

RG/EF/P19-2022

30th March 2022

Melton Borough Council,
Parkside,
Station Approach,
Burton Street,
Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire,
LE13 1GH

Planning Portal Reference: PP-11161737

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Full Planning Application for the Construction of a Solar Farm together with all Associated Work, Equipment and Necessary Infrastructure on
Land within the Belvoir Estate, Grantham, NG32 1PE.**

Please find enclosed a Planning Application which I hereby submit on behalf of my client, JBM Solar Projects 10 Ltd, in connection with the above site. The application seeks full planning permission for a Solar Farm together with all associated work, equipment and necessary infrastructure on Land within the Belvoir Estate, Grantham, NG32 1PE.

Prior to finalising this planning application JBM Solar Projects 10 Ltd. undertook pre-application consultation with the local community and stakeholders. The concerns raised during the pre-application consultation period have been noted and considered and where appropriate addressed through modifications to the layout and landscape strategy, the application and supporting documentation. A Statement of Community Involvement has been prepared and submitted as part of this planning application to outline the engagement and feedback received as well as the direct changes to the proposals as a result of the consultation process.

Forming part of the planning application submission, please find enclosed a copy of the following documentation:

1. Planning application pro-forma duly completed and signed.
2. Planning Statement (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated February 2022).

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3. Design and Access Statement (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated February 2022).
4. Statement of Community Involvement (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated February 2022).
5. Site Selection Report (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated March 2022).
6. Environmental Enhancement Strategy (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated December 2021).
7. Construction Traffic Management Plan (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated February 2022).
8. Arboricultural Impact Assessment (prepared by Barton Hyett Associates, dated December 2021).
9. Environmental Statement Volume 1: Main Report and Figures (dated January 2022), comprising the following chapters:
 - i. Chapter 1 – Introduction
 - ii. Chapter 2 – Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
 - iii. Chapter 3 – Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
 - iv. Chapter 4 – Flood Risk and Hydrology
 - v. Chapter 5 – Biodiversity
 - vi. Chapter 6 – Solar Glint and Glare
 - vii. Chapter 7 – Noise
 - viii. Chapter 8 – Agricultural Resources
 - ix. Chapter 9 – Summary
10. Environmental Statement Volume 2: Appendices (dated January 2022), comprising the following appendices:
 - i. Appendix 1.1 Screening Opinion Response

- ii. Appendix 2.1 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology
 - iii. Appendix 2.2 Landscape Effects Summary Table
 - iv. Appendix 2.3 Visual Effects Summary Table
 - v. Appendix 2.4 Photoviews (Viewpoints 1-15)
 - vi. Appendix 2.5 Photomontages
 - vii. Appendix 3.1 Heritage Statement (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated January 2022).
 - viii. Appendix 3.2 Geophysical Survey (prepared by WYAS Archaeological Services, dated October 2020).
 - ix. Appendix 4.1 Flood Risk Assessment (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated December 2021).
 - x. Appendix 5.1 Ecological Impact Assessment Methodology
 - xi. Appendix 5.2 Habitats and Species Baseline Report (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 11th November 2021).
 - xii. Appendix 5.3 Wintering Bird Survey Report 2019-2020 (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 11th November 2021).
 - xiii. Appendix 5.4 Breeding Bird Survey Report (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 11th November 2021).
 - xiv. Appendix 5.5 Confidential Badger Report (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 11th November 2021).
 - xv. Appendix 5.6 Great Crested Newt Presence or Absence (eDNA) Survey Report (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 11th November 2021).
 - xvi. Appendix 5.7 Biodiversity Management Plan (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 3rd February 2022).
 - xvii. Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment; DEFRA Metric Version 3.0 (prepared by Avian Ecology, dated 16th December 2021).
 - xviii. Appendix 6.1 – Solar Photovoltaic Glint and Glare Study (prepared by Pager Power, dated December 2021).
 - xix. Appendix 7.1 - Noise Units
 - xx. Appendix 8.1 – Agricultural Land Classification Report (prepared by Amet Property, dated 13th December 2021).
11. Environmental Statement: Non-Technical Summary (prepared by Pegasus Group, dated January 2022).

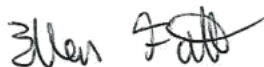
12. The following plans:

Title	Reference
Site Location Plan	P19-2022_03 Rev D
Site Layout and Landscape Strategy	P19-2022_10 Rev L
Typical Single Axis Tracker Table Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Fence, Track and CCTV Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Trench Sections Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Inverter Station Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Spares Container Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Customer Switchgear Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Access Gate	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Indicative Construction Compound	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Comms and Weather Station Mast	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021
Compound Details	Rev A, dated 20 th October 2021

The planning application fee of £158,927.00 (plus £28 planning portal service charge) has been paid via the Planning Portal. This fee is based on the 'Erection/alteration/replacement of plant and machinery' category having a site area of 103.53 hectares.

I trust that the above and enclosed provides you with sufficient information to validate the application and progress towards determination. However, should you require any further information, please contact me at the below address.

Yours faithfully,



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