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**Subject:** Response regarding connection CW55 and CW90

Dear Hefin,

Please find enclosed the response from GREAT following the applicants' and KCC's comments about the connection of CW55 and CW90.

Many thanks,

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**CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK LTD – APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE  
CLEVE HILL SOLAR PARK PROJECT**

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RAISED BY GRAVENEY RURAL ENVIRONMENT ACTION TEAM ( GREAT) IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS FOR DEADLINE 6**

GREAT has read the responses by Kent County Council (KCC) and the Applicants to the questions raised by the Examiners at the Issue Specific Hearing on Environmental Matters, which was held on 11th September 2019, in relation to a new off road footpath.

GREAT does not regard the creation of a new footpath connecting the Public Footpaths CW55 and CW90 as a community benefit -- in the same way as the Applicant's obligation to reinstate the road through the villages following damage by construction traffic should not be viewed as offering any such benefit.

The primary reason the new footpath is being requested is on account of the detrimental consequences of the construction phases on the safety of the villagers and tourists, as well as the unwanted effects and hindrance arising from the closures and diversions required of existing footpaths to facilitate this development.

GREAT would like to emphasise that the Applicants have – right from the start – stressed that the profits generated by the solar park development would be marginal.

The suggestion of a rather ill conceived community orchard at Cleve Hill was overwhelmingly rejected.

The applicants have never openly engaged with the Parish Council nor local residents regarding the offer of any meaningful community benefits.

GREAT 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019