



# TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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## **LONGFIELD SOLAR FARM – ACTION TAKEN BY PARISH COUNCIL TO 29th NOVEMBER 2020**

1. The PC has received in excess of 40 comments and observations on the EIA scoping report prepared in October 2020 by AECOM and issued from the Planning Inspectorate (PI) to the PC (as a statutory consultee) on 6 November and due for return on 4 December.
2. The PC has now prepared a draft response to this EIA and this is presently with Parish Councillors for final scrutiny and observation prior to approval and submission to the PI. When it has been confirmed as being received by the PI it will become a public document on the Terling and Fairstead Community website and the Terling Village Hub on Facebook.
3. The PC is aware of a number of fundamental differences of fact between the EIA Scoping document and the Longfield booklet and questionnaire circulated by Newgate Communications. We hope we have included all of these material differences in our response.
4. The PC is encouraged by the level of response and the diversity of expertise and skill set available to the PC that has been shown in these responses to the Scoping Report. The PC is confident in the judgement of parishioners' responses in any future representations.
5. The PC has seen draft commentary from Chelmsford City Council on this report.
6. The PC has not yet seen any response from Braintree District Council but has been notified that it will not be providing guidance to PCs within the wider district in these formal representations to the PI. This is disappointing.
7. The PC is aware of the concerns expressed by our County Councillor. The PC has still to be advised of the views of our BDC Councillors.
8. The PC has sought Essex County Council's observations but these have still not been received.
9. The PC is aware of a number of parishioners who do not have access to internet and who may feel excluded from this consultation process. Could we ask all parishioners to contact the Clerk so the PC can take action to ensure that a proper, as complete as possible, community inclusion is prioritised in this and any future consultations.



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10. The PC is aware that Newgate Communication do not appear to be responding quickly to parishioners' questions through the Longfield Solar Farm website. Could we ask parishioners to contact the Clerk if any questions remain outstanding for more than seven days and, most importantly, on the run up to the 14th December deadline for the non-statutory consultation.
  
11. The Parish Council has placed copies of this weekly summary on all Parish notice boards, the Terling Hub on Facebook and the Terling and Fairstead Community website.

### **Reminder - Non-statutory consultation, deadline December 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@longfieldsolarfarm.co.uk) or Longfield Solar Farm consultation, FREEPOST reference RTRB-LUUI-AGBY, Sky Light City Tower, 50 Basinghall Street, London, EC2V 5DE.
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The Parish Council will circulate an update w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.