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Date: 13th May 2025

Dear Sir

Site: Stonestreet Green Solar

Proposal: Application for grant of Development Consent Order ('DCO')

Issue: S106 progress

The Council notes the ExA's amended Deadline 8 and request for update in respect of any s.106 agreement by the end of Wednesday 14th May 2025.

The Council confirms that it has been actively working with officers at Kent County Council (KCC) as the relevant local highways authority, to seek, in the event that a Development Consent Order is made by the Secretary of State, funding from the applicant towards:-

(a) the carrying out of a feasibility study in relation to the upgrading of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) to an agreed all-weather specification involving a combination of (i) the applicant's proposed new 'FNR-7' provided through Field 19 as shown illustratively on drawing 011998.00001.711 Rev 02 (Illustrative Landscape Strategy Plan Sheet 2 of 5) V.3 REP3-003, and (ii) existing off-site PRoW AE428, AE376, AE374 and AE370 which connect the northern side of Field 19 an FNR-7 to the southern side of the village of Mersham, and

(b) subject to a positive outcome of such feasibility study, the applicant delivering new PRoW FNR-7 within the limits of the DCO to the agreed all-weather specification, and the applicant funding the delivery of the upgrade of the existing off-site PRoW mentioned above by KCC as the local highway authority to the same all-weather specification with an option that the total upgraded route be delivered as a single contract by mutual agreement.

The Council hopes to be able to issue a draft s.106 for the applicant's consideration very shortly and apologises to the ExA for the delay in this regard. The Council will confirm to the ExA when the draft s.106 agreement is issued to the applicant and will update the ExA as to

the applicant's response and any related timetable relating to its moving forward to completion and signature so that it can be taken into account by the ExA.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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