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Cllr Taiba Yasseen
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Yasseen,

Council Meeting – Wednesday 14th January 2026

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 14th January. I have set out your question and my response below.

What consideration has been given to the loss of local heritage and landscape character, particularly where parts of the proposed solar farm site are recorded in the Domesday Book and include listed buildings and public rights of way?

I can advise that initial comments on the draft Environmental Statement have been provided to the applicant, which considers heritage matters and public rights of way considerations.

Further discussions will take place between the developer and the local planning authority before the submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO). The aim of these meetings is to address the concerns raised by the local planning authority on the draft Environmental Statement which include, amongst other things, matters relating to local heritage and public rights of way.

Furthermore, the Council will respond to these and other issues in its local impact report when the DCO is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor John Williams
Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy / Ward Councillor for Hooper