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Date 20 March 2025

Dear Mr Chaston,

RE: 24/02713/FP - Installation of Battery Storage System with associated infrastructure, earthworks, landscaping and access - Land At Radwell Bury Farm, Newnham Road, Newnham, Hertfordshire.

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 26 February 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

The applicant has provided a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and a Drainage Strategy. These are to account for the local flood risk issues and surface water drainage at this location. Following a review of the submitted documents, the details are in accordance with NPPF and local planning policy: *Policy NE8: Sustainable drainage systems (Reducing Flood Risk)*.

We have **no objection subject to conditions being attached to any consent** if this application is approved. We suggest the following wording.

Condition 1

All development shall be constructed in accordance with the submitted and approved Flood Risk Assessment (**Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy, by Ridge, 15 November 2024, reference: 5024440-RDG-XX-XX-RP-C-0501 and revision no. P03**).

Reason: To ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed and not increased in accordance with NPPF and Policies of Council: *Policy NE8: Sustainable drainage systems (Reducing Flood Risk)*.

Condition 2

The development hereby approved shall not be occupied until details of the maintenance and management of the sustainable drainage scheme have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The drainage scheme shall be implemented prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved and thereafter managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details in perpetuity. The Local Planning Authority shall be granted access to inspect the sustainable drainage scheme for the lifetime of the development. The details of the scheme to be submitted for approval shall include:

1. A timetable for its implementation.
2. Details of SuDS feature and connecting drainage structures and maintenance requirement for each aspect including a drawing showing where they are located.
3. A management and maintenance plan for the lifetime of the development which shall include the arrangements for adoption by any public body or statutory undertaker, or any other arrangements to secure the operation of the sustainable drainage scheme throughout its lifetime. This will include the name and contact details of any appointed management company.

Reason: To ensure that the development achieves a high standard of sustainability and ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed for each new dwelling and not increased in accordance with NPPF and Policies of Council: Policy NE8: Sustainable drainage systems (Reducing Flood Risk).

Condition 3

Maintenance plan for the ditch to which the surface water is proposed to discharge required to be submitted along with evidence that the ditch is connected to the wider watercourse network for the discharge of surface water from the site. If the ditch is in poor condition, a schedule and timetable of maintenance to restore it will be submitted.

Reason: To ensure the flood risk is adequately addressed and not increased in accordance with NPPF and Policies of Council: *Policy NE8: Sustainable drainage systems (Reducing Flood Risk)*.

Yours sincerely

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Raima Prasad
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Annex

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

- Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Strategy, by Ridge, 15 November 2024, reference: 5024440-RDG-XX-XX-RP-C-0501 and revision no. P03.