

FOI REQUEST Proposed Fillongley solar farm 11164768

Subject: Proposed Fillongley solar farm

Further to your response of 25th February, for which I thank you, I do not consider the reply fully covers the points.

In relation to question 1 does the LLFA agree that although the M6 motorways is outside of the development boundary the runoff from the motorway drainage pipe runs into the watercourse that runs through the development?

Please can the LLFA explain why it believes the potential flood risk from the M6 drainage pipe into the watercourse running through the development is considered to be low?

The Bourne Brook Catchment & Flood Alleviation Study 2010 commissioned by North Warwickshire Borough Council; at page 11 states an analysis had been carried out to look at the contribution to the overall catchment runoff of the M6 motorway & the table shows that the contribution from the M6 motorway is significant. On the basis of this Study how can the LLFA state the potential flood risk from the M6 runoff is considered to be low?

Please can the LLFA explain what impact the construction of the Smart Motorway between junctions 4 to 6 after 2018 had on the discharge rates?

Can the LLFA confirm whether they took into account the discharge rates following the construction of the Smart Motorway at junctions 4 to 6 of the M6 when considering the impact of the runoff from the M6 motorway into the watercourse running through the development?

Please can the LLFA provide documentary evidence of the discharge rates from the M6 motorway that they have relied upon that prove that the runoff from the said motorway places them in a position that they can claim that the potential risk to the village of Fillongley is low.

In paras 19 of the Edenvale Young Associates (EYA) report they disagree that the swale design will not reduce the runoff rates anticipated & would simply convey flows to the lowest points and cause unchecked erosion and silt mobilisation. Is the LLFA 's position that it does not agree with the points made by EYA & please explain why?

In paras 20 of the Edenvale Young Associates (EYA) report they disagree that the detention basins proposed by the developed will attenuate flows in the existing watercourses. Please confirm whether that is the LLFA's view as well. The LLFA is asked to give an indication of the benefits of these ponds. The LLFA is also asked to confirm whether it researched or proposed other ponds on the development site which would be more useful to reduce the risk of flooding in the village of Fillongley (betterment).

Finally, please confirm what are the qualifications of the officers who made this decision together with their experience of solar farm development which enabled the officers to knowledgeably arrive at that their conclusions.

Kind regards,

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