Consultee Comment for planning application 6/2022/1415/EIA

Application Number	6/2022/1415/EIA
Location	Land to the south east of Ayot St Lawrence
Proposal	Request for a scoping opinion in relation to a proposed solar development and associated infrastructure at land south-east of Ayot St. Lawrence
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Type of Comment	ConditionalResponse
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Comments	The intention to place a solar farm in this location has huge security implications. Solar farms are very attractive to the criminal fraternity. They are remote, poorly protected, and contain large amounts of valuable and easily removed cables. Nationally, these facilities are being attacked (and re-attacked), with devastating consequences to the operators. The fencing being proposed is for the grazing animals and will not provide any security. Installing a security rated fence to such a large area would be eye-wateringly expensive. The site must be covered by an intelligent perimeter intrusion detection system capable of alerting a human to the intrusion. This could be via motion detection, thermal or any of the other modern systems that exist. The alerting of a human who can react immediately is the essential element of the protection system. Without such a system the operators must expect thefts to occur.
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