

The Planning Inspectorate

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Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Ministry of Defence Safeguarding Department St George's House DIO Headquarters DMS Whittington Lichfield Staffordshire

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Dear Sir / Madam

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MOD Safeguarding - SITE OUTSIDE SAFEGUARDING AREA (SOSA)

Proposal: Solar photovoltaic array generating station, co-located with battery storage,

together with grid connection infrastructure

Longfield Solar Farm Development Consent Order Application

Grid Ref: 373960 209284, 579874,212179

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above proposed pre application which was received by this office.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

Application submitted for Solar photovoltaic array generating station, co-located with battery storage, together with grid connection infrastructure Longfield Solar Farm Development Consent Order. Grid References have not been submitted, we have estimated these locations, please see above.

This application relates to a site outside of Ministry of Defence safeguarding areas. I can therefore confirm that the Ministry of Defence has no safeguarding objections to this proposal.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the information detailed in the distribution notification dated 21 June 2022. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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