Consultee response for application WP/20/00692/DCC from Osmington Parish Council

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Osmington Parish Council is unanimous in OBJECTING to planning application WP/20/00692/DCC on the following grounds:

- 1. Adverse Visual Impact. The proposed plant would have a significant adverse effect on the setting of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and of views from the AONB across to Portland. The proposed PVC mesh covering a large section of the building is concerning. No evidence is given in the application for this technique being used on such a large scale or of its being durable in an exposed coastal location. The photograph on the mesh would be a one moment in time view of the landscape backdrop which would not change with the seasons, with varying degrees of light or with varying weather conditions. Both of these issues raise concerns that the PVC mesh might fail to act as any kind of camouflage and might indeed accentuate the scale and mass of this huge building. Light pollution from the aircraft warning light on top of the chimney stack at 87.2 metres above sea level as well as from the car park and the building itself is also a concern. The emissions plume may be visible much more of the time than the application suggests as is easily verified from evidence from other similar installations. This plume would have a major, significant adverse impact on views from and on the setting of the AONB.
- 2. Adverse impact from pollutants, especially from ammonia and nitrogen deposition, on both the Isle of Portland to Studland Cliffs SAC and the Chesil and The Fleet SAC as well as to the SSSIs in the area.
- 3. Climate harm from emissions of pollutants inappropriate in the context of a Climate and Ecological Emergency.
- 4. Adverse impacts on traffic and road safety from additional large HGV movements on already heavily congested routes.