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Dear Paul

RE: 25/01209/DOC - Details reserved by condition 18 (Interim and Temporary Drainage Measures) of planning permission reference no 21/03380/FP granted 11 March 2024 - Land to the North and East of Great Wymondley, Arch Road, Great Wymondley

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 2 July 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

We advise that there **isn't sufficient technical information** to support the application in relation to the wording of condition 18 (Interim and Temporary Drainage Measures) of planning permission reference no 21/03380/FP granted 11 March 2024.

The full application is for a proposed solar farm measuring 88 hectares with associated battery storage containers, transformers stations, storage buildings, fencing etc including means of access (amended plans received 30 May 2022).

We have concerns that the submitted information does not meet with NPPF, PPG or the LLFA Flood Risk Management Strategy policies and the proposal will either increase the risk of flooding elsewhere or to the proposed development. We provide the following technical review for your consideration.

The main issues include;

- Attenuation basin required to be designed for 1 in 100 plus climate change allowance event
- Evidence to be provided to ensure the temporary drainage does not increase flooding elsewhere

The LLFA technical review includes;

1. The temporary attenuation basin is currently designed for the 50% AEP rainfall event and LLFA still requires further explanation on how the flow and storage will be managed for higher return period flood events. The explanation provided by the applicant is for water quality, but LLFA is concerned on offsite flow in event of higher return period.
2. LLFA still requires evidence and calculations to be submitted to ensure the temporary works do not cause flooding elsewhere.

Yours sincerely

Raima

Raima Prasad
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Annex

The following documents have been reviewed, which have been submitted to support the application;

- Surface Water Drainage And Overland Flow Management Plan and Pollution Prevention Plan, by Wetwood, May 2025, version 1.4

For reference, Condition 18 wording is as follows:

Condition 18:

“No development shall take place until a scheme of interim and temporary drainage measures during the construction period have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The scheme shall provide full details of the responsibility for maintaining the temporary systems and demonstrate how the site will be drained to ensure there is no increase in the off-site flows, nor any pollution, debris and sediment to any receiving watercourse or sewer system. Construction shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason - To ensure adequate drainage provision and to prevent flooding and pollution offsite.”