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Sent: 10 August 2026 13:59
To: planninginfo
Subject: For the attention of Case Officer Andy Watt

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Dear Sirs,

Application DM/26/1671 - Non Material Amendment to planning permission DM/21/2276 Land at Wineham Lane

I object to these proposals. The changes proposed are significantly more than 'non material amendments' and there appears to be a failure to adequately consult with the relevant authorities and MSDC officers on the proposed changes.

1. I live only a few hundred metres northeast of the BESS site. Due to the prevailing south westerly winds in this area of the UK, I therefore live downwind, and directly in the path of any toxic and/or explosive gases that might be released by the BESS in the event of any explosion and/or fire at the site. What mitigation proposals are in place to protect local residents and their health?
2. I am concerned that it does not appear that West Sussex Fire and Rescue has been consulted on the proposed changes to the original planning permission granted in planning application DM/21/2276 and whether the changes proposed meet the requirements of the National Fire Chief's Councils latest Guidance 2026. As a resident living close to the BESS site, I need to know that WSF&R are satisfied that:
 - The changes to the layout of the site will protect local residents in the event of an explosion and/or fire?
 - The BESS units are adequately spaced from each other to prevent the spread of any fire?
 - There are sufficient emergency access arrangements to the site for emergency vehicles and personnel?
 - There is a comprehensive evacuation plan for local residents in the event of an explosion and/or fire on site?
 - There is the provision of adequate water storage and supplies which comply with the latest NFCC Guidance for BESS facilities?
 - Each BESS unit will include as standard the latest system for internal fire suppression?
3. I am also concerned that the MSDC Conservation Officer does not appear to have been consulted on the changes to the original planning application despite the site being located opposite a Grade II listed property. What is her view about the impact the proposed unspecified acoustic fence will have on the setting of this listed property and to the rural nature of the area?
4. Has the MSDC Tree Officer been consulted on the proposals to move the BESS closer to the Ancient Woodland that runs along eastern boundary of the site?
5. The applicant has not produced a revised Noise Assessment demonstrating how the acoustic fence will mitigate noise from the site for the benefit of residents living close by?
6. Have the MSDC Environment and Drainage Officers been consulted on whether the changes to the number of BESS, the type of BESS and the new location proposed will have any impact on the watercourse that runs through the woodland to the east of the site? Are they satisfied that adequate mitigation measures are in place to prevent contaminated run-off in the event of a fire entering the local river network.

