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Sent: 09 January 2026 12:25:48 UTC+00:00
To: "Rachel Richardson" <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: DM/25/2435

Hi Rachel,

I recommend the following condition to protect the amenity of neighbouring residents:

The level of substation noise within nearby habitable rooms shall not exceed the levels presented in the table below by more than 5 dB. These levels reflect the low frequency noise assessment reference values presented in DEFRA report, "Procedure for the assessment of low frequency noise complaints" NANR45: 2005.

Frequency Hz	10	12.5	16	20	25	31.5	40	50	63	80	100	125	160
Leq dB (5 min)	92	87	83	74	64	56	49	43	42	40	38	36	34

Happy to discuss if necessary.

Kind regards,

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From: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 January 2026 09:44
To: Jane Cooper <Jane.Cooper@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: DM/25/2435

Hi Jane,

Please see below.

Many thanks,

Rachel.

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From: Dean Jordan <dean.jordan@daraplanning.com>
Sent: 07 January 2026 16:13
To: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: DM/25/2435

Hi Rachel,

Thanks for sending this through, I have responded to the points below in red.

I have also issued a slightly updated acoustic report that addresses some minor errors (as noted below).

Hopefully, this addresses your concerns, and the application can be approved.

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1. The calculation for 4 units gives an external noise level of 58dB(A) at 1m, I have calculated a level of 59 dB (A) at 1m, can the consultants please explain the discrepancy. **There was a slight rounding error in our calculation. This has been corrected.**
2. The report states on page 7 that: The above assessment suggests that the noise level from plant will be some 8dBA below the recommended limit within the worst affected dwellings, please can they explain how they came to that figure. Are they basing this on the BS8233 guideline LAeq for a bedroom during the daytime. **This sentence has now been updated to match the updated assessment considering the tonal correction.**
3. The noise levels given in the acoustic report are not for the proposed units, but for similar units. Given that predicted noise from these will be audible outside the nearest

dwelling, I need to be sure that the amenity of residents won't be affected. It would seem sensible to therefore condition an overall noise level and levels for low frequency noise that will not be exceeded at the nearest residential facades. Please can you ask the applicants if they are willing to accept a condition based on the data provided. **Happy to agree to an appropriately worded condition.**

Kind regards

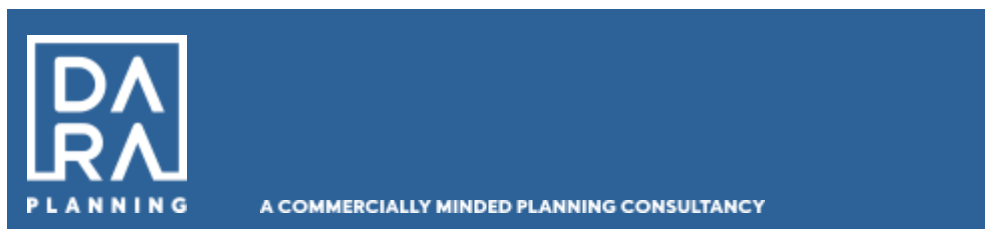
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From: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>

Date: Wednesday, 7 January 2026 at 15:53

To: Dean Jordan <dean.jordan@daraplanning.com>

Subject: FW: DM/25/2435

Hi Dean ,

Sorry, following the submission of your updated acoustic report the email below was sent from the Environmental Health Officer with some queries for you to reply to.

Please can you have a look at this and address accordingly.

Kind regards,

Rachel.

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From: Jane Cooper <Jane.Cooper@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 08 December 2025 14:51
To: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: DM/25/2435

Hi Rachel,

Thanks for the updated acoustic report.

I have looked at the data provided for low frequency sound likely to be produced by these units, and it seems that levels likely inside nearby homes will comply with NANR45:2005.

To judge possible impact from this type of installation it's usual to submit a full BS4142 assessment, which hasn't been done in this case. Given the likely noise levels from the BESS and the relatively high background in this area I'm not anticipating that noise will be an issue, but I do have some queries:

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Please will you ask the applicants for a response.

Kind regards,

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From: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 25 November 2025 13:56
To: Jane Cooper <Jane.Cooper@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: DM/25/2435

Hi Jane,

I hope your week is going well.

Please see attached and below as requested.

