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Eich Cyf/Your ref: IR1013/SD
Dyddiad/Date: 17 January 2020

Dear Ms Wray,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(WALES) REGULATIONS 2017
PROPOSED SOLAR FARM AT LAND OFF PANTYBRAD ROAD, LLANTRISANT,
CF72 8YY – PLANNING REF: 19/1136/35**

1. I refer to your request, dated 28 November 2019, made pursuant to regulation 6(8) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”) for the Welsh Ministers to make a screening direction as to whether or not the development your clients propose is ‘EIA development’ and whether an environmental statement is required.
2. I am authorised by the Minister for Housing and Local Government to consider and make the screening direction.
3. The development proposed, namely “Proposed solar farm” falls within the description of development at paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 2 (“the Schedule”) to the 2017 Regulations and, therefore, I consider the proposal to comprise “Schedule 2” development within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.

4. The views of Cadw and Natural Resources Wales (NRW) were sought and their advice is included in the Environmental Impact Assessment checklist (attached), which identifies the key areas which the Welsh Ministers considered when reaching their conclusion.
5. I have considered and accept the advice provided by Cadw and NRW. Taking account of that advice, the conclusions of the checklist, the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the 2017 Regulations and the advice in Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment, I am of the opinion the development is not major development of more than local importance, is not sited in a particularly environmentally sensitive or vulnerable location and is not likely to give rise to unusually complex and potentially hazardous environmental effects.
6. Accordingly, for the reasons given above and in exercise of the authority referred to in paragraph 2 above, I conclude the development proposed would not be likely to have a significant effect on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location, and I hereby direct the development **is not "EIA development"** within the meaning of the 2017 Regulations.
7. You will bear in mind that my opinion on the likelihood of this development having significant environmental effects is reached only for the purposes of this direction.
8. I am sending a copy of this letter to Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, Cadw and Natural Resources Wales.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Groves
Senior Planning Manager
Decisions Branch
Planning Directorate

Signed under the authority of the Minister for Housing and Local Government, one of the Welsh Ministers

STAGE 1 – INITIAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT

1		Case Details	
A	Appeal case reference (PINS Only)		
B	LPA case reference 19/1136/35		
C	LPA Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC		
D	Appellant/Applicant Infinite Renewables Ltd		
E	Site address Land off Pantybrad Rd, Llantrisant, CF72 8YY		
F	Brief description of development Construction of 2MW Solar Farm		
G	Site area of development/works/new floorspace (as appropriate), i.e. m2 or hectares (Ha) Approx 2 ha		
H	Approval of reserved matters or conditions? If yes, state which one n/a		
I	If Yes, enter the description of development subject of the related planning permission		
J	Is the project located wholly or partly within a 'Sensitive Area' as defined by Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations? If Yes, state which area below.	Yes	No

EIA Screening Details

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Schedule 1			
2A	Schedule 1	Yes	NO
(i)	Is the project Schedule 1 development as described in Schedule 1 of the EIA Regulations?		
(ii)	<i>If Yes, under which description of development i.e. Nos. 1 -21? Go to Section 8 and tick Recommended Action 8A/B 'EIA Required'. If No, consider whether project is 'Schedule 2' development below in part 2(B).</i>		
Schedule 2			
2B	Schedule 2	Yes	NO
(i)	Is the project listed as a description of development under Column 1 of the table in Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations? <i>If Yes, note under which description of development i.e. paragraphs 1-12. If No, complete section 3 -5 and then proceed to Section 8 and tick Recommended Action 8L 'EIA Not Required' as the project does not fall within the EIA Regulations i.e. it is not Schedule 2 development and is not EIA development.</i>		
Schedule 2.3(a) – Installation for the production of electricity			
(ii)	Does the project change or extend development described in paragraphs 1 to 12 of Column 1 of schedule 2? <i>If Yes, proceed straight to part 2C. If No, proceed to point (iii) below.</i>	Yes	NO
(iii)	Is the project located wholly or partly within a 'Sensitive Area' as defined by Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations? <i>If Yes, state which area and proceed to Section 3 as project is 'Schedule 2 development'. There is no need to consider thresholds/criteria. If No, proceed to point (iv) below.</i>	Yes	NO
(iv)	Are the applicable thresholds/criteria in Column 2 exceeded/met? <i>If Yes, note which applicable threshold/criteria and proceed to Section 3 as project is 'Schedule 2 development'. If No, complete section 3-5 and then proceed to Section 8 and tick Recommended Action 8L 'EIA Not Required' as the project does not fall within the EIA Regulations i.e. it is not Schedule 2 development and is not EIA development.</i>	Yes	NO
Area of development exceeds 0.5 ha.			

2C	Changes or extensions to Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 development	
<p>Does the project involve any change to or extension of development of a description listed in Schedule 1 (other than a change of extension falling within paragraph 23 of that Schedule) where that development is already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed and the development as changed or extended may have significant adverse effects on the environment.</p>	Yes	No
<p>Or</p> <p>Does the project involve a change or extension of development listed in paragraphs 1 to 12 of Column 1 of the table in Schedule 2, where that development is already authorised, executed or in the process of being executed, and the thresholds and criteria in the corresponding part of Column 2 of the table in Schedule 2 applied to the development as changed or extended are met or exceeded and in such a case the development as changed or extended may have significant adverse effects on the environment.</p> <p>Provide reasons for your answer in the space below.</p>		
<p><i>If Yes indicated above, proceed to Stage 2 as the project is Schedule 2 EIA development.</i></p> <p><i>If No, check if the site is located in a "sensitive area". If not located in a "sensitive area" complete section 3-5 and then proceed to Section 8 and tick Recommended Action 8L 'EIA Not Required' as the project does not fall within the EIA Regulations i.e. is not Schedule 2 development and is not EIA development.</i></p> <p><i>If the project is located in a "sensitive area" and meets the description in either 13 (a) or 13 (b), proceed to Stage 2 as the project is Schedule 2 EIA development.</i></p>		

