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For the attention of Peter Bull

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application Number:	26/01224/S73
Location:	Land Adjacent Sewage Pumping Station, Ashwell Road, Bygrave, Hertfordshire
Proposal:	Variation of Condition number 26 (CTMP) (as amended by information received 16 July 2026): vary the number of daily articulated lorry visits and the permitted hours of construction vehicle movements, of planning permission reference 22/00741/FP granted on 17.06.2024 for: Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm including battery energy storage; continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure, security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works (as amended by information received 29 January 2024).
Grid Reference:	526119 236827

The proposal is within the Board's district and therefore the byelaws apply.

The Board wishes to reiterate the previous comments submitted for 22/00741/FP. Any temporary works proposed within the 9m easement will also require prior consent from the Board.

It would be appreciated if the applicant is made aware of the following:

If a surface water (or treated foul water) discharge is proposed to a watercourse within the Board's district (either directly or indirectly), then the proposed development will require a land drainage consent in line with the Board's byelaws (specifically Byelaw 3). Any consent granted will likely be conditional, pending the payment of a surface water development contribution (SWDC) fee, calculated in line with the Board's charging policy. This policy can be found [here](#).

Whilst the consenting process as set out under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the Board's Byelaws are separate from planning, the ability to implement a planning permission may be dependent on the granting of these consents. As such we strongly recommend that any required consents are sought prior to determination of the planning application.

Please direct any reply to Rachel Hughes at the Board's offices.

Yours faithfully

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