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16th September 2021

Dear Karl,

**Planning Application for a 239.2MWh ground mounted Solar Photovoltaic (PV) generation system
at HMP Ford, Ford Road, Arundel, BN18 0BX
Planning Portal Ref: PP-09345296**

Further to our informal pre-application dialogue in relation to the above proposal, Cushman & Wakefield is submitting a planning application on behalf of our client, the Ministry of Justice (Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service), for planning permission for the installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels on Her Majesty's Prison Land HMP Ford, Ford Road, Arundel. This application has been submitted via the Planning Portal (PP-09345296).

Further details are provided below.

Background

As you are aware, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has been awarded funding to invest in low carbon technologies on its estate to help enable post Covid-19 recovery, reduce its carbon emissions and maximise the social and economic benefits for the UK when transitioning to net zero by 2050.

As the second largest central Government estate, accounting for more than 20% of central Government's total greenhouse gas emissions, MoJ is very clear on the important role it must play in meeting the net zero target, including working with Local Authorities to collaborate on priority Climate Emergency and Corporate Environmental initiatives.

The MoJ are focusing some of their spend on the installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on MoJ owned land across our prison estate to expediate the process of meeting these challenges and delivering the identified benefits.

An initial feasibility exercise has been undertaken to prioritise prison sites where substantial benefit can be achieved both for the MoJ but also for the respective Local Authority in addressing their very own corporate environmental challenges. The ground mounted PV installations, which will provide sustainable energy to power the requirements of each prison location, must be delivered by 31st March 2022 to meet the government's net zero targets across its estate. HMP Ford has been identified as a priority prison site.

It should also be noted that a further planning application is being prepared for the site and is due to be submitted to the Council at the end of September. This application will also be on behalf of MoJ and will be for the following proposed development:

“The construction of two houseblocks (two storeys) for 120 prisoners, extension to existing car park (80 spaces), proposed storage facilities, and ancillary office space within the secure perimeter fence at HMP Ford.”

Application Content

This application is accompanied by the following documents:

- The relevant application forms and Certificates;
- Planning Statement
- Site Location Plan (ref: DR-A-1300 Rev.6)
- Site Plan General Arrangement (ref: DR-A-1301 Rev.5)
- Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Memo
- Landscape Opinion
- Historic Environment Opinion

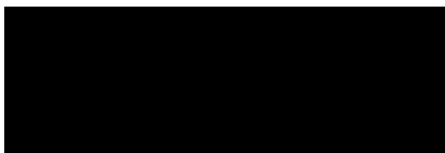
Please note that a Concept Landscape Proposals Plan is currently being finalised in support of the planning application and will be provided under separate cover to the Council when it is completed. It is anticipated that this will be during week commencing 20th September 2021.

The requisite application fee of £1,848 (plus admin fee) has been paid by the Applicant via Planning Portal.

Next Steps

I look forward to receiving confirmation of the application's validation, however if there are any queries or you require any further information to assist in your assessment of the application, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details above.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Teage

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