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Sir

following up on Ashley Mc Craights email about the way in which inputs to the planning process are not being logged/published appropriately I write on behalf of Cycle North Cheshire the group I chair . We have an interest in this planning application and have been consults with Cubico and their consultants from the beginning of dialogues . You can get a sense of our key purpose from our website [REDACTED]

I summarise our inputs below which we would ask are added to this submissions already made and available for viewing. We don't know why our inputs are not acknowledged at this stage.

We have copied this to our contact at Walking, wheeling cycling trust, (formerly Sustrans) for their comments.

Cycle North Cheshire

Cycle North Cheshire was established in 2013 by local cyclists and Cheshire West and Chester Councillors. Our aim is to encourage more people to adopt an active lifestyle by cycling and walking more with the attendant health benefits, (physical and mental,) and the environmental benefits of fewer car journeys in the North Cheshire.

We were the principle external partner in the development of Cheshire West's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for North Cheshire and continue to work closely with Cheshire West officers to support their active travel goals.

This response is based on extensive engagement by members of Cycle North Chesire in the pre-consultation stage in June 2023, through to the Phase 2 consultation in Spring 2025 to the recent registration of 'Interested Parties'. It also captures the essential outcome of Meeting No. 3 organised by Axis/Cubico in January 2025 for representatives of organisations supporting Active Travel.

We have no view on the merits of the scheme per se as this sits outside our terms of reference . Our inputs are focussed on a situation whereby if the scheme does proceed there is mitigation for loss of amenity and we are left, post construction, with better assets for public use in active travel/leisure in and around the facility.

There are two aspects to the planned development that we wish to comment upon. i.e.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->**New interlinked permissive tracks.**

The introduction of 4.5km of permissive tracks which would support more active travel for cyclists, walkers, wheelers and equestrians.

We recognise this is promising, but it is very difficult for residents to visualise what it would be like to use them from the limited number of photo predictions provided and Cubico rebutted a request in its [REDACTED] (FS2_EF_006) to create either a scale model or a 3D virtual tour.

Cubico dismissed this suggestion "*The Applicant does not intend to produce 3D visualisations for Proposed Development*".

This makes it impossible for our members to assess whether these tracks would be either attractive or unattractive which would have a major impact on their use and this concern was expressed at meeting No 3. We welcome the principle of these permitted paths, but would really like to be able to visualise and assess how much will be accessible for those with disability aids etc.

2 Construction access

It is understood that the "Marsh Lanes" would be used to transport the equipment etc to construct the solar farm. These are a network of unmade roads that comprise NCN 5 "off road" route. They are currently in an appalling state and completely unusable as cycling/walking routes, indeed we expect they would need significant repairs to be used for construction .

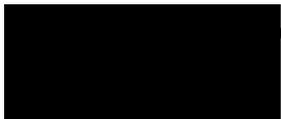
Moreover we are aware of themes by both Cadent and Hynet to do construction work in this area utilising some of these lanes. It is unclear which schemes would use which tracks. We would ask that the NPI instruct the developers to

a act in concert to deliver an outcome that is beneficial to both developers and the public

b undertake to repairs the tracks and have them maintained such that they can be used for leisure purposes, post construction and they can be considered usable for emergency access

Please advise when our comments are added to those of other bodies and are visible.

Regards



Chair, Cycle North Cheshire