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Application Number: 22/04248/SCR
Proposed 25.83 MW solar farm and Battery Storage at Land south of Thornton Le Moors, Cryers Lane, Chester West, CH2 4LH

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended): Part 2 Screening Opinion

I refer to your request of the 9th November 2022 for an EIA Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the above Regulations.

In accordance with the above regulations and as the proposed development falls within Schedule 2 (3) (a) Industrial installations for the production of electricity, steam and hot water (unless included in Schedule 1), and whether the development will have a “significant effect” on the environment, the Local Planning Authority has screened the proposed development.

I can confirm that the Local Planning Authority considers that an Environmental Statement is required following examination of the proposal in accordance with the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the above Regulations and associated National Planning Practice Guidance (Environmental Impact Assessment).

The reasons for that decision are attached to this letter within the screening assessment and conclude that in the context of the location and potential impact, that the scale and nature of the development requires an EIA. It is considered that the development is of a scale that would be likely to have significant landscape and biodiversity impacts.

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I can confirm the use of delegated powers under the terms of the Council's Constitution in making this Screening Opinion.

The Screening Opinion will be placed on the public register and the Screening Opinion is valid for two years.

Should you wish to pursue the proposal further it is recommended the Regulations are followed for the preparation and content of an Environmental Statement in assessing the likely impact upon the environment. Further guidance can be found in the National Planning Practice Guidance (Environmental Impact Assessment).

Should you require any further information please contact me on the email address above

Yours sincerely

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