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SMDC No	Address	Proposed Application Details	Comments
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SMD/2023/0594	Blythe Solar Farm (ref: SMD/2022/0160)		Checkley Parish Council acknowledge that the Applicant has submitted an Application that in general appears to be sound provided it is in keeping with neighbouring property and there are no local objections and it conforms with planning policies as defined in the Checkley Parish Council Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework. Checkley Parish Council however are disappointed that the Applicant has not:- 1. Made a solid commitment to making a financial provision for the restoration of the site at the end of operation, for example, by providing a financial bond which the Developer would pay into during the life of the solar farm. 2. Fully demonstrated the Provision of a suitable grid connection by submitting evidence of a formal offer of a connection from the service provider, such as Western Power Distribution (WPD) or similar relevant organisation. Ideally, WPD (or similar) should be consulted prior to the submission of a planning application, so that any technical constraints in regard to grid connection can be considered and addressed to ensure the development of the site is planned in the most effective way. 3. Provided an indication of the route of the cabling required to connect the development to the national grid. The nature and extent of such cabling (e.g.: whether overhead or underground) should be indicated. Such cabling should avoid areas of high landscape, ecological or archaeological sensitivity, and should be designed so as not to be extensive or visually intrusive. Where connection to the grid risks causing an accumulation of overhead wiring in sensitive areas the cumulative impact may need to be assessed. Checkley Parish Council therefore request SMDC Planning consider the use of requisite planning conditions to ensure provision of the above.
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