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For the attention of: Planning Department, planning.control@north-herts.gov.uk

Application ref: 24/02455/FP
Location: Land Opposite Wymondley Grid Station And To The South Of Sperberry Hill, St Ippolyts, Hertfordshire
Proposal/Description: Proposed solar farm measuring 35.5 hectares with associated battery storage and ancillary infrastructure

Thank you for consulting with Place Services on the above Full planning application. This letter sets out our consultation response on the landscape impact of the application and how the proposal relates and responds to the landscape setting and context of the site.

This review is based on a desktop study and site visit undertaken on 30th January 2025, of the above-named application.

Review of Submitted Information

The application has been supported by the submission of a letter (Ref: 3732-01/NDR-02) which addresses landscape and visual effects under Matter 2.

We note that in Matter 1, the PRoW routes have been updated to reflect the Definitive Map, which has necessitated that update of the Masterplan, General Arrangement, and Viewpoint Montages 3 and 8.

Matter 2 provides no commentary to our comments on the submitted LVIA. Our previous response highlighted where we judge the submitted LVIA underassessed the landscape and visual impacts resulting from the proposed solar development. We maintain our judgements regarding the assessed impacts.

Matter 2 provides justification for the current Landscape Masterplan (Dwg no. 3732-01-12 Rev. H) proposals, with no amendments made following our comments. We maintain our previous comments under the Review of Proposals.

Overall, we maintain that we have concerns regarding whether the proposed application could be successfully accommodated within this landscape. We would be unsupportive of this application owed to the anticipated landscape and visual impacts.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

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Place Services provide landscape advice on behalf of North Herts Council.

Please note: This letter is advisory and should only be considered as the opinion formed by specialist staff in relation to this particular matter.