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Honor

Not sufficient to remove my objection. I believe that the tweaks to the scheme are relatively minor and only offer very modest mitigation.

As previously mentioned, I do not agree that this is simply a balancing exercise. The public benefits of the scheme must be decisive. This is consistent with recent High Court decisions. However, quite rightly, this is a matter for the decision-maker. The applicant agrees that harm is caused to the setting of several designated heritage assets as a result of the proposed development and has sought to mitigate those impacts (short of significantly reducing the quantum of development). I appreciate that we differ in opinion with the applicant on the scale of the harm within the 'less than substantial harm' bracket, but I cannot reconcile their conclusion of lower end unless the development to the north of Halloughton was substantially reduced, or even removed from the scheme. We should not underestimate the sheer size of the proposal in the context of a small, idyllic rural conservation area with many attractive period buildings. The proposal, if permitted, would adversely change the setting and context of the settlement for the duration of its life, a not inconsiderable period of time.

Kind regards

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Hi Oliver,

The agent has made some amendments to the layout plan (as summarised in the attached cover letter), reducing the number of panels in some of the fields in the southern section of the site – would you be able to advise me whether these amendments alter your previous conclusions on the impact of the scheme on the setting of Halloughton CA and the listed buildings within it.

If I take this to the next committee (which they are pushing for) my report is due 18<sup>th</sup> Feb so if you could let me know your final view by the end of next week it would be really helpful.

Many thanks,

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Hi Honor

Further to our meeting on Friday last week regarding Cotmoor Solar Farm, Halloughton, please find attached updated Site Layout and Planting Plan (Rev L) submitted to supersede the Rev K iteration and a covering letter which explains the proposed amendments and considers the reduction on effects which result from these changes. We consider these amendments further reduce effects in heritage and landscape terms which emphasises that the proposed development is acceptable when undertaking a planning balance exercise.

The letter also provides information as requested by VIA in relation to identifying properties within Halloughton and consideration of effects of construction to the eastern end of the village (information as discussed at the meeting).

I would be grateful if you could progress with consideration of the application on this basis and seek to take to Planning Committee at the earliest convenience. Any questions, please let me know.

Best regards

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