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Our Ref: C790_v1 ALC Addendum

Dear Gulya,

RE: Westhide Solar Farm – Addendum to Agricultural Land Classification

Further to the detailed Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey and technical report in connection with the proposed Westhide Solar Farm (our reference C790_v3 '*Agricultural Land Classification: Westhide Solar Farm, Herefordshire*', dated 26th November 2021), we understand the Masterplan (Reference 3352-L-GA-0_01 Masterplan Rov O) has been revised so that solar infrastructure is only located in Fields C, F and G (as shown on the copy of the Masterplan attached).

This addendum to the ALC report sets out the area in hectares (ha) and proportion (%) of agricultural land in each ALC grade which is (i) located in areas to be used for locating the solar infrastructure, and (ii) the remainder of the application area to be retained in its former agricultural use.

Enclosed with this addendum is a revised Figure 2 '*Agricultural Land Classification*' (Our Reference 'Figure 2 '*Agricultural Land Classification*', C790, Drawing 01, Dated 21st October 2022) which shows the original application area (i.e., 61.7ha) and the extent of the agricultural land which is proposed to locate the solar infrastructure. From this revised ALC map, the area (ha) and proportion (%) of agricultural land in each ALC grade has been measured, and reported in the table below (i.e., this version of Table 3.4 supersedes Table 3.4 given in the ALC report):

Table 3.4: Detailed Agricultural Land Classification – Westhide, Herefordshire						
ALC Grade	Area Covered by Solar Infrastructure (Ha)	Proportion of Area Covered by Solar Infrastructure (%)	Area Not Covered by Solar Infrastructure (Ha)	Proportion of Area Not Covered by Solar Infrastructure (%)	Total Application Area (Ha)	Total Application Area (%)
Grade 1 (Excellent)	0	0	12	32	12.0	19.5
Grade 2 (Very Good)	0	0	11.5	31	11.5	18.6
Subgrade 3a (Good)	1.0	4	3	8	4.0	6.5
Subgrade 3b (Moderate)	23.0	96	6	16	29.0	47
Grade 4 (Poor)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 5 (Very Poor)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Land / Non-agricultural	0	0	5.2	14	5.2	8.4
Total	24.0	100	37.7	100	61.7	100

Conclusions

With regard to the amended Masterplan (Reference 3352-L-GA-0_01 Masterplan Rev O), no agricultural land in Grade 1 or Grade 2 is used for locating solar infrastructure within the application area.

Of the agricultural land which is used for locating the solar infrastructure, the predominant ALC grade is Subgrade 3b (i.e., 23.0 ha, or 96% of the land used for locating the solar infrastructure).

The remainder of the land required for locating the solar infrastructure involves a small area, i.e., 1.0ha of Subgrade 3a, which equates to (i) 4% of the land required to locate the solar infrastructure, or (ii) 1.6% of the application area.

I trust this provides you with all the technical information you require, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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- (i) Masterplan (Reference 3352-L-GA-0_01 Masterplan Rev O)

- (ii) Revised Figure 2 '*Agricultural Land Classification*' (Our Reference 'Figure 2 '*Agricultural Land Classification*', C790, Drawing 01, Dated 21st October 2022)