

For Attention of: Matthew Durling, Ashford Borough Council

Your Reference: 22/00668/AS - Land south of M20, Church Lane, Aldington, Kent

Proposal: Installation of a solar farm with a generating capacity of up to 49.9MW comprising: ground mounted solar panels; access tracks; inverter/transformers; substation; storage, spare parts and welfare cabins; underground cables and conduits; perimeter fence; CCTV equipment; temporary construction compounds; and associated infrastructure and planting scheme.

Our Reference: #22576

Dear Matthew,

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2024 consulting National Highways regarding the above referenced application.

We are concerned about the safety, reliability, and operational efficiency of the Strategic Road Network (SRN), in this case the M20 in the vicinity of the site.

We have reviewed the additional information.

On the basis that the additional information, including the amendment to the red line boundary and additional planting mitigation, does not materially alter the impact of the proposal on the Strategic Road Network, in this case the M20, we are content to rely on our response to this application dated 22 August 2022 which recommends that conditions (Boundary details, Construction Transport Management Plan, Decommissioning Works) should be attached to any planning permission that may be granted.

Should you or any others have any queries regarding our response, please contact us via planningse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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