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Subject: OBJECTION Application DM/26/1671 Non-material amendment to DM/21/2276
Land east of Wineham Lane - Battery energy storage

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24th July 2026

Planning Department

Mid Sussex District Council

Oaklands Oaklands Road

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Dear Planning Officer

I refer to the above application which has been brought to my attention.

I live at Orchard Cottage on Wineham Lane and own land on the east side of Wineham Lane close to this site.

I have seen the objections submitted by neighbours, in particular Gatefield Cottage, Symonds Hall Cottage, Meadow Cottage and The Smithy as well as the local parish Councils. They all object in the strongest possible terms that these changes to the planning application are not 'non material' changes. I agree entirely with their comments and concerns - it is little short of a completely new application and should be treated as such.

I am horrified to see that these battery units will be even closer together than was proposed in the original application: the emerging best practice is that should be further apart than they were in the original application and that there should be a minimum distance of 6m between units. The proposed technology to be used is also far from clear but is also critical on safety grounds. The previous applicants suggested using Lithium Iron Phosphate (generally regarded as pretty safe) rather than Lithium Ion (generally regarded as very unsafe) but the energy density of the former is lower. So what is now being proposed given the number of units is halved

and the energy output is still the same? Is it unsafe Lithium Ion? We need to know. If anything goes wrong, we will have a disaster on our hands and it will be the fault of Mid Sussex DC for allowing it to happen.

Yours sincerely

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