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Kent County Council
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02 October 2017

Dear Mr. Marchant,

R.e: Section 47 Planning Act (2008) Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Consultation with Local Planning Authorities under Section 43(1).

Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd is intending to develop land on the North Kent coast as a solar farm development to be known as the Cleve Hill Solar Park ('Solar Park'). Due to its proposed generation capacity being over 50MW, the Solar Park will be classified as a Nationally Significant Energy Project (NSIP) and so must comply with the development consent order regime under the Planning Act 2008 ('2008 Act').

As part of our duty to consult the local community on the proposals for the Solar Park, we have prepared a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The draft SoCC outlines how communities can engage throughout the development process and explains how Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd intends to consult with communities in vicinity of the Solar Park.

Host and neighbouring local authorities have an important role in the Act 2008 process. In accordance with Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act, Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd is required to consult with the host local authorities as set out under Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act on the draft SoCC. As a host authority in which the development is situated, we wish to invite comments to the draft SoCC from Kent County Council.

Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd recognise effective and appropriate consultation to be a vital part of the development of the Solar Park. As a local authority, we strongly welcome local knowledge and insight from Kent County Council to advise us on how best community consultation should be conducted for the Solar Park. In particular, we seek your guidance to inform:

- Section 8. Public Consultation: We welcome your comments and suggestions to where and when consultation events should take place. We have suggested holding consultation events in Graveney, Seasalter and Faversham. Also, we would like to ensure that we have included the correct locations of local authority offices for the display of any hard-copy project materials.
- Section 10. How Will We Consult? We welcome your thoughts and suggestions on any additional methods to consult with communities or hard to reach areas to those which we have listed.

In accordance with Section 47(3) of the 2008 Act, a statutory 28 days for comments is provided, commencing on the day after the day on which the local authority receives the consultation documents. Therefore, we kindly request all comments to the draft SoCC to be received by **31 October 2017**.

Following receipt of all comments from the local authorities, we will seek to incorporate comments and suggestions and, as required in Section 47(5) of the 2008 Act, demonstrate the regard had to all comments received.

Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd intends to publicise the SoCC at the beginning of November 2017, at which point the project will enter the public domain.

We invite all comments to be received by 31 October 2017 through the following contact details:

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Please do not hesitate to get in contact with the project team at any time using the details provided or via our project phone line: 0800 328 2850

Yours Sincerely,



Hugh Brennan

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For and on behalf of Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd

