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Dear Sir/Madam,

Application to discharge Condition 13 of permission ref: SMD/2022/0160 and Condition 16 of permission ref: SMD/2023/0594 relating to land at Upper Newton Farm Draycott Road Upper Tean Staffordshire ST10 4JN (Blythe Solar Farm).

Planning permission ref: SMD/2022/0160 was granted on 01.02.2023 for '*Installation of solar farm with battery storage facility and associated work*' - known as 'Blythe Solar Farm'. Subsequently, planning permission ref: SMD/2023/0594 was granted on 22.07.2024 for '*Installation of a solar array, substation and associated works forming an extension to Blythe Solar Farm*'.

Both the initial solar farm permission and the extension permission are subject to conditions requiring the submission and approval of a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) in relation to archaeology.

Condition 13 of the initial solar farm permission (SMD/2022/0160) states:

13. Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a written scheme of archaeological investigation ('the Scheme') shall be submitted for the written approval of the Local Planning Authority. The Scheme shall provide details of the programme of archaeological works to be carried out within the site, including post-excavation reporting and appropriate publication and interpretation. The development shall thereafter be implemented fully in accordance with the approved Scheme.

Condition 16 of the extension permission (SMD/2023/0594)

16. Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, a written scheme of archaeological investigation ('the Scheme') shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Scheme shall provide details of the programme of archaeological works to be carried out within the site, including post-excavation reporting and appropriate publication and interpretation and a timetable for implementation. The



approved scheme shall thereafter be implemented fully in accordance with the approved timetable.

Accordingly, a Written Scheme of Investigation has been prepared by Wessex Archaeology dated March 2025. This WSI covers both the initial solar farm site and the extension, so it therefore submitted to discharge both conditions referred to above.

Two separate applications have been submitted each with a fee of £145.00 paid via the Planning Portal website.

I trust that all the information required to discharge these conditions is included within this submission. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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