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Dear Mr Pell,

PLANNING PORTAL REFERENCE: PP- 05777335

REVISION OF 2016/0296 – BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY, HOPEWELL STREET, BARNSELY

Further to our recent discussions, I am pleased to enclose a planning application for the above development which is a revision of planning permission 2016/0296. The revised scheme has been necessitated by a change in the location of the scheme requested by Norther Powergrid. The application fee of **£1155** based on the proposed compound area of 2200 sqm (plant and machinery) will be paid by telephone following the Planning Portal submission.

The following drawings and documents are provided to enable the application to be determined:

- Drawing P16-0851 01 – Site Location Plan
- Drawing P16-0851 02 – Existing Site Plan
- Drawing P16-0851 03 – Proposed Site Plan
- Drawing P16-0851 04 – Batter Container & Cooling System
- Drawing P16-0851 05 – Components Details
- SLR Consulting – Revised Ecological Impact Assessment
- ENS Ltd – Revised Noise Assessment

The revised location of the proposed development is closer to the nearest residential properties on Hopewell Street. However the scheme faces blank elevations on these properties, will be viewed in the context of the existing substation, and will provide new

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boundary planting which over time will provide increasingly effective screening of both the development and the substation. For these reasons we consider that the scheme remains entirely acceptable in respect of residential amenity and visual character.

A revised noise assessment has been carried out by Environmental Noise Solutions Ltd to assess any change in residential amenity impacts as a result of noise from the proposed development. It is concluded that the scheme will remain substantially below background noise levels at the nearest residential properties.

A revised ecological assessment has been prepared which concludes that the scheme in its new location remains acceptable in ecological terms. The report sets out recommendations for measures to be adopted during construction, species mix for the proposed landscaping, three bat boxes along the site perimeter and the treatment of Japanese Knotweed on the site. It is confirmed that these recommendations will be adopted and may be secured by condition.

I trust that the above and enclosed will enable the application to be registered and determined promptly. If you have any queries at all in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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