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Site Address: Land East of Lower Farm Yapton Lane Walberton

Description of Works:

Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, fence and pole line, security cameras, for the life of the solar farm. Departure from the Development plan.

Biodiversity

The biodiversity survey (Preliminary Ecological Appraisal – Supplementary confidential badger annex October 2015) which has been submitted with this application is unfortunately unsuitable and does not provide enough detail for us to be able to assess the application. Within a biodiversity survey (usually referred to as an extended phase one habitat survey), the entire site is surveyed with all the habitats identified and mapped. The site is then assessed for the individual species and where potential habitat is identified further phase two surveys would be required. The survey would also need to include details of the full methodology for the survey, the surveyors observations, timings and dates of the survey and the details of the individuals undertaking the survey. For this site, due to its location, records of protected species within the local area and the proposed PV panels we would expect to find consideration for bats, reptiles, great crested newts (if ponds are located within 500m of site), badgers (already included) and water voles (if ditches are wet at any point during the year) within this phase one habitat report. There will also be requirements in relation to lighting for bats, and vegetation clearance for nesting birds.

Until this information has been submitted we are unable to assess the application.

Kind regards

Liz

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