



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

NOTICE OF DECISION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Name and Address of Agent/Applicant:

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Full Planning Determination

Date Registered: 26th February 2020

Proposal: Installation of a standalone Solar PV array, associated infrastructure, grid connection, access and landscaping

Location: Land North Of Hill Farm, Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew, OX25 0JJ

Parish(es): Duns Tew

PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Cherwell District Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **GRANTS** planning permission for the development described in the above-mentioned application, the accompanying plans and drawings and any clarifying or amending information, **SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.**

The reason for the imposition of each of the conditions is also set out in the schedule.

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Assistant Director – Planning and Development

Checked by: Nathanael Stock

Date of Decision: 5th October 2020

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

1. The development to which this permission relates shall be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason - To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. Except where otherwise stipulated by conditions attached to this permission, the development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the following plans and documents: Duns Tew Energy Park location Plan (PV-0446-02 Rev 9,3); Site Layout Plan (PV-0446-02 Rev 28.5); 20 ft Storage Cont. Elevation Plan (1939/D003 v.1); Outside of Redline Boundary Planting Scheme (PL401 Rev P04); Security Fencing (1939/D001 v.1); Table 4L11 20° for PV-Panel QCells QPLUS-G4 1670x1000x32 (17010001 Rev A); Access Road / CCTV Detail (1939/D002 v.1); 40 ft Storage Cont. Elevation Plan (1939/D004 v.1); Hill Farm, North Aston Road, Duns Tew Proposed Access Track (Appendix 6.1); Proposed Construction Access (Appendix 6.2); Hill Farm, North Aston Road, Duns Tew Proposed Field Access (Appendix 6.3) and Tracking Analysis 16.5m Artic Vehicle (4159-TR02 Rev A).

Reason – For the avoidance of doubt, to ensure that the development is carried out only as approved by the Local Planning Authority and comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

3. The permission shall expire no later than 40 years from the date when electricity is first exported from any part of the array to the electricity grid network ('First Export Date'). Written confirmation of the First Export Date shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority no later than one calendar month after the event.

Reason - In order to safeguard the amenities of the area and protect the rural character of the landscape and to comply with Policies ESD 13 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 and saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

4. Not later than 24 months before the end of this permission, a decommissioning and site restoration scheme shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, such scheme to include the management and timing of any works and traffic management plan to address likely traffic impact issues during the decommissioning period. The approved scheme shall be fully implemented within 12 months of the expiry of this permission.

Reason - To ensure the environment is protected during decommission in accordance with saved Policy ENV1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

5. All planting, seeding or turfing comprised in the approved details of landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with BS 4428:1989 Code of Practice for general landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces), or the most up to date and current British Standard, in the first planting and seeding seasons following the occupation of the building(s) or on the completion of the development, whichever is the sooner. Any trees, herbaceous planting and shrubs which, within a period of five years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the current/next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason - In the interests of the character and appearance of the area including the wider landscape, to ensure the creation of a pleasant environment for the development and to comply with Policies ESD10, ESD13 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

6. Prior to the clearance of the site a schedule of landscape maintenance for a minimum period of 10

years, to include the timing of the implementation of the schedule and procedures for the replacement of failed planting shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the landscape maintenance shall be carried out in accordance with the approved schedule.

Reason - In the interests of the visual amenities of the area, to ensure the creation of a pleasant environment for the development and to comply with Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 and saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

7. Prior to any demolition and the commencement of the development a professional archaeological organisation acceptable to the Local Planning Authority shall prepare an Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation, relating to the application site area, which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - To safeguard the recording of archaeological matters within the site in accordance with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

8. Following the approval of the Written Scheme of Investigation referred to in condition 7, and prior to any demolition on the site and the commencement of the development (other than in accordance with the agreed Written Scheme of Investigation), a staged programme of archaeological evaluation and mitigation shall be carried out by the commissioned archaeological organisation in accordance with the approved Written Scheme of Investigation. The programme of work shall include all processing, research and analysis necessary to produce an accessible and useable archive and a full report for publication which shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within two years of the completion of the archaeological fieldwork.

