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Adur District Council
The Shoreham Centre,
2 Pond Road,
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Dear Adur District Council,

Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) at 59 Connaught Avenue, BN43 5WL

Retrospective planning permission is being sought for an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) installed on the side elevation of the property, 83cm higher than planning has been granted for (AWDM/1526/25 – 12.02.2026). The ASHP remains within the height of the ground level of the house (below the first floor).

Site works commenced on the 23rd of February, with the ASHP unit being installed externally on the 1st April.

The ASHP installer placed the unit 83cm higher than approved to reduce the noise level by mitigating the acoustic reflection from the ground surface.

We are seeking retrospective planning permission to retain the ASHP in the installed position rather than reposition it as previously approved based on the following positive factors the installed position offers:

- Reduced noise levels.
- Insignificant impact in the visual aspect from Connaught Avenue for the following reasons:
 - o The pipe work is now at low-level reducing the visual aspect of these on the elevation. If the unit is lowered, the lagged pipework would have to be repositioned above, where it would be more noticeable.
 - o The area is a utility area where the wheely bins are kept.
- Having the ASHP higher reduces the risk of it being hit by a car passing on the unadopted side road.

Based on the above, especially the noise benefits (reduced noise level) and perceived insignificant impact visually (please see photos submitted with this application) we hope permission can be granted to retain the ASHP as installed rather than reposition it as previously approved.

If this application is approved the ASHP will be retained as installed. If this application is refused, the ASHP will be lowered and the external pipework raised above, as per the previous planning permission, granted on the 12.02.2026 (ref AWDM/1526/25). The latter will increase the noise of the unit and the visual impact of the external pipework.

Yours faithfully,

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