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Subject: FW: Millbrook Power - DCO NMA - CBC Response

Good morning,

Upon reviewing our submission, we have noticed a small error in the Council's response. This has been amended (please see the red text) in the email below.

Regards,
Stuart

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From: Stuart Robinson
Sent: 25 October 2019 16:13
To: MillbrookPower@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Subject: Millbrook Power - DCO NMA - CBC Response

Good afternoon,

I write with regards to the notice of application to make a Non Material Change to the Millbrook Power Development Consent Order.

In order to consider the scope of the proposed changes, the Council has consulted a range of consultees for their views. These are summarised below.

Officer	Comments
Landscape	Concerns regarding the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The height of the substation has increased, which is taller than native trees would tend to reach (typically around 10 to 12 metres in height). • Concerns regarding the potential loss of established woodland. Replacement trees to mitigate the impact will have a limited impact and will take some time to provide a significant screen. • Potential to increase the visual impact on the public Rights of Way – for example FP14 and FP7.
Conservation	The proposed changes do not detrimentally impact the historic environment and therefore there is no issues raised in conservation terms
Archaeology	The impact of the revised scheme on buried archaeological remains has not changed materially from that envisaged at the time of the original DCO. The amended Requirement 9 (Archaeology) is acceptable and appropriate. The revised scheme will also not significantly alter the impact of the development on the setting of the Scheduled Monuments (designated heritage assets) along the crest of the Greensand Ridge to the south or in the Marston Vale to the north. Consequently, there is no objection to the proposed DCO amendments on archaeological grounds.
Rights of Way	No objection.
Highways	No objection.
Pollution	No objection.

Ecology	No comments.
Drainage	No comments.

In conclusion, it is considered that the development would be most significant with respect to landscape character and visual amenity. More specifically, concerns have been raised regarding the height of the proposed substation, potential loss of additional woodland and increased visual presence from public Rights of Way. Whilst these concerns are noted, the Council does recognise that the scheme may provide some improvements in terms of visual amenity. There are several large elements which would be removed, for example a **temporary** transmission tower (measuring 49 metres in height) would be removed. Whilst the substation would be increased in height by 3 metres, it would also be reduced in length by 100 metres and reduced in width by 90 metres. The scheme also provides the opportunity for additional planting to lessen visual prominence.

Therefore, if these factors are considered together, the Council consider that the application qualifies as a non-material amendment application and that the amendments are acceptable.

It would be helpful if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,
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