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Dear Mr Bull

**Re: Land to the South of Wymondley Substation and South of Sperberry Hill,
St Ippolyts, Hertfordshire**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCREENING REPORT

Thank you for your letter consulting us about the above EIA Screening Report for development of a solar farm at the above site. It is for the local authority to determine whether an EIA should be prepared for the proposed development. However, from the information given, we are concerned that there may be a significant impact on the historic environment. In particular, the setting of the grade I listed parish church of St Ippolyts and the grade II* listed Redcoats Farmhouse are of concern and are within the remit of Historic England to advise the Council. There are a number of other designated heritage assets in the vicinity of the proposed development including grade II buildings on which we would defer to the Council's historic environment advisors, including the grade II listed 'The Wyke' which is close to the southern boundary of the site. We therefore consider that the local authority should ask the applicant to carry out an assessment in relation to the historic environment.

We would expect an EIA to contain an examination of the potential impacts upon all heritage assets likely to be affected, including designated heritage assets, and their settings together with potential impacts on non-designated features of historic, architectural, archaeological or artistic interest, since these can also be of national importance and make an important contribution to the character and local distinctiveness of an area and its sense of place. This covers buildings, historic open spaces, historic features and the wider historic landscape including below-ground archaeology.

We advise that the local authority's conservation and archaeology advisers are closely involved throughout the preparation of the Environmental Statement. They



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are best placed to advise on: local historic environment issues and priorities (including access to data held in the Historic Environment Record); how the proposal can be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of heritage assets.

If you have any queries about the above or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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