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Dear Sir/Madam,

MOD Safeguarding- RAF Weston on the Green

Proposal: Solar photovoltaic array and connection infrastructure, with a maximum intended generation capacity of 840MW

Location: Land in West Oxfordshire, Cherwell and Vale of White Horse Districts, across approx. 1400 hectares

Grid Ref's: 445532, 221584

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has been made aware of the above proposed development.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

The applicant has submitted a pre-application via the Planning Inspectorate for a new solar photovoltaic array and connection infrastructure, with a maximum intended generation capacity of 840MW across approximately 1400 hectares of land.

The application site occupies the statutory height and birdstrike safeguarding zones surrounding RAF Weston on the Green and is approx. 7.7km from the nearest boundary line.

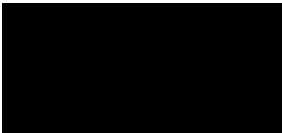
After review of the documents provided, there are no DIO Safeguarding concerns identified at this time. However, due to the location of part of the proposed PV installation being in proximity to the

Approach at RAF Weston on the Green the MOD request that an aviation glint and glare report be submitted by the applicant should this development progress.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the data and information detailed in the developer's documents on the Planning Inspectorate website provided in support of the pre-application for the Botley West Solar Farm. Any variation of the parameters (which include the location, dimensions, form, and finishing materials) detailed may significantly alter how the development relates to MOD safeguarding requirements and cause adverse impacts to safeguarded defence assets or capabilities. In the event that any amendment, whether considered material or not by the determining authority, is submitted for approval, the MOD should be consulted and provided with adequate time to carry out assessments and provide a formal response.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



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