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13/01160/SCREEN | SCREENING OPINION: Solar Park | Land Parcel North Of New Gant Farm Little Fen Drove Reach Cambridgeshire

Dear Sirs,

Reach Parish Council notes the request for a screening opinion for the above development and asks that an EIA under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 be required.

The rationale includes but is not limited to the following: the site is extensive, there is significant visual impact and amenity, there is the potential for archaeological disturbance, given the nature of the land there will be construction noise, the site is located in the vicinity of the Wicken Vision, there is the potential for hydrological change, there is the loss of agricultural land, the potential development area is in the vicinity of Wicken Fen SSSI and component SAC and has the potential to have adverse effects on bird and bat populations. Further there will be ecological impacts on the land itself.

The Parish Council would be grateful if it could be kept fully informed as to the progress of this application and would be happy to participate in any discussions.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Bailey,
Clerk to Reach Parish Council.