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Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference – Part Retrospective Full Planning Application for associated infrastructure at the approved solar farm at Decoy Farm, Crowland

This letter accompanies a part retrospective full planning application for the installation of associated infrastructure in relation to the solar farm approved and installed at Decoy Farm, Crowland. The additional infrastructure sought includes: a storage container; an access track; a satellite dish and three small antennae mounted to the approved comms cabinet; and 14 CCTV cameras around the site perimeter.

Storage Container

Planning permission is sought for an ISO storage container to be sited in Decoy Solar Farm. The container will be utilised for the secure storage of essential solar PV maintenance equipment/spare parts to support the operational requirements of the solar farm on site.

The dimensions of the proposed unit are shown on the attached drawing 15/PA303. The container is of galvanised steel construction, painted BS 14C39 Holly Green. It is proposed to locate the container along the northern boundary of the solar farm, west of the central access gate, please refer to attached drawings 15/PA301 and 15/PA302. The container will sit in close proximity to the security gate ensuring it is easily accessible. Due to the appearance of the container it will not appear incongruous and out of character with the development. The existing screening and surrounding woodland blocks will serve to screen the storage container from surrounding areas.

Access Track

Retrospective planning permission is sought for a permanent hardcore access track running immediately adjacent to the western boundary fence of the site. The track will be utilised for direct access to the site by primarily maintenance staff on an irregular basis.

Satellite Dish and Three Antennas

Retrospective planning permission is sought for the installation of a satellite dish and a weather station (three small antennae) mounted to the corner of the Comms Cabinet. The satellite dish is essential for operations and maintenance control for remote access to site. The weather station comprises a wind dial and an anemometer and provide essential information for monitoring and the reporting of the site.

CCTV Cameras

Retrospective planning permission is sought for the installation and operation of 14 CCTV cameras on freestanding poles with a maximum height of 2.6m at varying locations around the site. The CCTV cameras are required for the safety and security of the site, ensuring the site perimeter is monitored 24 hours a day. Additionally, CCTV cameras are required for insurance reasons as a result of increased thefts at solar farms.

The above listed infrastructure is important to ensure that the site operates at maximum capacity and without issue. The proposed developments are considered minor and will be of minimal visual impact to the surrounding area.

I trust that the above and accompanying information provides everything that you require, should anything further be needed please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise I look forward to receiving confirmation that the application is valid and progressing.

Yours faithfully,



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Junior Town Planner