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Subject: Comments for Planning Application DISC/26/0152
Categories: Comments Received

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 27/05/2026 12:50 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land at Cobwood Burnthouse Lane Cowfold West Sussex
Proposal:	Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 13 to approved application DC/23/2172.
Case Officer:	Nicola Pettifer

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Customer Details

Address:	2 Westlands Farm Cottages Burnthouse Lane Cowfold
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	- Design - Privacy Light and Noise - Trees and Landscaping
Comments:	- Wildlife corridors Could a clarification be presented to show how and where the wildlife corridors are going to be maintained? During the planning Committee (South) meeting on 21 MAY 2024 a question was raised (quite rightly so) by one of the HDC committee members regarding "the impact on local wildlife and maintenance of the wildlife corridors" Looking at the current plan "0152-Latest plan-13052026" and

details of the fencing "0152-Latest plan-13052026" to be used, it would appear that no animals larger than a rabbit will be able to navigate on a North South route, through the parcels of land? Several ancient hedgerows used currently as wildlife corridors will become cut off to larger mammals such as foxes, badgers and deer.

Looking at the current plan, there are three obvious corridors in the Northern section and at least one in the Southern section that need to be protected.

In the Northern section three hedgerows that run North to South to the woodland called Westlands Gill, (one to the North and two to the South). The two hedgerows South of Westlands Gill connect to copses, both of which contain ponds. The one to the North, connects to the West end of Westlands Gill and provides a route for animals to exit the area.

In the Southern section (South of the 272) there is an area that contains 3 ponds (South of Oaklands) which has no exit for animals to the South.

Could I propose that fences are erected either side of these hedgerows with gateways placed where roadways are proposed. These gates can be opened when required by contractors. This would still allow for the security of the site but will, if not more importantly, also allow for the free movement of larger animals through the site.

- Hedging/landscaping

During the planning Committee (South) meeting on 21 MAY 2024, "Officers outlined the biodiversity enhancements included in the plans"

No details seem to have been published with regards to new hedges that were talked about during the planning application? Please provide details as required.

It is assumed that British native hedging will be established along the fence lines closest and in eyeline to, residential properties. Can the details of the mix of hedging and the height of the whips to be used, be shared as required? As well as confirmation on where these will be planted?

- Units

Looking at the current plan "0152-Latest plan-13052026" and the location for the "Inverters" and "Customer Switch gear", only details for the "inverters" have been published unless the customer switch gear has been named something different? Please confirm details.

Would it also not be possible to rotate these lorry sized containers by 90 degrees to lessen their visual, and certainly audible impact on local residents in direct eyeline? These containers are up to 10m in length but only 3m wide. If they have to be in eye site, I'd much rather only see 3m of them, than 10m.

I assume these units will also be surrounded by sound barriers, as required by law. No details of which have been provided as yet, so please confirm.

- Solar modules

Details of the reflective glare omission rate of Trina Solar modules

has been provided, this document is over five years old and doesn't state what modules this refers to and nowhere in the current list of published documents, does it state, what modules will be used?

What are the plans for the recycling of modules during the 40 years of this project?

The solar industry's own projections state that solar modules will last between 25 and 30 years. In that case, every single module will need to be replaced at least once, in the lifetime of Cobwood Solar farm.

Can Total Energies confirm that none of the equipment and infrastructure within Cobwood Solar farm will end up in landfill?

Kind regards

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