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Dear Jonathan,

**LAYING OF AN UNDERGROUND CABLE LINKING FOREST GATE SOLAR FARM TO CHIPPENHAM
SUBSTATION AT LAND NORTH OF FOREST GATE SOLAR FARM, LONDON ROAD, PEWSHAM, WILTS**

**APPLICATION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS
RESERVED BY CONDITIONS 4, 6 AND 7 ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION PL/2024/05649 IN
RESPECT OF CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
PLAN AND HABITAT MONITORING PLAN**

I hereby submit the above planning application, which comprises the following documentation:

- Completed Application Form;
- Planning Application Fee of £298.00;
- This Letter;
- Construction Environmental Management Plan;
- Construction Management Plan, comprising:
 - Surface Water Management Plan (Construction);
 - Flood Action Plan (Construction Phase);
- Habitat Monitoring Plan; and,
- Location Plan.

Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 4, 6 and 7

Condition 4 attached to planning permission 24/02673/FUL states:

"Prior to the commencement of works, including demolition, ground works/excavation, site clearance, vegetation clearance and boundary treatment works, a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to the local planning authority for approval in writing. The Plan shall provide details of the avoidance, mitigation and protective measures to be

implemented before and during the construction phase, including but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- a) Identification of ecological protection areas/buffer zones and tree root protection areas and details of physical means of protection, e.g. exclusion fencing, specific working methods.*
- b) Working method statements for protected/priority species, such as nesting birds and reptiles. Including how access to, from and within the working corridor will be achieved with minimal impact upon surrounding habitats.*
- c) Mitigation strategies already agreed with the local planning authority prior to determination, such as for works in close proximity to water bodies and hedgerows.*
- d) Work schedules for activities with specific timing requirements in order to avoid/reduce potential harm to ecological receptors; including details of when a licensed ecologist and/or ecological clerk of works (ECoW) shall be present on site.*
- e) Key personnel, responsibilities and contact details (including Site Manager and ecologist/ECoW).*

Development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved CEMP.

REASON: To ensure adequate protection and mitigation for ecological receptors prior to and during construction, and that works are undertaken in line with current best practice and industry standards and are supervised by a suitably licensed and competent professional ecological consultant where applicable."

Condition 6 states:

"No development shall take place until a Construction Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Construction Management Plan shall demonstrate how flood risk to people and property, and pollution to groundwater and location watercourses will be mitigated during construction phase. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: In order that the development is undertaken in an acceptable manner, to minimise the risk of flooding and pollution of the water environment."

Condition 7 states:

"No development shall commence on site until a Habitat Monitoring Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority to include:

- The proposed habitat restoration procedures to be implemented to ensure all habitats have been restored to their original condition within 2 years.*
- The monitoring methodology to be implemented to ensure the above. The details of which will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority in year two post construction*

REASON: To ensure the impacts upon biodiversity are temporary."

Assessment

The submitted Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and Habitat Monitoring Plan (HMP) includes all of the relevant information listed by conditions 4 and 7 accordingly, it can be concluded that on-site and adjacent ecological receptors will be adequately protected and mitigated before and during construction, relevant works will be supervised by suitably qualified personnel, and impacts upon biodiversity will be short-term.

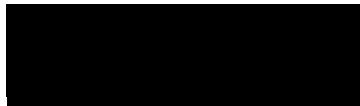
The submitted Construction Management Plan comprises two documents, namely: a Surface Water Management Plan (Construction); and, a Flood Action Plan (Construction Phase). It is contended that both documents demonstrate how flood risk to people and property, and pollution to groundwater and watercourses will be mitigated during construction.

Conclusion

Given the submitted details satisfy Core Policies 50 and 67 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy, it is respectfully suggested that the submitted documentation is approved and conditions 4, 6 and 7 attached to planning permission 24/02673/FUL are discharged.

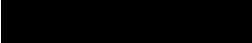
In the meantime, I trust the application will be validated at your earliest convenience however, please contact me should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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