Online Comment

Application	H06-0912-26
Location	Norfolk House Farm, J E Piccaver Main Road Gedney Drove End PE12 9PB
Proposal	Installation of a 213kW ground sited solar array

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For/Against	Comments

We believe that the habitats on site have the potential to support nesting birds. It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981(WCA 1981) to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is use or being built. Therefore, we request a condition requiring that: Works should not be carried out in the main nesting season (March 1st - August 31st). If not possible then a suitably qualified ecologist must perform a breeding bird survey of the site prior to any works beginning onsite. Any active nests discovered during inspections will be protected with a suitable exclusion buffer (of appropriate size to the species) to prevent disturbance and monitored until the nest is no longer active / all chicks have fledged, when the ecologist will provide a sign off for clearance work to continue.
BNG exempt - development site <0.2ha and non-priority habitat.
While we are confident in this applications BNG exemption, we still recommend the applicant considers enhancing some of the habitat surrounding the proposed solar panels (e.g. enhancing the grassland along the edges of the paddock through reasonable management measures). This would improve the habitat provision onsite to mitigate for the area lost to the solar arrays.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions,
Grace Hill