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To: Oaklands Farm Solar
Cc: Sarah Beeby; Jessica Clarke-Roome
Subject: Oaklands Solar Farm - Potential non material change

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

South Derbyshire District Council were actively involved within the Development Consent Order process, from pre-submission through the examination and now to the discharge of the requirements in line with the approved DCO. This is something that representatives of the local communities were also involved in heavily and have strong views that were considered through the DCO process.

It is understood by the Council that the summary of changes includes the increase in solar panel height above ground level with an increase in the depth of the foundation levels by a further 1 m; and the addition of a third transformer station on the site and alterations to the cable trench. For a proposal of this scale to change at this late stage the Council considers that full consideration would be needed of the proposed changes which are material given the nature of the changes and the scale of the development to which they relate.

The Council considers that it is not appropriate for such a large number of changes to take place due to the inability of the Council and members of the community to fully consider such changes as part of a non-material change process, and also that these create significant administrative difficulties in processing the requirements discharge as different applications have been approved and some are in the process of being discharged including the CEMP and CTMP.

South Derbyshire District Council therefore objects to the non-material change.

Kind regards

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