Reason – To safeguard the identification, recording, analysis and archiving of heritage assets before they are lost and to advance understanding of the heritage assets in their wider context through publication and dissemination of the evidence in accordance with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

9. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the recommendations set out in Sections 5 and 7 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal carried out by Western Ecology dated August 2019.

Reason - To ensure that the development does not cause harm to any protected species or their habitats in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

10. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the submitted flood risk assessment reference 2640/FRA, version D4, by Hafren Water, dated May 2020 and the following mitigation measures:

- All built development must be located within Flood Zone 1
- The solar structures shall be designed to be open to flood water

These mitigation measures shall be fully implemented prior to occupation and subsequently in accordance with the scheme's timing/phasing arrangements. The measures detailed above shall be retained and maintained thereafter throughout the lifetime of the development.

Reason - To ensure that fluvial flood risk is not increased off site in accordance with the requirements of Policy ESD6 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

11. No development shall take place until a scheme for the provision and management of a minimum eight metre wide ecological buffer zone alongside the Deddington Brook has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. Thereafter, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.

Any subsequent variations shall be agreed in writing by the local planning authority, in which case

the development shall be carried out in accordance with the amended scheme. The buffer zone scheme shall be free from built development including lighting and fencing. The scheme shall include:

- plans showing the extent and layout of the buffer zone which should be a minimum 8 metre width, measured from the top of the bank and where possible include all of flood zone 3.
- details of any proposed planting scheme (for example, native species)
- details demonstrating how the buffer zone will be protected during development and managed over the longer term including adequate financial provision and named body responsible for management plus production of detailed management plan.

Reason - To reduce flood risk locally and make provision for biodiversity enhancements in accordance with the requirements of Policies ESD6 and ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1. Such details are required prior to development commencing to ensure this buffer zone is protected during construction so that there is no risk of increased flooding.

12. No external lighting shall be installed within the site area unless agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority through the grant of further specific planning permission.

Reason - To safeguard the amenities of the area and to ensure that the development does not cause harm to any protected species or their habitats in accordance with Policy ESD10 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

13. The vision splays shown on drawing number Appendix 6.2 shall not be obstructed by any object, structure, planting or other material of a height exceeding 0.6m measured from the carriageway level.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety and to comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

14. The development shall be carried out in strict accordance with the recommendations set out within the Construction Traffic Management Plan Revision B prepared by ADL Traffic and Highways Engineering Ltd dated April 2020.

Reason - In the interests of highway safety and to comply with Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework

15. No development shall commence unless and until full design details of the proposed gatehouse, security gate and fencing as shown on drawing titled 'Proposed Construction Access' (Appendix 6.2) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason - In the interests of the visual amenities of the area and to comply with Policies ESD13 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

16. Notwithstanding the provisions of Class A of Part 2, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 and its subsequent amendments, no gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure shall be erected, constructed or placed on the site other than those approved as part of this consent without the grant of further specific planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason - In the interests of preserving the intrinsic natural beauty of the countryside from inappropriate development in accordance with the requirements of Policy ESD13 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

17. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (or any Order amending, replacing or re-enacting that Order) no fixed

plant or machinery, buildings or structures shall be erected, altered, extended or installed at the site without the grant of further specific planning permission from the local planning authority other than that which is explicitly approved by this permission.

Reason - To ensure that further works do not result in significant cumulative harm to the natural environment in accordance with the requirements of Policies ESD10 and ESD13 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

DEVELOPMENT MONITORING

The Council has identified the development hereby approved as one that it considers appropriate to monitor during construction. We would therefore be grateful if you could let us know of your intention to start the development at least 14 days prior to the commencement of work on site. You can do this by emailing the Council on: monitoring@cherwell-dc.gov.uk and providing us with the following information: application number; application address; and the date you intend to start the development. During the monitoring period, we will be assessing the development against the approved plans, and compliance with any conditions imposed on the permission. It is in your interest to comply with this request as it will help to avoid any unnecessary, and possibly expensive, corrective works.

