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Installation of renewable energy generating solar farm comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, together with substation, inverter stations, security measures, site access, internal access tracks and other ancillary infrastructure, including landscaping and biodiversity enhancements

Land East Of Hawksworth And Northwest Of Thoroton Shelton Road Thoroton Nottinghamshire
Ref. No: 22/02241/FUL

I have checked the Definitive Map for the area and can confirm that Hawksworth Bridleway no. 1 and Thoroton Bridleway no 6 cross the site edged in red on the site location plan

The correct legal alignment of the Public right of way can be checked by carrying out an official search, contact row.landsearches@nottscc.gov.uk. Inaccuracies or misalignments of the routes on a legal diversion may result in two paths being legal recorded and generating further inaccuracies and problems.

Early discussion prior to the application being submitted has taken place

The bridleway has been accommodated in its current location and has been maintained at a width of six metres within a wide corridor, the surface to remain as it is currently. The access track for the site crosses the bridleway at two locations. Where this is the case the surface of the bridleway is to be improved to carry this addition traffic. A compacted type 1 material is shown on the drawings (NEO00782_0271_B Figure 15) . This should be dressed with a 12mm or similar stone and compacted to provide a suitable surface for equestrians.

The applicant has provided two permissive bridleways to increase usability of the network. These bridleways are to be constructed and maintained by the applicant in a safe manner for the life of the site, including the installation of equestrian standard bridges, gates at access points and surface management (level surface, mown). Where the access track crosses the permissive bridleway adjacent to Thoroton Road, considerations should be given to the need to install a constructed surface similar to the surface proposed on the definitive bridleways. The permissive bridleways should be signed as permissive so as to protect them from the potential to be claimed in the future as definitive bridleways.

Hedges alongside the bridleway are to be maintained so that they do not encroach on the safe use of the bridleway.

Structures - any new structure on existing RoW will require authorisation of the highway authority and can only be made under certain criteria. This does not apply to permissive routes however the structures need to be maintained in a safe manner and correctly positioned (especially critical for bridleway - see British Horse Society (BHS) guidance on gate location in relation to hedge and fences).

The safety of the public using the path should be observed at all times. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prevent or restrict access of the RoW may be granted to facilitate public safety during the construction phase subject to certain conditions. Further information and costs may be obtained by contacting the Rights of Way section countryside.access@nottscc.gov.uk. The applicant should be made aware that at least 5 weeks' notice is required to process the closure and an alternative route should be provided if possible.

No Objections development has maintained RoW in current location to acceptable terms

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Thank you

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