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Dear Sir/Madam

TOWN AND COUNTY PLANNING ACT 1990 (as amended)
APPROVAL OF DETAILS RESERVED BY CONDITION

Application No:	PL/2025/09570
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 5 (Archaeological Investigation) and 8 (Detailed Method Statement) relating to application PL/2024/05649.
Site Address:	Land North of Forest Gate Solar Farm, London Road, Pewsham, Wilts
On Behalf Of:	Eden FG Solar Ltd The Barn, Ford Farm, Marlborough, Wiltshire, United Kingdom, SN8 2DP

I refer to your application for the discharge of conditions attached to the above planning permission dated 05 December 2025. After careful consideration, the following can be confirmed in respect of each of the conditions.

Condition 5

5. No development shall commence within the area indicated by application PL/2024/05649 until:

- a) A written programme of archaeological investigation, which should include on-site work and off-site work such as the analysis, publishing and archiving of the results, has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority; and*
- b) The approved programme of archaeological work has been carried out in accordance with the approved details.*

REASON: To enable the recording of any matters of archaeological interest.

The Council's Archaeologist has reviewed and signalled their satisfaction with the submitted Written Scheme of Investigation for a Programme of Archaeological Monitoring and Recording. There is no evidence or reason to reach a different conclusion and therefore the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the requirements of Condition 5(a) have been met and this element of the condition is addressed.

Condition 5(b) requires the approved programme of archaeological work to be carried out in accordance with the approved details. This element of the condition relates to the implementation of the approved scheme and

cannot be discharged at this stage as the works have not taken place. Full discharge of Condition 5 will be achievable once the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the approved programme has been completed in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation.

Condition 8

8. No development shall take place until a detailed method statement based on the Eden Renewables Ltd Scope of Works for Horizontally Directionally Drilling Under the River Avon has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Thereafter the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and any subsequent amendments shall be agreed in writing with the local planning authority. The scheme shall include details of the following:

- *the timing of the works*
- *the drilling of the exploratory bores to confirm the thickness of the superficial sediments either side of the river on the pipeline route and the depth to groundwater*
- *the depth of the directional drill relative to the strata and water levels*
- *measures to be used during the directional drilling in order to minimise environmental impacts of the works (considering both potential disturbance of the substrata and pollution of the watercourse)*
- *construction methods*
- *storage location and control of any fuels/oil/chemicals and fluids used during the construction*
- *pollution protection methods*
- *the control and removal of spoil and waste*
- *silt management, including wheel wash facilities*
- *the use and routing of heavy plant, machinery and vehicles*

REASON: To prevent pollution of the water environment. The Southwest river basin management plan also requires the restoration and enhancement of water bodies to prevent deterioration and promote recovery of water bodies.

Following further review, the Environment Agency has confirmed that the submitted Method Statement (MS/WMC/01/P2810 – River Avon) provides the necessary level of detail required by the condition. On this basis, they raise no objection and recommend discharge of Condition 8.

There is no reason to reach a different view to that of the Environment Agency and, therefore, it is concluded that the submitted Method Statement adequately addresses measures required to prevent pollution of the water environment during the proposed works. No further information is required to be submitted, but please be aware that condition 08 may only be regarded as being fully discharged once the development has been carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Please note that in accordance with national planning guidance, discharge of condition applications are procedural in nature and do not require public consultation. While third-party representations may occasionally be received, they are not formally invited and do not form part of the statutory decision-making process. The assessment of this application has been based solely on whether the submitted details satisfy the requirements of the relevant planning condition(s).

This letter acts as official confirmation and therefore I suggest that you attach it to the decision notice as evidence that you have complied with the requirements of the relevant conditions.

Yours faithfully

Head of Development Management

NOTES:

1. **Approved Conditions:**

If the condition(s) have been discharged, you may proceed with the development in accordance with the approved details. Please ensure that the approved documents or plans are implemented on-site and adhered to as part of the development. It is important to comply with all conditions of the planning permission to ensure the development remains lawful.

2. **Refused Conditions:**

If the discharge of the condition(s) has been refused, you may submit revised details or further information to address the issues raised as part of a further discharge of the condition's application. Please ensure that any resubmission adequately addresses the reasons for refusal. Alternatively, you can appeal the Council's decision (see below for details).

3. **Partially Discharged Conditions:**

If the condition(s) have been partially discharged, the remaining details that are required must be submitted for further consideration. You should provide the necessary documents in accordance with any timeframe or trigger specified in the condition to allow for the full discharge of the condition(s).

Right of Appeal:

If you are aggrieved by the decision to refuse to discharge a condition or if the condition has only been partially discharged, you have the right to **appeal** the decision to the **Planning Inspectorate**.

The appeal must be made within **6 months** from the date of this decision notice. If the appeal is submitted after this 6 month period, the Planning Inspectorate will only consider it if there are exceptional circumstances.

The procedure for making an appeal is set out under **Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990** (as amended), along with the relevant provisions in the **Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004**. For detailed guidance on how to submit your appeal, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>

Please be aware that the appeal process will focus on whether the submitted details meet the requirements set out in the original planning condition(s) and relevant planning policies.