

Wiltshire Council - Development Control
North

Reference: WX-2025-139168/03
Customer reference: PL/2025/05830

30 March 2026

Dear Mr Oliver Phippen,

49.9MW solar farm to include ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays, electrical substations, grid balancing infrastructure, cabling, BESS (49.9MW capacity), communications tower, other associated infrastructure and areas for biodiversity net gain (BNG) enhancement and landscape mitigation

Flaxlands Farm, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

The comments contained within our previous response letter dated 07 November 2026 (Ref: WX/2025/139168/02-L01) remain relevant, but we wish to provide the following additional advice.

Advice to applicant/LPA – BESS water containment calculations

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the expected firefighting water volumes used by the fire service and potential extreme rainfall event volumes are reflected correctly in the drainage strategy. This is to ensure there is effective containment to protect the water environment.

Note to LPA

In accordance with the planning practice guidance, please notify us by email of a decision being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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