

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**LOWLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2015**

**CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR PV PARK, TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PV PANELS, WITH CONTROL ROOM, TRANSFORMER HOUSINGS, INVERTERS, SECURITY SYSTEM (FENCING AND INFRARED CAMERAS), LANDSCAPING, ACCESS TRACKS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS**  
**LAND AT SHILTON DOWNS FARM, SHILTON**  
**APPLICATION NUMBER 14/02156/FUL**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND STRATEGIC HOUSING**

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(The decisions on this matter will be a resolution.)

**1. PURPOSE**

To consider whether it would be expedient to undertake a formal site visit prior to the likely consideration of this planning application on Monday 16 March.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Sub-Committee decide that it would be expedient to visit the site.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. This application is seeking planning permission for a solar park on agricultural land forming part of Shilton Downs Farm on the northern outskirts of Shilton village. The proposed development covers an area of 22.3 hectares on a predominantly flat site which subtly slopes from the north-west corner down towards the south east corner. The site is not the subject of any landscape or environmental designations.
- 3.2. Given the extent of the site area and that the buildings serving Shilton Downs Farm are visible on the skyline when travelling along the B4020, Officers consider that a site visit to consider the proposed development would be of benefit to Members prior to the formal consideration and determination of the application.
- 3.3. It is anticipated that the application will be presented to the Lowlands Area Planning Sub-Committee on Monday 16 March 2015.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**5. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

None.

**6. REASONS**

See section 3.

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