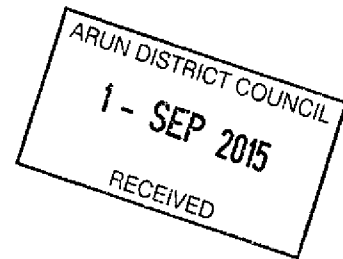


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Representation for Planning Application ref: WA/34/15/PL
Re. Proposed solar farm on 'Land at Lower Farm'

I am writing in support of the above planning application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed solar farm will power 1,500 households with clean, locally produced energy, reducing the carbon footprint of the district.
2. New oak and beech trees are proposed, interspersed within the hedgerows along the northern, western and southern boundaries; these hedgerows will also be in-filled and strengthened with native species. This planting will help to filter any glimpsed views into the site from the surrounding area, as well as providing better connectivity, shelter and foraging resources for wildlife.
3. Sheep will continue to be grazed within the fenced solar farm area to manage grass levels and continue the agricultural use of the site.
4. The land will be managed responsibly to protect and improve the biodiversity and ecological value of the site; the grassland, hedgerows and trees in and around the site will be enhanced in order to increase the potential for nesting and foraging for birds and bats. Mammal gates in the fencing will also allow small animals to move freely across the site, and wide grassland field margins will harbour a range of wildlife habitats.
5. We all need to use electricity, but if we continue to rely on the burning of fossil fuels for our energy, we will pollute the planet and remain vulnerable to volatile price fluctuations of the global fossil fuel markets.

Further comments

I support the proposal for a Solar farm, based on the points outlined above. We should be supporting clean energy provision in the UK, as European countries such as Denmark are already doing.

Yours sincerely,

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