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Matthew Durling
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22/00668/AS: Land south of M20, Church Lane, Aldington, Kent – East Stour Solar Farm Supplementary Environmental Information

Dear Matthew,

Further to our discussions we hereby submit Supplementary Environmental Information in support of the above application. The information is submitted to address comments received during post-submission consultation as well as points raised during our online meeting with you and your colleagues on 16th June, 2023.

Given recent updates to the National Planning Policy Statements, the groundswell of solar farm decisions and ever increasing recognition of the need to urgently transition to a net-zero economy I trust the additional information will now provide sufficient evidence for the Council to positively determine this scheme, keeping the decision local.

The documentation has been provided in a format following the ES for ease of reference. The SEI should be read alongside the ES as detailed in the Reading Guide provided in Chapter 1. The documents provided comprise:

- SEI Volume 1 – SEI Non-technical Summary.
- SEI Volume 2a – SEI Written Statement.
- SEI Volume 2b – Appendix files supporting the SEI:
 - Appendix 11.1 – LVIA Methodology; and
 - Appendix 12.1 – Archaeological Evaluation Report.
- SEI Volume 3 – SEI Figures.
- SEI Volume 4 – SEI Visualisations.

In addition, the submission includes:

- East Stour Planning Statement (incorporating recent NPS and NPPF updates);
- Updated Design and Access Statement; and
- Confidential ecological submission to be issued to you directly.

Due to file size restrictions the documents have been compressed (and split in to parts where necessary). Please advise if you would like high resolution copies sent via an

alternative avenue. However, I trust the submitted information meets the requirements for
reconsultation of this planning application.

I would be pleased to discuss the next steps at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Booker', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right across the signature.

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