INFORMATIVE NOTES TO APPLICANT

1. **Conditions** – the applicant's attention is drawn to the need to comply with all conditions imposed on this permission. Failure to do so could result in the council serving a breach of condition notice against which there is no right of appeal.

Under the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Application, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulation 2012 there is a fee payable each time you make a request to discharge any of the conditions attached to this permission. You can apply to discharge more than one condition at the same time. At the time of this decision the fee is £116 per request. The fee may be more when you come to apply for the discharge of condition if the Regulations have been amended. The fee is payable when you submit the details to discharge the condition(s). The Council has '1app' forms for such applications, but their use is not mandatory.

The Council has eight weeks to respond to applications to discharge conditions, so you will need to make your application in good time before commencing development.

STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the Council has worked positively, creatively and proactively to determine this application within the agreed timescales, having worked with the applicant/agent where necessary and possible within the scope of the application (as set on in the case officer's report) to resolve any concerns that have arisen, in the interests of achieving more appropriate and sustainable development proposals. Consent has been granted accordingly.

The case officer's report and recommendation in respect of this application is available to view online at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/viewplanningapp>. The agenda, minutes and webcast recording of the Planning Committee meeting at which this application was determined are also available to view online at: <http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=117&Year=0>



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NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

TIME LIMITS FOR APPLICATIONS

By virtue of Sections 91-96 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, planning permissions are subject to time limits. If a condition imposing a time limit has been expressly included as part of the permission, then that condition must be observed. Otherwise, the development must be begun not later than the expiration of 3 years from the date on which permission was granted.

OTHER NECESSARY CONSENTS

This document only conveys permission or approval for the proposed development under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and you must also comply with all the bye-laws, regulations and statutory provisions in force in the District and secure such other approvals and permissions as may be necessary under other parts of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), or other legislation.

In particular you are reminded of the following matters:

- The need in appropriate cases to obtain approval under the Building Regulations. **The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. The Building Regulations may be applicable to this proposal. You are therefore advised to contact the District Council's Building Control Manager before starting work on site - Telephone: 01295 227006. Email: Building.Control@Cherwell-dc.gov.uk**
- The need to obtain an appropriate Order if the proposal involves the stopping up or diversion of a public footpath.
- Data supplied by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) and the British Geological Survey (BGS) suggests that the site of this application falls within an area which is potentially at risk from radon. This may require protective measures in order to comply with the Building Regulations if your consent relates to a new dwelling or house extension. Further advice on whether protective measures are required under the Building Regulations can be obtained by contacting the Building Control Manager on 01295 227006 or E-mail at building.control@cherwell-dc.gov.uk
- The need to obtain a separate "Listed Building Consent" for the demolition, alteration or extension of any listed building of architectural or historic interest from the Local Planning Authority.
- The need to make any appropriate arrangements under the Highways Act in respect of any works within the limits of a public highway. The address of the Highway Authority is Oxfordshire County Council, Speedwell House, Speedwell Street, Oxford, OX1 1NE.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ascertain whether their development affects any public right of way, highway or listed building.

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse to grant planning permission or grant planning permission subject to conditions, you can appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you wish to appeal, then you must do so within **6 Months** of the date of the decision

Unless;

- The decision on the application relates to the same or substantially the same land and the development is already the **subject of an enforcement notice** then you must appeal within **28 days** of the date of the Local Planning Authority's decision on the planning application.
- If an **enforcement notice is served** relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal the decision, then you must do so within **28 days** of the service of the enforcement notice, or 6 months (12 weeks for householder and minor commercial) of the date of this decision whichever is the sooner

Forms can be obtained from the **Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel (0303 444 5000) Or online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs**. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to them that permission or approval for the proposed development could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by them.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the First Secretary of State grants permission or approval for the development of land subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council. This notice will require the District Council to purchase their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

COMPENSATION

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to them.

These circumstances are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.