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Energy, Resources and Industry  
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Principal Planning Officer

**SSD 57575973: BELHAVEN BESS**

Vena Energy propose to increase the capacity of the Belhaven BESS.

Since receiving SEARs in April 2025 Vena Energy has undertaken project refinements and will now seek planning approval for a BESS with an increased maximum energy storage capacity to 3,985 MWh.

The proposed maximum energy discharge capacity will remain unchanged at 400 MW.

The increase in storage capacity can be accommodated without any significant change to the proposed size or location of the development footprint.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

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