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Dear Sir/Madam,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application No: CM/69/21/PL
Site Address: Land at Northwood Farm Yapton Road BN18 0HR
Description of works: Flexible Generator Plant and associated infrastructure. This application is in CIL Zone 3 (zero rated) as other development and is a Departure from the Development Plan.

Thank you for your internet representation made on 30th December 2021 which has been recorded as an objection with the comments as follows:

OWPC42926

This application for flexible generator plant and associated infrastructure on greenfield land is a totally unsuitable development for a rural village surrounded by open countryside. It is yet another example of agricultural land being sold off by local landowners for industrial/commercial purposes.

The proposal to use gas to power the generators goes against governmental commitments undertaken at COP 26 to reduce CO2 emissions. There is no point implementing plans to phase out domestic gas boilers while new gas powered turbines of this kind are still being permitted.

Is there a proven need for this type of 'back up facility' to support the power requirements of local residents and businesses? Have there been substantial power outages in the local area to warrant the need for this facility/what is the stated 'lights out' scenario based on?

The Planning Application states that the facility will operate 4 hours a day, not exceeding 3,000 hours per year. This provides scope for the facility to actually operate for 8 hours a day, 365 days a year. Where is all this generated power going? It cannot be stored for local 'back up' use, so it will be exported to the National Grid for commercial profit from which local residents and businesses will not benefit. It is a commercial cash cow for Conrad Energy Limited based in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

If allowed, these gas generators will adversely affect air quality and noise levels in the local residential area. Whilst the use of shipping container type units is being increasingly permitted for commercial purposes on agricultural land, these units are not in keeping with the rural character of these areas.

There is a danger of a precedent being set if this Planning Application were to be approved. The existence of this facility could then be used as an argument to allow further future facilities of this kind on other surrounding farmland in the area.

Your views as made above will be considered before the application is determined.

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Any comments that are received after the agenda has been finalised will be separately reported to the members of the Planning Committee.

Regardless of how the application is determined I will notify you of the decision.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning

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