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WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Re: Screening Opinion for Proposed Solar Park at Morfa Pingett, Pinged, Carmarthenshire - The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter and attached plan received on the 11 October 2018 requesting a formal screening opinion under Regulation 5 (1) to the above EIA regulations.

Solar Parks are not within Schedule 1 of the regulations, moreover they are described within Schedule 2.3(a) Industrial installations for the production of electricity, steam and hot water (unless included in Schedule 1) where the area of the development exceeds 0.5 hectare. As Schedule 2 development it is up to the discretion of the local planning authority as to whether an EIA is required.

The relevant question as to whether an EIA is required is whether there would be the potential for significant harm.

Please be advised that Carmarthenshire County Council, after carrying out consultation with relevant sections and bodies, hereby give notice that under the above regulations, having regard to the details provided of the proposed development, an Environmental Impact Assessment will **NOT** be required in respect of a prospective planning application of the scale and nature described, i.e. Land at Morfa Pingett, Pinged.

Whilst EIA is not required, it should however be noted that visual impact is material so a detailed landscape impact assessment would therefore be required to provide full details of the proposal along with the following suite of documents to inform the decision making process covering the following issues.

- Planning, Design and Assess Statement
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (Please note that the site is in a Registered Historic Landscape but considered likely low potential for archaeological interest).
- Glint and Glare Assessment
- Noise assessment – please note it must not exceed background noise levels.

- Full details of security fencing and CCTV
- Details of substation, transformer / ancillary buildings and grid connection
- Ecological Assessment including ornithological
- Landscaping scheme informed by ecological assessment
- Impact on public footpaths if appropriate
- Impact on Pembrey Airport
- Flood Consequences Assessment as the site is in a C2 Flood Zone.
- Confirmation that foundations do not affect ground water
- Construction Traffic Management Plan – Please note that a passing place would be required between the A484 and the site entrance to allow for construction traffic.

I hope this clarifies our requirements for a planning application.

Yours Faithfully

Julian Edwards

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