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For the attention of Mrs K Roberts
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LAND SOUTH OF BOREHAM HILL, BOREHAM STREET, HAILSHAM

Date 5 March 2024

Proposal THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

CPRE wish to register our objection to this proposal and ask that approval be refused.

We have here an application for an industrial development in a particularly quiet and pleasant greenfield rural location between the AONB and the Pevensey Levels Ramsar National Nature Reserve, it is difficult to think of a worse site for this proposed industrial development.

CPRE is fully in favour of green energy, but this is not a site where green electricity is produced. This site is planned as an industrial development for batteries and their control as an aid for the management of the operation of the national grid, it is not a green energy site.

This site is part of the setting for the AONB, and it also directly connects to the Ramsar site. Much of the planned screening is outside the identified site, and it is not clear who will be responsible for this now or in the future.

The drainage need identified is not shown on the plans, but to connect with the water in the levels clearly work will be needed within and outside the identified site, and no information on this appears to be available.

Similarly the effect on the nature reserve of adding water from this site (with its crushed rocks of unknown composition) to the SSSI water is not set out.

Also we are concerned that the research into these matters has not been conducted very thoroughly, as it does mention (Para 447 & 448 of the Landscape Impact Assessment) the Cuckmere River, which is some 10 miles away.

This secluded valley will be permanently ruined to construct an industrial development with no clear reason given for choosing this site as compared with more suitable sites, zoned as suitable for industrial development, and near to grid lines. It is of no benefit to the local people.

For the reasons set out above please refuse permission for this development.

Thank you John Hurwood For CPRE Sussex

This is the formal response of CPRE Sussex – the Sussex Countryside Charity - to the above application. CPRE Sussex works to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of the Sussex countryside by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.