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Dear Ms. Beckett,

**Town and County Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.  
Request for Screening Opinion in respect of Solar Photovoltaic Farm – Proposed  
Kingston Solar Farm (17 fields grouped into 3 sites covering a total area of 89.1ha  
in Gotham and East Leake)**

I refer to your request for a screening opinion, dated 30 March 2021, and your agreement to an extension of time for consideration until 28 April 2021. It is considered that the information submitted with the request for a screening opinion complies with Part 2 (Screening) – section 6(2) of the Regulations and that as such the Borough Council has sufficient information to allow it to adopt a screening opinion.

It is not considered that the proposed development constitutes Schedule 1 development as defined in the Regulations. It is considered that the development falls within the Schedule 2 list of developments under category 3 – Energy Industry, part a) Industrial installations for the production of electricity, steam and hot water.

The overall scale of the development exceeds that set out in Column 2 (0.5ha) and therefore the proposal requires screening and the Borough Council must take into account the criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations. Schedule 3 set out the criteria against which developments should be assessed to establish whether the proposal is likely to have significant effects on the environment, having regard to;

- Characteristics of development
- Location of development
- Characteristics of potential impacts

It is not considered that the sites are located within a sensitive area for the purposes of Environmental Assessment as set out in the Regulations. To assist consideration of this screening opinion, the Borough Council has used the screening checklist as recommended by the National Planning Practice Guidance on Environmental Impact Assessments.

Having considered the above the above it is not considered that the proposal constitutes EIA development, the reasons for coming to this decision are set out in the attached Screening Checklist. This screening opinion relates only to the EIA regulations and does not imply that a favourable recommendation or decision will be forthcoming. I am sure that you are aware that the Council is able, in exceptional cases, to request an EIA at a later stage should it subsequently become evident that such a proposal does require such an accompanying submission.

Should you have any further queries at this stage please do not hesitate to contact the case officer (Miss. Andrea Baxter) on the above number.

Yours sincerely



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