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LONGFIELD SOLAR FARM – ACTION TAKEN BY PARISH COUNCIL TO 22nd NOVEMBER 2020

1. Recorded Webinars with Newgate are now available to view on the Longfield website <https://longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk>
2. We have been advised that at least one Parish Council in the Chelmsford area has not been invited to comment on the Longfield EIA document. Newgate Communications has been informed.
3. We still await responses from our district and county councillors.
4. We still await a response from Braintree District Council's Planning Department on advice the Parish Council has requested regarding the EIA document.
5. A community group "NO to Longfield" has been set up by residents: <https://notolongfield.info> Email: admin@notolongfield.info
6. We have found details of another proposed solar farm in the Newmarket area. This is a c2800 acre site. The EIA document was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2019 and the formal community consultation has commenced: <https://sunnica.co.uk/public-consultation/>. This is being handled by the same team as Longfield and the format and wording is similar. The formal consultation co-ordinated by Newgate Communications finishes on 2nd December 2020. Further information and initial statutory consultees responses: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=docs>. This is a multiple ownership site.
7. The Planning Inspectorate can provide more information on the process in their Advice Note 8.1: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-1v4.pdf>. The Inspectorate has a dedicated mailbox for enquiries about the Longfield Solar Farm: LongfieldSolarFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk Their case team will be able to respond to enquiries about the process now, and for making an application for a development consent order in due course, once the statutory application process commences.
8. Technical questions and any concerns should be addressed to Newgate Communications. We are aware that some Parishioners have had one-to-one Zoom calls which they have found helpful. We would welcome Parishioners sharing any responses that would be also be helpful in the Parish Council's response



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to the Planning Inspectorate due by 4 December 2020. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

9. A public meeting has been considered but it is not possible at the moment due to Covid restrictions.

10. Please send observations and concerns, in the strictest confidence, on the EIA document to the Parish Council by 27th November 2020:

clerk@terlingandfairsteadpc.co.uk

11. It would be helpful if any further questions submitted to Longfield Solar Farms directly, are copied to the Parish Clerk, email: clerk@terlingandfairsteadpc.co.uk

12. The Parish Council has placed copies of this weekly summary on all Parish notice boards as well as the Terling Hub and the Terling and Fairstead Community website.

The non-statutory consultation, deadline December 14th 2020 - more information from:

- the booklet sent to all residents from Longfield Solar Farms.
- Viewing a virtual public exhibition on website: <https://3dwtech.co.uk/dashboard/newgate-comms/longfield/exhibition/>
- Booking an appointment to talk to Longfield Solar Farm directly about the proposals by telephone.
- Contacting Longfield Solar Farms on 0800 0194 576 or info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk.

Ways to respond to non-statutory consultation:

- Fill in a consultation questionnaire online: <https://www.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=vgTZeft04d4%3D>
- Complete a questionnaire and return it to info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk or Longfield Solar Farm consultation, FREEPOST reference RTRB-LUJJ-AGBY, Sky Light City Tower, 50 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5DE.
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The Parish Council will circulate an update w/c 30 November 2020.