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Planning App Ref:	PL/2026/02834
Service Ref:	Drainage
Date:	14 May 2026

PROPOSAL

Approval of details reserved by a condition

SITE LOCATION

Discharge of conditions 4 (Drainage), 7 (Archaeological Management Plan) and 8 (Written Programme of Archaeological Investigation) relating to application PL/2023/08481

Land at Red Barn, East of Kington St Michael and west and east of the A350 and south of St Modwen Park, Chippenham

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS REVIEWED

- PL-2023-08481 - Decision Notice
- Drainage Management Plan
- Covering Letter

ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL

Context

In January 2025, the LLFA had the following conditions for which information was required before these could be discharged

Condition 4

No development shall commence on site until a drainage management plan, which shall include monitoring of, and measures to retain, the existing vegetation across the site, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage management plan shall include a **robust soil, grass, and/or land management plan maintaining vegetative areas in between the solar arrays at a long length to help interrupt and slow the channelised flows**, reducing erosion and also enhance and promote the infiltration and interception capacity. This should also include details of the **regime for monitoring vegetation cover including frequency of visits**, and set out **remedial measures** that could be implemented if problem areas are identified. The development shall be carried out in complete accordance with the agreed drainage management plan.

Assessment

The submitted Drainage Management Plan includes a maintenance regime of the drainage features (swales) including details on monitoring. Additionally, it should be noted that the site will also be subject to livestock grazing during the operational life of the solar farm.

RECOMMENDATION

Following a review of the information provided, Condition 4 can now be discharged.

The applicant must maintain records of inspection and maintenance completed and be able to provide this to the LPA / LLFA on request for the full life of the solar farm.