

GRO/P17-2766

2 October 2018

Chief Planning Officer
Planning Section
Council Offices
Ribble Valley Borough Council
Church walk
Clitheroe
BB7 2RA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Planning Application for a Backup Electricity Generating Facility
Land at Shawhouse farm, Whalley, BB7 9AD.

Pegasus Group is instructed by Suncredit Project Holdings Ltd (“the applicant”) to submit a planning application for of a standby electricity generation hub comprising 12 No. gas utilisation engines on land at Shawhouse Farm, Whalley, BB7 9AD.

Background to Application Proposal

The requirement for decentralised emergency electricity generation plant is well supported by Government energy policy. The National Grid operates a Balancing Service in order to balance demand and supply and to ensure the security and quality of the electricity supply across its transmission system. It is responsible for managing and making critical adjustments to the supply and demand of electricity at each moment of the day by either implementing agreed stoppages to some electricity users supply and/or calling upon back-up generation. Without such back-up capacity, such as the plant put forward by this application proposal, the national grid is at a real risk of achieving blackouts.

The proposed energy generation scheme at Shawhouse Farm will assist towards controlling the balancing service by providing the National Grid with access to extra power in the form of readily available generation to be able to manage unforeseen demand increase and/or fluctuations to mainstream generation.

With the increasing penetration of intermittent renewables in the system, coupled with the ongoing retirement of large thermal plant, there is an increasing need for reserve power to balance the national grid. The application proposal therefore provides a valuable local and national service; and allows more renewables to be integrated into the system.

The planning application submission and associated planning application fee has been made to the Planning Portal.

The planning application submission comprises the following documentation: -

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- **Complete 1APP (Application Form);**
- **Planning Application Drawings**, prepared by Pegasus Group;
- **Planning Statement**, prepared by Pegasus Group;
- **Design and Access Statement**, prepared by Pegasus Group;
- **Landscape Assessment**, prepared by Pegasus Group;
- **Noise Assessment**, prepared by Sharps Redmore;
- **Air Quality Assessment**, prepared by Air Quality Consultants;
- **Ecological Report**, prepared by Bowland Ecology.

I trust that the above is sufficient to swiftly register the application as valid, but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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