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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning application for a Gas fuelled Capacity Mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid at Hermitage Park, Harts Farm Way, Havant, PO9 1HS (Resubmission of APP/17/00511 as amended by APP/18/01281)

I have been instructed by EL (Havant) Ltd (the Applicant) to act as planning agent for the above planning submission.

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (DMPO) please find enclosed the following documents:

- Application Form and certificates
- Site Location Plan
- Site Layout Plan
- Elevation Plans
- Planning Statement
- Approved Noise Impact Assessment
- Approved Air Quality Assessment
- Approved Landscape Plan
- Approved Drainage Strategy and Plan

This application is a resubmission of previously approved applications (APP/17/00511 as amended by APP/18/01281) on the site which were granted consent in November 2017 and July 2017 respectively. It is noted that this consent was screened and deemed not to be an EIA development. As set out in Condition 1 of the permitted consent, development had to commence before 3 November 2019. The purpose of this application would be to secure a further three years to commence development following transfer of ownership of the site. As shown in the attached site location plan, the redline boundary remains the same as previously permitted. Furthermore, the description of the proposed development, site layout and equipment specifications would remain as previously approved.

The application would be submitted by EL (Havant) Ltd to develop a gas fuelled Capacity Mechanism embedded generation plant. The plant would generate electricity using gas-fuelled generators and would supply reserve power as part of the Government's Capacity Market programme to ensure continuity of electricity supply to meet peak demand.

As in the previously approved application the development would comprise 9 standby generators and ancillary equipment. The heights of components vary from 7.0m for the exhaust stacks of the generators and other associated buildings being a maximum 5.0m. Two on-site parking spaces area would be provided within the development site for use by contractors and maintenance staff to ensure no requirement for on-street parking.

Gas flexible generation generally provides stand-by generation during peak demand periods, known as 'stress events' where there is a risk of electricity blackouts. The Applicant accepts, and welcomes, that over time there should be a move away from fossil fuel generation but at present there is a need for stand-by gas flexible generation as a viable option to facilitate the move away from a centralised, fossil fuel electricity network.

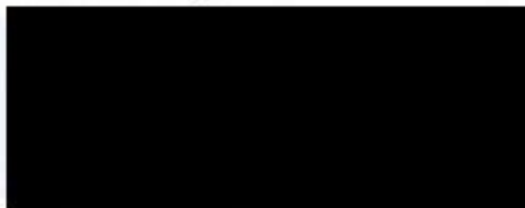
The recently published Energy White Paper (December 2020) continues to support the role of the Capacity Market, including developments such as the one proposed. It states:

*"While we are not planning for any specific technology solution, we can discern some key characteristics of the future generation mix. A low-cost, net zero consistent system is likely to be composed predominantly of wind and solar. But ensuring the system is also reliable, means intermittent renewables need to be complemented by technologies which provide power, or reduce demand, when the wind is not blowing, or the sun does not shine. Today this includes nuclear, gas with carbon capture and storage and flexibility provided by batteries, demand side response, interconnectors and **short-term dispatchable generation providing peaking capacity**, which can be flexed as require."* (page 43, emphasis added).

It is proposed that the location, site layout and equipment specification will remain as per the previously approved consent. Following a review, it is considered that the previously provided, and approved, noise impact assessment (I&BPB5588-111-100R001F02, dated July 2017), air quality assessment (I&BPB5588-111R001F01, dated July 2017), landscape plan (A4101/01/B, dated January 2018) and drainage strategy (w10748-180913, dated September 2018) and plan (w10748/P00, dated February 2019) remain applicable. Further information has been provided on Air Dispersion Modelling and Ecological Appraisal (Emissions), dated June 2020. It is therefore concluded that the proposed development would still have an acceptable impact and would provide the benefit of important energy infrastructure within the Borough and continues to be in conformity with the Local Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, as the Applicant's planning agent, if you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely



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