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Subject: Land East of Wineham Lane BN5 9AY Original Planning Permission: DM/21/2276
Representations concerning DM/26/1906, DM/26/2007, DM/26/2158 and
DM/26/2159

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17 September 2026

Mr Watt
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Dear Mr Watt

I refer to the above planning applications requesting the discharge of important planning conditions.

I have also reviewed the detailed comments submitted by neighbours at Gatefield Cottage. Their comments are thoroughly researched and well considered. I agree with them all. As such, the only further comments I wish to make are as follows:

1 The applicant needs to meet the pre-commencement conditions in full before any work commences - they are not merely conditions which could be seen as a 'nice to have' but are an essential part of the legal obligations placed on the applicant for the grant of planning permission. The fact that the applicant appears to be seeking to resile from those obligations is a matter of serious concern - they should be non-negotiable. Given the potentially serious safety and many other issues that have been raised in this planning application, it is very concerning that the applicant appears to be spending more time trying to remove key planning conditions rather than concentrating on ensuring that they comply with them.

2 I note the representations concerning the need for firefighting water. I agree that adequate firefighting needs to be in place before the first batteries are installed but remain of the view that a water supply by itself will not be sufficient to put out fires arising from such an installation. Lithium Ion based fires cannot be extinguished just with water - it needs specialist equipment. It is still far from clear whether the batteries will be Lithium Ion or Lithium Iron Phosphate - the latter is much safer and I understand far less prone to thermal runaway, but in the event of a fire will water be effective on either of these installations? These are critical safety considerations and the necessary safety requirements and conditions need to be agreed before any construction is started.

3 As per point 11 of the Gatefield Cottage response, the construction hours at 12 hours a day for six days a week are far too long. The works should follow normal construction hours which should be 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday: and 8am to 12.30am on Saturdays. There should be no construction work on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

These comments apply equally to all four of the planning applications submitted and I request that this representation is placed on the files of all four planning applications.

Yours sincerely

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