

Pre application response for proposal of Solar Farm Development at Land at Wickham Hall Farm.

1. General

The site is situated within Essex boundaries however is accessed from outside the Essex highway network.

2. Public Rights of Way

The site is surrounded by a dense PROW network – Bridleway 20, Bridleway 21, bridleway 14, bridleway 15, footpath 31 (Farnham).

The definitive width of the PROWs should be obtained by the applicant so they can ensure no obstruction occurs. All PROWs within the site boundary should be clearly shown.

The proposal will directly affect Bridleway 20 (Farnham) with a crossing point to the west as shown on DWG H5234-8PD-003. For the construction purposes and as this crossing point is temporary and as shown will be managed by banksmen, we are confident that the specific details of this function can be agreed.

The proposal for parallel access road to the PROW is a suitable solution with deer fencing being considered a suitable option adjacent to a PROW.

Any new planting should be set back at least 2m away from the edge of the PROW to prevent future encroachment/obstruction issues. The HA is not responsible for maintaining side growth along a PROW.

- Current accident data can be obtained from: casualtydata@essexhighways.org
- Highway Boundary Information. Please contact Highway.Status@essexhighways.org who process the requests.
- General information on highways planning issues can be found at <https://www.essex.gov.uk/planning-advice-guidance/highways-planning-advice>
- Information on s106 contributions towards funding highways and transport mitigations can be found in the Essex County Council Developer's Guide to Infrastructure Contributions, Revised 2020:

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- Development and Public Rights of Way -

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If your proposal requires a Road Safety Audit – you may want to consider using Essex Highways as they will carrying out the later audits in the process and so there will be continuity. They can be contacted at roadsafety.audit@essexhighways.org

Do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything further.

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