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Dear Mr Swithenbank

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Proposed 14.3 hectare 5MW Solar Array, Moneystone Quarry, Eaves Lane, Nr Whiston – Planning Reference SMD/2015/0220

I refer to the above application which has been the subject of third party requests to call in for determination by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered this case against call-in policy, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement by Nick Boles on 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very selectively.

The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues, and believes planning decisions should be made at the local level wherever possible.

In deciding whether to call in this application, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications. This policy gives examples of the types of issues which may lead him to conclude, in his opinion that the application should be called in. The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy,

not to call in this application. He is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority.

Yours sincerely

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