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Sent: 23 December 2025 14:23:51 UTC+00:00
To: "Halima.Chowdhury" <Halima.Chowdhury@horsham.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: DC/25/1926, Yonder Thatch, Bashurst Hill, Itchingfield,
Importance: High

Dear Halima,

In regards to the request for an updated site/location plan with additional details. The additional details you require that are shown on the drawings of the proposed solar panels or set out in the planning statement which provide details of the scale of array.

As set out in the planning statement -

4.3 The array will be supported by a galvanised steel framework anchored to eight concrete pad foundations, each approximately 400 by 400 by 2800 millimetres, set flush with the existing ground surface. The ground will be contoured to follow natural levels, ensuring minimal land disturbance and a low visual profile.

4.5 DC cabling will be installed underground at a depth of 600mm, running approximately 160m to the detached garage (the plant room). The plant room will contain all control and storage components.

The ground will be restored once cabling is buried. The existing field forms part of the applicants wider land ownership and is just an open field with no real day to day use.

I have attached the other documents.

Regards
Doug

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> Dear Doug,
> DC/25/1926,
> Yonder Thatch, Bashurst Hill, Itchingfield,
> Installation of a solar array.
> Thank you for your email below with the amended location and block plans attached.
> I await to receive the following outstandings soon:
> • An updated site location and block plan including details of the collective surface area of the solar panel poles to be inserted into the ground including the cable installation.
> • Please confirm where the solar panel battery apparatus would be located / stored and provide detailed plans of this structure.
> • An assessment needs to be made on any potential impacts that the solar panels will have, which could consequently 'decrease the biodiversity value' as per the de minimis exemption. Further justification is needed as to how the development does not decrease the biodiversity value of the already existing grassland, from impacts such as introduced shading. Please find attached the document habitat classification (UKHab) for you to review. The relevant pages are from Page 12 (grassland habitat types).
> • Please kindly confirm what is the current land use of the parcel of land in question.
> • Also, please kindly complete Tabs 5A and 6A of the attached condition assessment criteria to confirm the condition of the grassland.
> I would be grateful if the requested information could be provided by 19th December 2025.
> Kind regards
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> > On 12 Dec 2025, at 15:20, Halima.Chowdhury <Halima.Chowdhury@horsham.gov.uk> wrote:
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> > Dear Doug,
> > DC/25/1926,
> > Yonder Thatch, Bashurst Hill, Itchingfield,
> > Installation of a solar array.
> > I refer to the above planning application.
> > Having reviewed the content of this case file, please kindly amend the red line on the submitted location plan to show the development area (the other land owned by the applicant) edged in red and the residential curtilage edged in blue. Similar to the plan shown below (submitted with application DC/16/0491) but reverse the colour of the lines.
> > <image013.png> Additionally, please kindly update the site location and block plan by including details of the collective surface area of the solar panel poles to be inserted into the ground including the cable installation. Please confirm where the solar panel battery apparatus would be located / stored and provide detailed plans of this structure.
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