

Consultee Comments for Planning Application 24/00161/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 24/00161/FUL

Address: Land West Of Bradmore Road And North Of Wysall Road Land West Of Wysall Wysall

Proposal: Construction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a renewable energy park comprising ground mounted Solar PV with co-located battery energy storage system (BESS) at the point of connection, together with associated infrastructure, access, landscaping and cabling.

Case Officer: Gareth Elliott

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Notts County Council Rights Of Way

Comments

The applicant has correctly identified the public rights of way (PRoW) that are within the application site - Wysall Footpath nos. 3 & 4 and Costock Footpath no. 7

The Midshires Way has been identified as a long distance footpath route , it is in fact an equestrian route but as this point there is a footpath alternative which runs through the site on the existing PRoW network.

I am pleased to see that the PRoW network has been accommodated on its existing route within wide corridors. The areas are to be sown with a wildflower mix.

Please confirm the width of these areas as it is not clear on the plans and also the maintenance/mowing regime here to ensure the surface is managed suitably for the footpath

Access roads will cross the PRoW in two places and remain in place after construction . These routes must be level with the surrounding ground and not require a step on or off the road to continue along the footpath. Once constructed it is assumed that these route would be used infrequently to maintain the site and staff should be made aware of the likely presence of pedestrians when accessing the site. Additional signage (waymark discs) can be made available to the applicant to install at these points for clarity if needed.

Construction phase

It is noted that the PRoW will remain open during the construction phase with suitable fencing securing the development sites on each side.

It is noted that banksmen will be used to ensure the public are safe when materials are being

delivered and that gates will be across the haul roads to ensure site security and only opened across the footpath when a vehicle movement is required, right of way being given to the footpath users at all times. There should not be any gates on the footpath itself

Should a temporary closure of the footpath be needed for ground works around the corridors in order to ensure the public is safe , then a temporary Closure (TTRO) of the Footpath 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. The applicant should be made aware that at least 5 weeks notice is required to process the closure and an alternative route on should be provided if possible.

The applicant should be aware of the following informatives

There should be no disturbance to the surface of the footpath without prior authorisation from the Rights of Way team.

Structures cannot be constructed on the line of the right of way without the prior authorisation of the Rights of way team. It should be noted that structures can only be authorised under certain criteria and such permission is not guaranteed.

No materials or contractors vehicles should be stored/parked on the path prevent access to or along the path at any time (unless a temporary closure of the path has been applied for and granted)

Should vehicles run over the path during the development, the applicant must ensure that the surface is repaired and made safe for the users of the path

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

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