

***The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017***

**'SCREENING OPINION' (REG: 5 & 7)**

<b>Proposal:</b>	<b>Request for screening opinion for 28 MW Solar PV Development</b>
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<b>Address:</b>	<b>Land At Preston Farm Church Lane Preston Candover Hampshire</b>
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<b>Application No:</b>	<b>21/00280/ENSC</b>	<b>Received :</b>	<b>25 January 2021</b>
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Is the development listed in Schedule 1? **No**

Is the development listed in Schedule 2? **Yes – Schedule 2 – 3(a) Energy Infrastructure**

Is the development in a 'sensitive area'? **No**

or

Is the development above relevant Schedule 2 thresholds/criteria? **Yes – Site area greater than 0.5ha**

Is the development above National Planning Practice Guidance 'indicative thresholds'? **Yes – Site area greater than 0.5ha**

Is there any other relevant information relating to the test of 'significance'? **No**

**In my view the proposed development is not an EIA development under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.**



Signed: **Mike Townsend**  
Planning Development Manager

## SCREENING OPINION

### BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS AND ADVICE

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  - National Planning Practice Guidance
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed Development: Request for screening opinion for 28 MW Solar PV Development**

**Location: Land At Preston Farm Church Lane Preston Candover Hampshire**

**Details submitted:**

- **Supporting Statement titled 'Request for a Screening Opinion in respect of the erection of a 28 MWp Solar PV Development at Preston Farm, Preston Candover, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG25 2DS'.**
- **Site location Plan – drawing no 1662-0200-05**
- **Solar Park Layout – drawing no 1662-0201-01.**

In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority the proposed development:

- Is not Schedule 1 development as defined by the Regulations
- Is Schedule 2 development as defined by the Regulations.

Having regard to the above conclusion the Local Planning Authority has given consideration as to whether an Environmental Statement should be submitted with the planning application and has concluded that in this particular case an Environmental Statement is not required.

In arriving at this conclusion the Local Planning Authority has had regard to the above Regulations and advice and in particular the 'Selection Criteria' in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

The reasons for the above conclusion are set out in the Statement of Reasons accompanying this Screening Opinion.



**Signed: Mike Townsend  
Planning Development Manager**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS ACCOMPANYING  
SCREENING OPINION**

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In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the above Regulations and advice, and particularly the 'Selection Criteria' in Schedule 3 of the Regulations, an Environmental Statement is not required for the following reason:

- The LPA has given careful consideration to the size, scale, location and characteristics of the proposed development including the possible cumulative impacts of associated development. In the opinion of the LPA the proposed development is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size and location in having regard to the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.



**Signed: Mike Townsend  
Planning Development Manager**