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Please find below Rutland County Council's response to the recent request for information. I have tried submitting via the 'Have Your Say' link as set out in the letter of 13th March 2024 reference EN010127 however there when submitting the below comment I am provided with an error message and this email address. I will try to submit again later

Rutland County Council can confirm that a side agreement relating to highway matters has not yet been reached with the applicant.

The Local Highways Authority has indicated a number of fundamental issues with the agreement proposed to it that remain unresolved at this time. Due to the nature of the amendments required I would anticipate that an agreement would not be likely to be completed within a period of two months without significant amendments made by the applicant.

In addition, whilst it acknowledges the matter of Community Benefit sits outside the planning process, RCC is aware of ongoing dialogue between Solar Energy UK and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) in relation to community benefits for NSIP solar PV schemes and would like this scheme to be treated in accordance with any agreement between the industry and DESNZ.

Our preferred approach to governance is likely to be determined by the benefits offer which is made and we would like to resolve both prior to determination by the Secretary of State.

Despite contacting the applicant's agents in respect of Community Benefit in December 23 and again at the beginning of March 24, no response was received until 25th March 2024 when a reply was provided indicating that a revised proposal in respect of Community Benefit would be provided during the week commencing 27th March 2024.

Regards,
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