

Longfield Solar Farm

Chelmsford City Council

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ExQ2 - Responses to Written Questions

Abbreviations used:

CCC Chelmsford City Council

LIR Chelmsford City Council Local Impact Report dated August 2022

SoCG Statement of Common Ground prepared between Longfield Solar Farm Limited (as the Applicant) and Braintree District Council, Chelmsford City Council and Essex County Council referred to as the Host Authorities.

ExQ	Respondent	Question	Chelmsford City Council response
5. Draft Development Consent Order			
2.5.3	Host Authorities	Art 43 (and Schedule 16) - The ExA notes that this article has been amended to increase the period after which consent is deemed to have been given to 8 weeks. At ISH1, the Host Authorities, while seemingly agreeable to the 8 week period, nevertheless expressed concern with this timescale, noting that a 13 week period would be preferable. They also sought further assurances that the proposed 8 week period could be extended in the event that it was not possible to meet the timescale. In response, the Applicant expressed a willingness to continue discussions on possible	Discussions are ongoing between the Host Authorities and the Applicant on this matter. Rather than using a Memorandum of Understanding, we are exploring whether the Applicant is able to provide sufficient reassurance to the Host Authorities through a Planning Performance Agreement in relation to how the discharge of requirements

		<p>mechanisms, including a memorandum of understanding, which would give further assurance to the host authorities that agreement on extensions, if required, could be reached. The Applicant and the host authorities are asked to provide an update on discussions and to confirm at Deadline 5 whether or not the 8 week period now referred to in Article 43 and Schedule 16 is agreed.</p>	<p>process would be forward planned and managed to satisfy the Host Authorities general concerns. Current discussions are focused on this.</p> <p>CCC anticipate that the issue will be bottomed out to the satisfaction of both the Host Authorities and the Applicant by Deadline 5 as requested by the ExA.</p> <p>Further comments will be set out in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).</p>
2.5.4	Host Authorities	<p>Please comment on the Applicant's proposed amendments to Art 11 and Schedule 6 of the dDCO.</p>	<p>CCC defer to ECC in respect of the acceptability of the proposed amendments on the Public Right of Way (PRoW).</p> <p>CCC welcomes in principle the proposal at Article 11/Schedule 6 to limit the closure of the PRoW's for 50 metres at a time.</p>