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Dear Mr Barton,

Screening Opinion: Proposed development of a battery energy storage system, associated infrastructure and access

Site: Land off Newnham Road, Newnham, Baldock, Hertfordshire

This screening opinion represents the opinion of North Hertfordshire District Council as to whether the above development, as described in the particulars accompanying pre-application reference 24/00516/PRE, is EIA development within the meaning of the Regulations.

The development proposed falls within the description at paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations (as amended) and it exceeds the thresholds in column 2 of the table in Schedule 2 to those regulations (the area of development exceeds 0.5 hectares).

In the Council's opinion, having taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 to the Regulations, the development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location.

In considering the relevant matters, it is the Council's opinion that the proposed development is not 'EIA development' within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations (as amended).

This view on the likelihood of the development having significant environmental effects is reached only for the purpose of a screening opinion pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended).

Yours faithfully

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