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For the attention of: Paul Chaston

Application ref: 26/00733/NMA
Location: Land To The North And East Of Great Wymondley Arch Road
Great Wymondley Hertfordshire
Proposal/Description: Amendment to approved plans pursuant to Condition 2, and associated updates to details pursuant to Condition 3 (infrastructure details), 6 (Construction Environmental Management Plan), 8 (Construction Traffic Management Plan), 9 (Landscape and Ecology Management Plan), 10 (Fire Risk Management Plan), 12 (Landscaping Details), and Conditions 17 and 18 (Drainage Details) - as non-material amendment to planning permission reference 21/03380/FP granted on 11.03.2024.

Thank you for consulting with Place Services on the above 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.

1.0. Review of the proposal/submitted information:

- 1.1. We acknowledge that the effects judged within the submitted LVIA remain unchanged from those assessed under previous applications, as stated within the Landscape and Visual Technical Note by Axis (Ref: 5463-01-TN01) dated July 2026. We do not disagree with the concluding statement in Para 3.1.4 that the amendments to the scheme are barely perceptible.
- 1.2. We welcome the inclusion of updated Photomontages for Viewpoints 1, 3, 4 and 7 alongside the Photomontages within the Original Consent and the NMA1, which allows for good comparison as a result of scheme changes.
- 1.3. From a landscape perspective, we have no concerns regarding the proposed increase in density associated with the solar farm development.
- 1.4. A section of hedgerow was proposed in the north-western field under NMA1 (25/01033/NMA) as shown within the submitted Landscape Proposals (Dwg no. 3004-01-



012 Rev. N). Within the NMA2 application, this section of hedgerow has been removed, as shown within the Landscaping Proposals (Dwg no. 3004-01-012 Rev. O).

- 1.5. We question the purpose of the removal of this hedgerow connection, which was designed to form part of the green infrastructure connections throughout the site. This hedgerow connection has now been interrupted by the removal of this proposed feature and replaced with solar panels.
- 1.6. In the interest of habitat connectivity beyond the lifetime of the solar farm, this proposed hedgerow connection to be reinstated.

Please contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

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