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**WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING CONSULTATION**

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SUBJECT: P/52/14/PL

To install a 100.00kWp Solar PV Ground array

Bowley Farm, Bowley Lane, Chichester, West Sussex, PO20 1NB

RECOMMENDATION:



Advice

Modification

More

Information Objection

No Objection

Refusal

Summary

West Sussex County Council (WSCC), in its capacity as the Local Highway Authority (LHA), has been consulted on the proposed development of a solar array at Bowley Farm, Chichester.

Limited detail has been provided on the impact of development. It is unclear from the supporting information as to the volume of traffic the development is anticipated to generate and how this traffic will access the site.

From experience of other similar applications it is understood that panels are typically delivered in bulk using low loading articulated vehicles. Given the rural location the width on the approach roads is constrained and there are several tight bends to both the north and south of the site. No assessment has been provided to establish whether safe access can be achieved.

An objection is raised on the following grounds:

- It has not been satisfactorily demonstrated that safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved, contrary to paragraph 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and objective 4 of the WSCC Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 (LTP3). The Application has failed to:
 - Provide an assessment of the anticipated traffic impact of the proposed development
 - Demonstrate that suitable access to the site can be achieved for vehicles during site set-up and while operational
 - Demonstrate that traffic associated with the development can be accommodated on the local road network, given the rural nature and physical constraints of the approach roads
 - Identify means of cost effectively mitigating the significant impacts of development

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