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Re: Land South of A507 at Westfield Common, Clothall

Dear Paul,

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the proposal to develop the above site, I have studied the amended documents on the Council's planning portal and have the following comments to make.

- I have studied the crime rates for a zone approximately five hundred metre radii centered on Munchies Farm. The time frame was from the first of January 2024 to the 31st of December 2024. During this period there was one burglary and one criminal damage. Nationally we are seeing a rising trend for these sites being attacked by organized crime gangs for the metals etc.

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- I am pleased to see the proposal to have security fencing around the BESS. However, I would recommend that this fence is at least two metres high, and third party certified to LPS 1175 issue eight and rated to security rating D10. The bottom of the fenced should be sunk into concrete to reduce the risk of tampering.
- The CCTV provision should be able to give a full 'handshake' of the whole perimeter of the site. The system should be monitored 24/7 at a central monitoring station. The monitoring centre must also have the capability to download any footage for the Police etc.
- I would recommend that the applicants study the BRE document 'Planning Guidance for the development of large scale ground mounted Solar PV Systems'.

The Police will only be able to support this provided that the security measures mentioned above are included in any plans. I would strongly recommend that the applicants engage with Hertfordshire Constabulary's Crime Prevention Design Services with a view to ensuring that opportunities to commit crime are reduced.

Yours faithfully

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