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Arun District Council
Planning Department
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
BN17 5LF

Dear Sir or Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Full planning application for the laying of an underground cable from solar park to grid connection
Planning Portal Ref: PP-04174449

Pegasus Group is instructed by Solstice Renewables Ltd. to submit a planning application (portal reference PP-04174449) for the laying of a cable to connect a permitted solar park at land at Pagham Road, Merston, to the grid. The full description of development is:-

"Laying of an underground cable run linking a solar park to the grid connection point at Rose Green Road, Bognor Regis"

The planning application has been submitted electronically via the Planning Portal and includes the following documentation:

1. Completed 1APP Form;
2. Site location plan (Drg No. BRS.4543_19A); and
3. Method Statement.

Planning Permission (14/02814/FUL) has been granted by Chichester District Council for a solar park at land at Pagham Road, Merston. It is necessary to provide a cable link between the solar park and the existing sub-station at Rose Green Road so that renewable energy generated by the solar park can be fed into the local grid. Most of the application site falls within Arun.

This planning application therefore seeks approval for the laying of an underground cable from the solar park to the grid connection point, a substation at Rose Green Road, Bognor Regis.

A similar application has recently been submitted for an alternative route. Only one route will be implemented and the selected route is dependant upon the final location of the electricity board substation. The final substation location is the subject of discussions with Chichester District Council.

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The majority of the cable will be buried by the digging of a trench to a depth of 1-1.5m. Stretches that pass hedgerow will be buried using a directional drilling method in order to avoid hedgerow that could be more ecologically valuable.

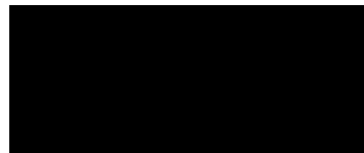
A full working methodology is submitted in support of this application, but in summary the directional drilling process involves burrowing a hole at a depth of 1 to 5m deep. The directional drilling will start and finish approximately 2m-4m away from the hedgerows in order to gradually reach down to the necessary depth. This ensures that there will be no ground disturbance and no ecological impact.

It should be noted that the proposed development would be 'permitted development' by virtue of part 17, class G of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 if carried out by a statutory undertakes.

The application site is in both Chichester and Arun District Council areas, but most of the site is within Arun's administrative area. The (150%) planning application fee payable of £2,535 has therefore been paid to Arun District Council accordingly, and a duplicate application has been submitted to Chichester District Council.

I trust that the above is sufficient to swiftly register the application as valid, but should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Principal Planner

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