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Dear Rachael,

Thank you for your email.

As Essex County Council (C Authority), Braintree District Council (B Authority) and Chelmsford City Council (B Authority) are host authorities for the Longfield Solar Farm application, under section 102(1)(c) of the Planning Act 2008, they are automatically Interested Parties for the duration of the examination and therefore do not need to register. However, it is advised that host authorities take a more proactive approach and submit a relevant representation. This will allow their views to be considered by the Examining Authority (ExA) when it carries out its initial assessment of principal issues in advance of the preparation of the draft examination timetable, which is included in the ExA's invitation to the Preliminary Meeting (Rule 6 letter).

In view of the volume of documents usually associated with NSIP applications, it helps all involved in the examination process if the main areas of interest are clearly expressed in the relevant representations.


The online registration form can be accessed on the project page:  
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/longfield-solar-farm/>

Please note the deadline for registering elapses on Thursday 2 June 2022 at 11:59pm

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,

Simon

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**To:** Longfield Solar Farm <LongfieldSolarFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
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**Subject:** NSIP\_ Longfield Solar Farm Ltd.

Dear Simon,

I am emailing on behalf of Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and Chelmsford City Council, who are party to this email and have been copied into this email.

As the three Host Authorities for the above mentioned NSIG, officers have looked at the guidance on the PINS website regarding the NSIP process and key stages, with particular attention given to the relevant representations stage. In the light of the guidance, our understanding is, as Host Authorities we will automatically become interested parties, as opposed to neighbouring local authorities who will not, unless a relevant representation is submitted.

On this understanding, Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and Chelmsford City Council will not be submitting relevant representations for Longfield Solar Farm. However, it would be most helpful if you could clarify whether our understanding is correct, that there is no duty for the Host Authorities to respond to the relevant representation stage.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Rachael

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