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Dear Resident
Re: Bloomfield Hatch Solar Farm Development

As you may be aware, West Berkshire Council declared a Climate Emergency on the 2nd July 2019. Following the declaration, the Council developed a strategy to pursue the objective of the district becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Amongst other things, the strategy committed the Council to the identification of schemes to help reduce emissions, including the deployment of renewable energy technologies across the Council's own estate.

Since the introduction of the strategy, the Council has continued to develop its energy efficiency programme, and has developed a number of building integrated renewable energy schemes. Whilst these projects have been invaluable, it became apparent to the Council that larger interventions would also be required in order to meet the Council's 2030 net zero target. With this in mind, the Council commissioned a feasibility study in early 2020 to evaluate the potential to construct a solar farm on Council owned farmland. The study concluded that the potential existed to construct a solar farm on land at Bloomfield Hatch farm, located south west of Grazeley village. This site was selected because it minimised the impact on local residents, businesses and other receptors. In particular, the project site is well screened, and a viable electricity grid connection is available. After further studies, the Council has decided to submit a planning application for the project, with the hope of obtaining planning consent later this year.

Our business, Horizon Power and Energy Ltd, is assisting the Council with the design and development of the project, including the preparation of a formal planning application. Early community engagement plays an important role in the responsible development of such projects, and we are writing to you in this connection. This letter, together with the attached fact sheet, provides a basic introduction to the project and its energy security and environmental benefits. We have developed a conceptual design for the project, and we have also attached a copy of the draft site plan to this letter.

The local community will have an opportunity to provide a formal response to the planning application later this year. In the interim, we would like to provide an opportunity for the community, businesses and other stakeholders to provide their input into the project. If you would like to give us your feedback, you can do this via the attached postal questionnaire, via an online portal, or in person at one of the local events we will be running. Details of these options are included in the attached sheet, explaining how you can get involved and have your say.

If you have any general questions about the project or the development process, please feel free to email us at enquiries@horizon-pe.com, and we will endeavour to answer your questions where possible. In the interim, we would welcome your feedback and input.

Thank you.

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