

(RR-037) ELAF: Proposed permissive paths & north-south greenway – confirm WCH – not just cycleway
Deadline 8: Wednesday 18 January 2023

- 1) In keeping with ELAF's "access for all" objectives, ELAF are pleased to see the extra permissive path connection along the northern side solar field PDA7 shown on Sheet A of the revised 7.14 Permissive Paths Plan [REP7-018]. This will provide an inclusive connection for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders from the permissive path network to Sparrows Farm Lane (Rolls Farm Lane), a public vehicular road.
- 2) Longfield Solar's commitment, made in their deadline 7 response [REP7-005], that... *"this permissive path will be open to all users (pedestrians, cyclists and equestrian users)"* is very welcome on the assumption that the *"open to all users"* applies to the entire permissive path network, including the north-south greenway shown on the Outline Landscape Master Plan [REP7-004], as the network is now accessible from the public vehicular highway in two places – Noakes Farm Road and now the new northern connection at Sparrows Farm Lane (Rolls Farm Lane).
- 3) It is regretted that a similar connection is (currently) not being provided at the southern end of the application site but Longfield Solar's commitment to... *"continue to explore this"* [REP7-005] is welcome.
- 4) Due to the nature of the written representation process, submissions and responses are offset, so there has been no assurance and no revisions yet submitted from the applicant to the following points made in ELAF's deadline 7 submission of 11 January [REP7-032]:
 - a) Page 15 of revision 5 of Longfield Solar's Outline Design Principles (Dec22) document [REP6 -007 & -008] still refers to... *"a cycle route to connect Waltham Road to Terling Hall Road."* ELAF request that this text and other references to a cycle route are amended to refer to a WCH (walking cycling & horseriding) route.
 - b) Also that it is clear that the "north/south greenway" is available to ALL non-motorised users – walkers, cyclists and horse-riders, and mobility impaired users where practicable, – not just cyclists.
 - c) That all mentions of "cycle/ cycling" relating to permissive paths / the north-south greenway in the DCO and associated documents is changed to "WCH (walking cycling & horseriding)". For example, DCO Work No.6 (f).
- 5) ELAF would welcome being included in the detailed design point discussions which will be held regarding the public rights of way and permissive paths. Points were raised during the oral representations which it was stated would be agreed later. [REP3-039 & REP3-059].

Thank you

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