



Longfield Solar Farm

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Consultation Report Appendices

Appendix B-1

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B-1.1 EIA Scoping Report covering letter



30th October 2020

K-J Johansson,
The Planning Inspectorate
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[By Email]

Dear Mr Johansson

**Longfield Solar Farm
The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 –
Regulation 8(1)(b) Notification that an Environmental Statement will be provided
Regulation 10(1) Application for a Scoping Opinion**

With reference to Regulation 10(1) of the *Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017* (the EIA Regulations 2017), we write to apply for a scoping opinion from the Secretary of State in respect of the proposed Longfield Solar Farm development, for which the Applicant intends to apply for development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

Please find enclosed a Scoping Report which includes the information required under Regulation 10(3) of the EIA Regulations 2017.

The enclosed information also formally notifies the Secretary of State, pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations 2017, that the Applicant proposes to provide an Environmental Statement in respect of the Development. The information provided in the enclosed Scoping Report also satisfies the requirements of Regulation 8(3A) of the EIA Regulations 2017.

For the purpose of your duties under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations 2017, the postal and email addresses of the Applicant, Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited, are:

James Pateman
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Yours sincerely



Peta Donkin
EIA Lead, Longfield Solar Farm

B-1.2 Response from PINS



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Your Ref:
Our Ref: EN010118-000053
Date: 16 December 2020

Dear Ms Donkin,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulation 10

Proposed application by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Longfield Solar Farm (the Proposed Development)

Issue of Scoping Opinion and list of the consultation bodies notified by the Secretary of State

Thank you for your email requesting a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations and for the Scoping Report entitled Longfield Solar Farm: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (dated October 2020).

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has:

- consulted the consultation bodies;
- taken account of the consultation responses received within the prescribed time period; and
- taken account of the specific characteristics of the Proposed Development as described by the Applicant and the environmental features likely to be affected by the Proposed Development.

The attached document entitled 'Scoping Opinion - Proposed Longfield Solar Farm' and dated December 2020 is the SoS's written opinion as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) which must be submitted with an application for development consent. It should be read in conjunction with your EIA Scoping Report.

All consultation responses received up to and including 4 December 2020 from the consultation bodies have been appended to and form part of the Scoping Opinion.

Further consultation responses have been received by the Planning Inspectorate following the end of the statutory deadline. These have also been enclosed for your

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consideration. Any further late consultation responses the Planning Inspectorate receives will be forwarded to you for your consideration and made available via our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/longfield-solar-farm/>

Under Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is required to notify the Applicant of the list of consultation bodies notified in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations. The Planning Inspectorate has notified these consultation bodies that the Applicant intends to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development. They have also been informed of their duty under Regulation 11(3) to enter into consultation with the Applicant regarding preparation of the ES, if requested. Please find this list enclosed.

To clarify, the Planning Inspectorate has not identified any persons under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations, who may be affected by the Proposed Development.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their consultation fully accords with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and associated regulations and guidance. The enclosed list has been compiled by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS in its duty to notify the consultees in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a) and, whilst it can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Cottam

Emma Cottam
Senior EIA Advisor
on behalf of the Secretary of State

Enclosed:

- Scoping Opinion – Proposed Longfield Solar Farm (December 2020)
- Regulation 11 Notification List
- Late consultation responses from:
 - Colchester Borough Council
 - Hatfield Peverel Parish Council
 - Historic England
 - Natural England

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