PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTEE RESPONSE



Application Number	EN010142-000010	
Case Officer	n/a	Epsom House Chase Park
Proposal	Generating station with an anticipated capacity in excess of 50MW, comprising ground mounted solar arrays, with associated development comprising energy storage, grid connection infrastructure and other associated development for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm.	Redhouse Interchange Doncaster South Yorkshire DN6 7FE
Applicant:	Tillbridge Solar Limited	
Address	Within Lincolnshire and associated infrastructure for connection to the national grid at Cottam substation in Nottinghamshire.	
Date of Reply	8 November 2022	
Engineer to the Board/Officer	Paul Jones (Shire Group of IDBs)	
On behalf of	Scunthorpe & Gainsborough Water Management Board (extended area)	

The IDB as a Consultee give the following comments/recommendations:

Our current guidelines for any increase in surface water discharge are as follows: -

If the surface water were to be disposed of via a soakaway system, the IDB would have no objection in principle but would advise that the ground conditions in this area may not be suitable for soakaway drainage. It is therefore essential that percolation tests are undertaken to establish if the ground conditions are suitable for soakaway drainage throughout the year.

If surface water is to be directed to a mains sewer system the IDB would again have no objection in principle, providing that the Water Authority are satisfied that the existing system will accept this additional flow.

If the surface water is to be discharged to any ordinary watercourse within the Drainage District, Consent from the IDB would be required in addition to Planning Permission and would be restricted to 1.4 litres per second per hectare or greenfield runoff

No obstructions within 9 metres of the edge of an ordinary watercourse are permitted without Consent from the IDB.

If surface water or works are planned adjacent to a Main River within the Drainage District, then the Environment Agency should be contacted for any relevant Permits.

Recommendations:

- Should Consent be required from the IDB as described above, we would recommend that this is a PLANNING CONDITION of any PLANNING DECISION.
 - Reason: requirements of Land Drainage Act 1991 (as amended)
- **PLANNING CONDITION** for Larger Development: Should on-site SuDS or flow restriction be proposed as part of any larger development the IDB requests that those restricted flow measures or attenuation are put in place before occupancy and within 3 months of development progressing on site.
 - Reason: not to increase flood risk downstream of sites during temporary works / development.
- ANY surface water discharge into ANY watercourses in, on, under or near the site requires CONSENT from the Drainage Board.

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