I look forward to receiving your feedback when convenient.

Many thanks,

Rachel.

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From: Dean Jordan <dean.jordan@daraplaning.com>
Sent: 25 November 2025 11:53
To: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: DM/25/2435

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Hi Rachel,

Apologies for the slight delay we had to do a bit more testing.

Please see attached the updated acoustic report which should address the EHOs comments.

Kind regards

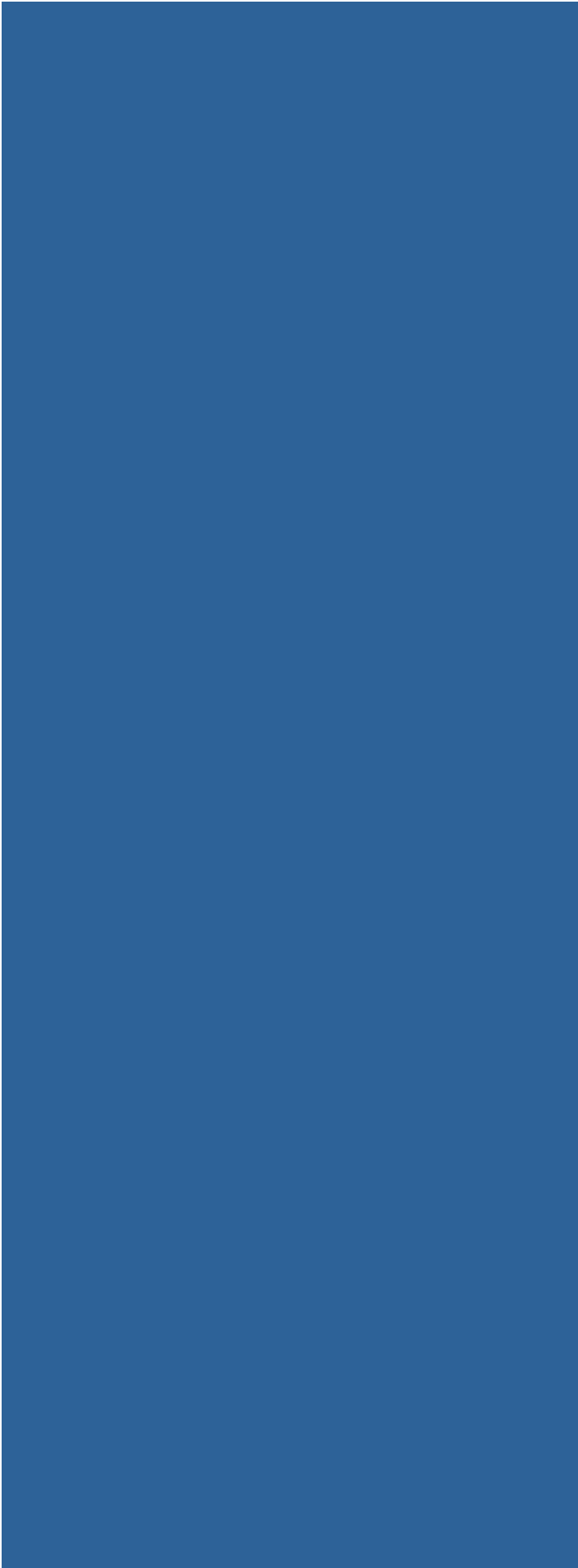
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From: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>

Date: Monday, 10 November 2025 at 16:22

To: Dean Jordan <dean.jordan@daraplanning.com>

Subject: FW: DM/25/2435

Dear Dean,

I write to you in relation to your above referenced planning application at The Aspen, Burrell Road, Haywards Heath.

Please see the comments below from the Council's environmental health officer. Please can you provide the additional information being sought.

Kind regards,

Rachel.

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Sent: 10 November 2025 14:38

To: Rachel Richardson <Rachel.Richardson@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: DM/25/2435

Hi Rachel,

Hope you are well.

I need further information regarding the battery store.

A little online research has indicated that these can sometimes cause issues with noise particularly if they are provided with some form of cooling system and/or power conversion equipment or transformers. Can the applicants provide further details regarding this please.

The acoustic report makes no mention of sound frequencies likely to be produced by this proposed installation so please can this be provided to help me assess any possible impact.

Thanks,

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