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Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 2015)

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District ref: 24/02333/FP
HCC ref: NH/22904/2024
HCC received: 8 November 2024
Area manager: Manjinder Sehmi
Case officer: Shamsul Huda

Location

Land Between Priory Farm And Wymondley Substation, Blakemore End Road, Little Wymondley, Hertfordshire

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

Full Planning Permission : Electrical connection between the approved Priory Farm Solar Array (application reference: 21/03380/FP) and Wymondley Substation, Blakemore End Road, St Ippolyts

Recommendation

Notice is given under article 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

AN) Street works licence (New Roads and Street Works Act - Section 50): The applicant is advised that they are not authorised to carry out any work within the Public Highway and that to do so they will need to enter into a legal agreement with the Highway Authority (NRSW agreement). This consent is separate and additional to any planning permission that may be given. Before proceeding with the proposed development, the applicant shall obtain the requirements and permission for the associated placement of apparatus within the adjacent highway as part of the proposal via the County Council's website at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/business-and-developer-information/permit-scheme/east-of-england-permit-scheme.aspx> or by telephoning 0300 1234 40047. This should be carried out prior to any new apparatus is placed within the highway.

AN) Gravel / shingle driveways: Where loose gravel or shingle is used, a suitable measure to prevent material spilling onto the road/footpath/verge must be installed. It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit debris onto the public highway, and section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Further information is available by telephoning 0300 1234047.

AN) Debris and deposits on the highway: It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit compost, dung or other material for dressing land, or any rubbish on a made up carriageway, or any or other debris on a highway to the interruption of any highway user. Section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Therefore, best practical means shall be taken at all times to ensure that all vehicles leaving the site during construction of the development and use thereafter are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available by telephoning 0300 1234047.

COMMENTS:

This application is for electrical connection between the approved Priory Farm Solar Array (application reference: 21/03380/FP) and Wymondley Substation.

The Priory Farm Solar Array scheme includes a grid connection cable to National Grid's Wymondley Substation, via Graveley Lane, Priory Lane, Stevenage Road, and Blakemore End Road

Para 5.1.3 of the Planning Statement (Ref-3656-01-PS-1, October 2024) confirmed that to minimise the construction disruptions, a revised cable route is proposed which omit Priory Lane, Blackmore End and Sperberry Hill. The highway welcomes this approach in the highway safety point of view.

Para 4.3.2 of the submitted Transport Statement (TS) [Ref- 3656-01-TS01, dated October 2024] has confirmed that all works associated with electrical connection will be carried by the licence under section 50 of the NRSWA. Therefore, highway authority expects that works and traffic management associated with highway safety will be monitored by HCC's Network Management Team and covered by section 50 license compliance,

In summary, taking into all into account the highway does not want raise objection to the proposal.

Signed

Shamsul Huda

29 November 2024

