PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

RETENTION OF INSTALLED STORAGE CONTAINER

MOOR 1 SOLAR FARM, LONG SUTTON BUTTERFLY AND WILDLIFE PARK, SPALDING

PROJECT REFERENCE: Moor 1 Solar Farm

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1 Introduction

This Planning, Design and Access statement has been prepared in support of a planning application for full permission for the retention of the Storage Container at Moor 1 Solar Farm.

Planning permission was granted on the 30th September 2010 for a solar farm development at Long Sutton Butterfly and Wildlife Park, Little London, Long Sutton, Spalding (Ref: H11-0817-10). The site has been constructed and is operational.

A storage container has been installed in the south-western corner of Moor 1 Solar Farm. This is required for the correct and safe storage of spare parts for this solar farm and neighbouring Moor 2 Solar Farm (ref: H11-0206-11).

Pre-application discussions with Mark Simmonds, a Planning Officer at South Holland District Council in May 2015 have confirmed that a full planning application will be required to allow retention of the onsite storage container.

2 Schedule Of Documents Submitted With Planning Application

The following documents accompany this Planning, Design and Access Statement:

- Moor 1 – Site Location Plan – Drawing MCL_01
- Moor 1 – Storage Container Location – Drawing MOO_02
- Moor 1 – Storage Container Elevations – Drawing MOO_01

3 Development Description

3.1 Storage Container

The Storage Container measures 6.06m in length, with a width of 2.44m and a height of 2.95m. It is dark green in colour to ensure its visual impact is minimised to the fullest extent. The Storage Container has been carefully sited near to the approved DNO Substation to ensure it is benefits from the existing and installed planting at the site.

The Storage Container is required to ensure the spare parts for both Moor 1 and Moor 2 are stored correctly. The Storage Container elevation and location plan are provided with this application.

3.2 Storage Container Appearance

The photos below illustrate the installed Storage Container at Moor 1 Solar Farm.



Image 1: Photo of Storage Container at Moor 1 Solar Farm



Image 2: Photo of Storage Container at Moor 1 Solar Farm

3.3 Access

The Storage Container will be used as part of the continued operation of the solar farm and no additional access is required.

4 Conclusions

The installation of the Storage Container will ensure the on-going safe and efficient operation of the solar farm. It is considered that the presence of a Storage Container on site does not materially alter the impact of the solar farm on the site and surrounding environment.

Therefore it is considered planning permission for the Storage Container should be granted.