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Planning Statement

Proposed acoustic fencing to southern paddock boundary, erection of additional ground mounted PV array ;

At;

Oak Leigh,
Five Oaks Road,
Slinfold.
West Sussex.
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This document is to be read in conjunction with all other submitted plans and documentation.

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Oak Leigh is an attractive detached five bedroom house, sited in generous private gardens , approaching 7acres (2.8Ha). The grounds surround the house with formal gardens, orchards, wildflower meadows and paddocks.

The property has undergone significant refurbishment and extension works over the last two years, resulting in a deep overhaul of the existing property and extension and improvement to layout, heat loss and renewable energy and services infrastructure.

The house has now removed all reliance on the previous oil tanks with focus on the newly installed heat pumps, rainwater harvesting tanks and integrated photovoltaic to the roof. The PV panels feed back to battery stores to further reduce reliance on mains grid and improve sufficiency of the property. The applicants can charge their Electric vehicles on site, fed with this battery store technology. At present the PV are mounted to the roof slopes to the main house. To further enhance this approach, an additional solar panel bank is proposed to be installed as a ground mounted PV array, set to the south of the main house, within the northern fringes of the front paddock.

To the southern border of the paddock lies the busy Five Oaks Road (A264)

Whilst the mature tree and hedge line offer some visual resistance, this busy road and resulting noise levels are noticeable even further back into the site and from the main house. This application seeks to erect a new acoustic boundary fence, set back between 4.8-6m from the main highway and set discreetly within the existing vegetation line.

It will comprise of a new timber acoustic fence erected upto 3m high, set between new metal channel posts. Due to the varying levels between the highway and the paddock, the fence will appear less noticeable given its position back from the highway and the retained vegetation will remain unaffected, thus minimising the visual impact. The new fence will offer a significant way to reduce both the road noise and also improve security.

The existing paddock field access point will remain for occasional use, but also with a new high gate to continue the robustness of the acoustic fence.

The existing hedgerow vegetation and post and rail fence will remain to the most southern highway edge and all trees remain unaffected by the proposals.

Also within the paddock, there will be general maintenance works including clearance of the existing clogged ditchline with routine maintenance clearance and bank restoration adjacent, to be planted with new hedge species to supplement the existing treelined driveway.

Planning permission is sought for the above to further improve Oak Leigh for the enjoyment of the applicant and their family.