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Dear Mr Chatfield

Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 9th August 2023 Hertfordshire County Council received the following request for information from you:

*I write with regards to a proposed solar array development in Great Wymondley.
<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=13602>
The proposal is going to a public inquiry in September.*

I write to ask..

- ... if the Hertfordshire Fire Service is aware of the proposal?*
- ... if the Hertfordshire Fire Service has commented on, reviewed, or informed the development of the proposal?*
- ... if the Hertfordshire Fire Service has any specific view as to the fire risks associated with the site/proposal and if any chances to the proposed site would further reduce risk?*

I apologise for the delay in our response. Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I can confirm that Hertfordshire County Council does hold the information you have requested. Our response is as follows.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. -Two entry points (one at each end of the site) is critical to firefighter safety and the effective resolution of any onsite accident.
-A perimeter road should be provided that gives access around the site.
-Consideration should be given to the installation of a dry system which could be connected to a pumping appliance.
-Emergency water supply (EWS) should be able to supply water for a minimum of 2 hours and be accessible from either entry point. EWS will require a hard standing suitable for a pumping appliance and compatibly supple fittings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting the reference number on this correspondence. To find out more about Freedom of Information, please visit <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/your-council/work/foi/>

If you are unhappy with the way the County Council has handled your request for information you may request an internal review of the request. This will be carried out by a member of the County Council Legal Services Team, who has had no prior involvement with the request. Requests for an internal review should be sent to the Information Governance Unit at the address above (within 2 months of this correspondence) and should detail in writing your grounds of appeal.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the internal review you are entitled to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate your complaint. You should use the ICO's webpage www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints to submit your request or write to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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