Topographical Surveys in DM/23/0769 - meaning the acoustic wall needs to be higher to actually mitigate the noise from the electrical equipment for the benefit of local residents.

Further, moving the substation to the centre of the applicant's site and closer to the southern boundary of the site also position the tall substation equipment within metres of the two high voltage overhead power cables which run east/west over the southern boundary. I would ask that no decision is made on this planning application until a satisfactory response is received by MSDC from National Grid confirming that the changes will not cause arcing between the substation equipment and the overhead cables.

Kind regards