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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
DM/26/0676

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 09/04/2026 11:09 PM.

Application Summary

Address: West Hoathly Brickworks Hamsey Road Sharpthorne East
Grinstead West Sussex RH19 4PB

Proposal: Variation of condition no 31 relating to planning application
DM/23/0827 - to allow amendments to the Energy and
Sustainability Statement.

Case Officer: Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address: Bluebell House, Station Road Sharpthorne East Grinstead

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour or general public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Cala Homes have determined that the PV provision is
unnecessary. I disagree.

PV panels do not consume national grid supplied electricity
whereas air source heat pumps do.

Currently national grid electricity still uses gas for approximately
26% of electricity supply (2024 values). The national grid will not

be completely decarbonized until 2035.

Air source heat pumps will not work in the event of a power failure but PVs combined with suitable battery storage can supply limited electricity for a limited time during such an event. With increasing weather extremes affecting this area's overhead power lines and an increase in demand on the national grid from the increase in EVs any mitigation of risk by using PV and battery storage should be encouraged.

In the UK we are at the mercy of global incidents that have pushed up the price of fuels used in electricity generation. We need to generate as much electricity nationally using solar and wind wherever possible.

Any excess generated from PVs can be fed back into the grid to help achieve the Government's ambition in the Clean Power 2030 Action Plan. The plan needs to have a four-fold increase in solar compared to the average rate seen since the start of this decade (source: Progress in reducing emissions - 2025 report to Parliament - Climate Change Committee)

As for Cala Homes hope that the removal of the PV requirement will be considered a visual betterment, again I disagree. Siting 100 + homes on the edge of a village with the removal of the green screening that has already taken place, has already made a detrimental impact to the view of the area. Removing PVs will not lessen that impact. There are already properties in the neighbourhood that have had solar panels installed and the planning committee when approving these did not see them as being detrimental to the visual impact.

Kind regards