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Dear Horsham District Council,

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF DETAILS RESERVED BY CONDITION 11 (ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND METHODS STATEMENT) OF PLANNING PERMISSION DC/23/2172 AT LAND AT COBWOOD BURNTHOUSE LANE COWFOLD WEST SUSSEX

COVERING LETTER

We hereby submit this application associated with the above site related to planning Condition 11 attached to planning permission DC/23/2172.

The application follows permission DC/23/2172 granted on 21 May 2024 for:

“Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure including transformers, inverters, DNO Substation, customer switchgear, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping”

This application has been submitted via the Planning Portal to discharge the condition in full. The application comprises:

- Covering Letter (this letter); and
- Arboricultural Method Statement (January 2026).

Condition 11 of planning permission DC/23/2172 states:

“Pre-Commencement Condition: Notwithstanding previously submitted information, no development shall commence, including ground clearance, or bringing equipment, machinery, or materials onto the site, until an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Methods Statement has been provided setting out the setting out in detail the way the works will be completed for the section of cable going through hedgerow H15, and the sections going through tree groups G5 and G27. The works shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details. Once the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Methods Statement has been provided and agreed the person(s) responsible for supervising the works must meet the Arboricultural Officer of the Local Planning Authority, on site, on the day of the works, so the Arboricultural Officer can supervise that the works to ensure that they are completed in accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Methods Statement.

Reason: As this matter is fundamental to ensure the successful and satisfactory protection of important hedges and protected trees on the site in accordance with Policy 33 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015)."

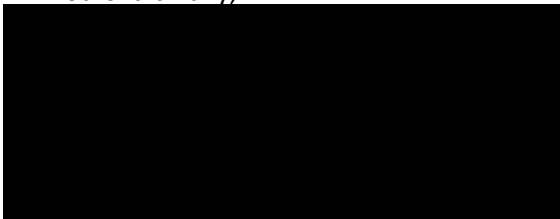
In accordance with the above wording, the submitted Arboricultural Method Statement demonstrates how the proposed cable will link various areas of the solar farm, including linking areas 7 & 8 passing under tree groups G5 and H26 and the highway (Station Road) and linking areas 11 & 12 by passing under tree groups G27 and H31 and the highway. The method statement details techniques to be employed to ensure that works are undertaken without adverse impact on retained trees.

Additionally, the report confirms how the cable route links the solar farm to the main grid along the highway to the south of tree group G18. It explains that the cable will cross beneath hedgerow H15 and extend onto the adjoining field, using Horizontal Directional Drilling ('HDD') Techniques and includes details of field boundary treatment. The relationship between tree groups G5 and G26, hedgerow H15, and the proposed cable route is clearly illustrated on drawings THL-1180-6 and THL-1180-7.

On this basis, the submitted Arboricultural Method Statement satisfies the details of Condition 11.

We trust that the information submitted in support of this application is satisfactory and that the application can be determined without delay. Should you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Charlie Merry
Associate Director
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