

Application Reference: DNS/3245065

Proposed Solar Park and Associated Infrastructure.

Blackberry Lane, Nash, Pembrokeshire, SA72 4SJ

INSPECTOR'S PRE-HEARING NOTE

The Inspector has now had sight of the responses received during the representation period. It is clear that a number of the parties consider that further information is necessary before the application is determined. Many of these matters will be discussed at the forthcoming Hearings. However, in advance of the sessions the applicant is encouraged to engage with any objectors where it considers there is scope to narrow any areas of dispute, perhaps by providing them with additional information or discussing other means of overcoming concerns. This request to the applicant appears to be particularly relevant to the matters raised by the Welsh Government Departments of Economy and Infrastructure¹, and Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs².

The appellant's comments are also requested in respect of the concerns raised by Pembrokeshire County Council in relation to the Manx Shearwater³.

A statement updating the Inspector on any progress with regard to discussions with the relevant parties in respect of the above matters should be submitted by the applicant to the case officer no later than **7 May 2021**. The outcome of any such discussions can be explored at the relevant session and may assist in making more efficient use of Hearing time.

Lastly, the Inspector notes that the applicant's Planning Statement⁴ makes reference to the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015. The applicant is requested to provide additional information in a statement that specifically assesses the scheme against each of the well-being goals and key principles set out in the Act, and against the National Sustainable Placemaking outcomes contained in Planning Policy Wales⁵. This assessment should be submitted to the case officer at the same time as the aforementioned statement.

¹ Welsh Government - Department of Economy and Infrastructure, letter dated 17 March 2021

² Welsh Government – Department of Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, letter dated 30 March 2021

³ Local Impact Report (31 March 2021), paragraph 10.2

⁴ Planning Statement (December 2020), paragraphs 73 -76

⁵ Planning Policy Wales, Edition 11, chapter 2