Planning Inspector
Planning Inspectorate
England

17th August 2021

Dear Planning Inspector,

Reference: APPEAL APP/Y3805/W/21/3274190 (AWDM/1966/20 - 56 Blenheim Road - Proposed Urban Reserve Flexible Energy Facility)

I write on behalf of Lancing Business Park BID (LBP) regarding the above appeal application to build an Urban Reserve Flexible Energy Facility at 56 Blenheim Road.

Please note that LBP had limited time to review the submission for AWDM/1966/20 and therefore based comments on the sustainability claims made within the planning statement. LBP has now reviewed the subsequent comments submitted by the Strategic Sustainability Manager and would like to make the following updated comments:

- Contrary to the sustainability claims made within the planning statement, LBP now appreciate this application would result in a fossil fuel based, high carbon flexible energy facility. This application therefore conflicts with LBP's aim to help reduce carbon footprint on the park.

- On 26th July 2021, Lancing Business Park suffered a major power cut in Marlborough Road, just south of the application site. Seven businesses were placed on generator power whilst UK Power Networks conducted a comprehensive investigation. By 29th July 2021, UK Power Networks had installed a new electricity mains feed to the substation, reconnected the businesses to mains supply and recommended maintenance works be scheduled for the aging business park substation transformer. It is anticipated these infrastructure improvements will negate the need for a back-up power facility to help stabilise the electricity supply on Lancing Business Park.

- Due to the current lack of available commercial space in Adur and Worthing, the site occupant has been unable to identify a suitable storage site to relocate their vehicles. This application would therefore cause considerable impact to the operations of this business and hamper their business recovery.

LBP would therefore like to raise an objection to this appeal application on the basis that previously perceived benefits to businesses on the park are no longer expected and the required development infrastructure works will be detrimental to business operations on the park. Dismissal of this appeal would also protect a required vehicle storage facility and help safeguard the future of the current occupant.

Yours faithfully

Suzy Bastable, BID Manager for Lancing Business Park BID.