

Report of Additional Representations

Application Number	21/03711/FUL
Site Address	Land At Tar Farm Tar Road Stanton Harcourt Oxfordshire
Date	02/12/22
Officer	Joan Desmond
Officer Recommendations	Provisional Approval
Parish	South Leigh Parish Council
Grid Reference	438908 E 207526 N
Committee Date	5th December 2022

Archaeology

Following the submission of the archaeological evaluation report, the County Archaeological Officer no longer objects to the application. Nevertheless, the mitigation strategy and an appropriate programme of mitigation will need to be agreed in advance of the commencement of the development. This could be secured by condition. The formal comments of the County Archaeological Officer are still awaited.

Conditions

The agent has raised a number of queries relating to the suggested conditions, which includes some duplication. Conditions 6, 19 and 21 can be omitted as these are duplicates.

Condition 1

The agent is requesting a longer time period of 5 years for implementation as SSE have a lead in time for grid connection works so would be worthwhile to have some additional time built into the planning permission - Officers have no objection to this change.

Condition 22

The agent is requesting that the time period for solar panels not to be used continuously in the condition is extended to 12 months rather than 6 months. It is stated that they have used the 12 months period on a number of other applications and it provides flexibility in case a piece of infrastructure such as a transformer fails and a specific replacement is required which due to supply chains could take a number of months to procure. Bluefield as applicants will also construct and operate the project it will not be sold on for investment purposes. The proposed amended condition will still ensure that if the solar farm ceases to operate it must be removed and reinstated to its existing use – Officers note that a similar extended time limit has been applied to a recently allowed appeal and as such has no objection to this change.