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My Ref: 13/01160/SCREEN
Your ref

29th January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Screening Opinion under Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.

Proposal: SCREENING OPINION: Solar Park
Location: Land Parcel North Of New Gant Farm Little Fen Drove Reach Cambridgeshire

I write following your Screening Opinion Request, received in this department on 30th December 2013

The Local Planning Authority has considered the proposed development, taking into account the selection criteria set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations, as are relevant to the development, and has adopted the following opinion:

It is considered that the proposal will have significant effects on the environment for the following reasons:

The scale and nature of the development, combined with the character of the surrounding area would be likely to give rise to significant visual effects on the landscape. It is also not possible to rule out significant effects on the historic environment, local highways network and drainage regime, by virtue of the size and location of the development.

The proposal is therefore EIA development and any planning application would need to be accompanied by an Environmental Statement, as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.

A copy of the Council's screening exercise is enclosed, which provides further detail on the reasons for the Council's opinion. for your information. Copies of the consultation responses received can be viewed on the Council's website through Public Access using the reference given above.

Yours faithfully,

Giles Hughes
Head of Planning & Sustainable Development Services