



Planning Committee Tuesday, 1 November 2022

Additional Documents and Updated Recommendations

6. Full Planning Permission for Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Panels and Associated Infrastructure - Land South East Of A6108 Darlington Road Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 - 21/00931/FULL

Update

An additional condition has been recommended to require the colour of the plant/structures on site to be submitted for approval prior to installation. This is to ensure a satisfactory external appearance and to mitigate impacts on landscape and visual receptors.

Additional Local Representations etc

Members are informed that the Richmondshire District Council Climate Change Officer has written in support of this application stating "*Writing in support of this application. This application will help Richmondshire achieve its ambitions to be net zero by 2034. Renewable energy is an essential part of meeting increasing energy needs and tackling energy security whilst addressing the climate emergency.*"

Two additional letters of support have been received from members of the public.

One additional letter of objection has been received relating to the impact on the setting of Low Wathcote, Cleveland Hills and lack of consultation by the Applicant. These concerns have been raised previously and were addressed in the committee report under the headings Landscape and Visual Impacts, Heritage and Other Matters.

Recommendation

That no change be made to the recommendation as set out in the main report subject to the addition of the following condition.

- **Colour of plant/structures to be approved**

Condition 27: Prior to commencement of the relevant works, details of the external colours of the MV Power Stations, Customer Substation, Spare Part Container, Gate, Fence, CCTV Camera, Satellite Dish, BESS Container and BESS Transformer (Battery Energy Storage System) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and thereafter permanently retained.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory external appearance and to mitigate impacts on landscape and visual receptors.

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7. Full Planning Permission for Community Building with Ancillary Offices and Six Holiday Lodges (revised details/plans dated 13th November 2017, 23rd February 2018, 3rd July 2018, 13th May 2019, 24th July 2019 and 13th November 2019) - 17/00709/FULL

Update

Officers are currently awaiting further comments from County Ecology regarding potential impacts to off-site habitats from the intensification of the existing use including visitors to the off-site habitats and vehicle emissions.

Officers are also awaiting a consultation response from the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), which is yet to be received at the time of writing this report. This is due to the redline being over 1ha which technically requires the LLFA to be consulted.

Recommendation

Approval subject to conditions and unilateral undertaking, subject to no objection being received from County Ecology or the LLFA by 14th November 2022. Delegated powers to officers to address any comments raised from these two outstanding consultees.

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