

OAKLANDS FARM SOLAR PARK

RESPONSE TO DEADLINE 2: LOCAL IMPACT REPORT

**LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(IP REF NO 20048197)**

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 In response to Deadline 2, this document sets out the impact of an application by Oaklands Solar Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for Oaklands Farm Solar Park on communities within Leicestershire.

2 Summary of Impact – Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) Movements

- 2.1 The submitted Environmental Statement (APP-155) states that AIL are proposed to use the Leicestershire Local Road Network (A444) between the M42 and Acresford.
- 2.2 As set out in Leicestershire County Council's (LCC) Written Representations (REP1-027), the extent and location of work within the public highway in Leicestershire to facilitate AIL movements is unclear.
- 2.3 To this end, the impact of the proposals on communities within Leicestershire remains unclear.
- 2.4 LCC welcomes the Applicants Response (REP1-023) to its Relevant Representations (RR-170), and the suggestion that engagement will take place. LCC await an approach from the Applicant.
- 2.5 LCC notes that despite amendments being made to the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (REP1-022) in response to the submission of Relevant Representations this continues to remain silent on impacts within Leicestershire. Indeed, the only reference to AIL is in respect of the community of Coton in the Elms in Derbyshire.
- 2.6 Furthermore, LCC note the Applicants statement at section 2.2 of the Applicants Response to Relevant Representations (REP1-023) that it *"continues to engage with LCC regarding provisions within the dDCO"*. LCC

has no record of contact from the Applicant in this regard. Indeed, the revised submitted dDCO (REP1-004) continues to omit any reference to Leicestershire. LCC would welcome commencement of discussions.

3 Conclusion

- 3.1 LCC has concerns about the potential impact of AIL movements associated with this development proposal on communities within Leicestershire. The information submitted in support of the application is silent in this regard.
- 3.2 LCC note that there was a commitment from the Applicant to engaging with Interested Parties, and LCC would welcome engagement as soon as possible to address these concerns.