LPA / Welsh Ministers Screening - All Applications Including Reserved Matters/Conditions		
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(i)	Has the LPA issued a Screening Opinion (SO)?	Yes Yes No No
(ii)	Have the Welsh Ministers issued a Screening Direction (SD)?	Yes Yes No No
(iii)	If Yes to either, is a copy of the SO/SD on the file? Note which one. Screening opinion	Yes Yes No No
(iv)	If Yes, is the SO/SD positive i.e. EIA is required?	Yes Yes No No
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Reserved Matters/Conditions Applications Only		
(i)	Was the original planning permission subject to EIA screening?	Yes Yes No No
(ii)	Was a SO/SD issued for the original planning permission?	Yes Yes No No
(iii)	If Yes, is a copy of the SO/SD for the original planning permission on file?	Yes Yes No No
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Environmental Statement (ES)		
(i)	Has the applicant/appellant supplied an ES for the current or previous (if reserved matters or conditions) application?	Yes No No Yes

STAGE 2 – DETAILED SCREENING ASSESSMENT

6(A). Screening Questions			
Part 1 - Questions to be considered	Part 2 – Provide answers to questions in Part 1 (use Yes/No/Not Known) and briefly explain reasoning. If applicable, and/or known, include name of feature and approximate proximity to site	Part 3 – For all ‘Yes’ answers in Part 2, assess whether those interactions (i.e. effects) are likely to be <u>significant</u> by considering them against the ‘Assessment of Significance’ (‘AoS’) Criteria outlined in Section 6(B). Provide detailed reasons for your answers here. Include in your answers a summary of advice from consultees if received. <u>[NB.</u> If answer in Part 2 is ‘No’ use ‘NA’ and proceed to section 7.]	Part 4 – Outline the overall conclusion reached in Part 3 i.e. Unlikely to have a significant effect / Likely to have a significant effect?
CRITERION 1. CHARACTERISTICS OF DEVELOPMENT			
Question 1(a) Size of the Development			
Will construction, operation or decommissioning of the Project involve actions which will cause physical changes in the locality (topography, land use, changes in waterbodies, etc.)?	Yes. The project will involve the erection of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on a greenfield site of approx 2 ha, which largely comprises improved and poor semi-improved grassland.	The solar panels will be located on existing agricultural land, resulting in a change in land use. However, these changes are not considered likely to have significant effects on the environment for the purposes of the EIA Regulations. Any physical changes will be temporary and reversible.	Unlikely significant effect.
Question 1(b) Cumulation with Other Development			
(i) Are there any other factors which should be considered such as consequential development which could lead to environmental effects or the potential for cumulative impacts with	Yes. A single wind turbine, known locally as ‘the daffodil’ (with a ground to blade tip height of 100m), is located within the same field unit.	The single wind turbine is a tall slim structure and any cumulative effects are unlikely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect.

other existing or planned activities in the locality?				
(ii) Are there any plans for future land uses on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A		
(iii) Is the Project likely to lead to transfrontier effects?	No.	N/A		
Question 1(c) Use of Natural Resources				
Will construction or operation of the Project use natural resources such as land, water, materials or energy, especially any resources which are non-renewable or in short supply?	Yes, the proposed development will use building materials and energy during construction, operation and decommissioning. The loss of agricultural land is not proposed to be permanent.	Due to the reversible nature of the proposal, any effect on natural resources is unlikely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect.	
Question 1(d) Production of Waste				
Will the Project produce solid wastes during construction or operation or decommissioning?	Yes. Some waste will be generated during construction and decommissioning of the development.	Due to the nature and scale of the proposed development, any effect is unlikely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect.	
Question 1(e) Pollution and Nuisances				
(i) Will the Project involve use, storage, transport, handling or production of substances or materials which could be harmful to human health or the environment or raise concerns about actual or perceived risks to human health?	No.	N/A		
(ii) Will the Project release pollutants or any hazardous, toxic or noxious substances to air?	No.	N/A		

(iii) Will the Project cause noise and vibration or release of light, heat energy or electromagnetic radiation?	Yes, some noise and vibration will be generated during construction and decommissioning of the solar park.	Due to the scale and nature of the development, any noise or vibration generated during the 2-3 month construction period is unlikely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect.
(iv) Will the Project lead to risks of contamination of land or water from releases of pollutants onto the ground or into surface waters, groundwater, coastal waters or the sea?	No.	N/A	
Question 1(f) Risk of accidents, having regard in particular to substances or technologies used			
Will there be any risk of accidents during construction or operation of the Project which could affect human health or the environment?	Yes	Possibility of accidents during construction phase but Health and Safety requirements and legislation would be the appropriate method for dealing with this issue. It is not considered that the risk of accidents during construction or operation is likely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect
CRITERION 2. LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT			
Question 2(a) Existing Land Use			
(i) Will the Project result in social changes, for example, in demography, traditional lifestyles, employment?	Yes. The development would create some employment during phases of construction, operation and decommissioning.	Due to the scale of development, any effect on employment is unlikely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect.
(ii) Are there any routes or facilities on or around the location which are used by the public for access to recreation or other facilities, which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A	

(iii) Are there any transport routes on or around the location which are susceptible to congestion or which cause environmental problems, which could be affected by the project?	There will be HGV movements to and from the site during the 2-3 month construction period.	Due to the nature and scale of the proposed development, any effect on the nearby transport network is unlikely to be significant.	Unlikely significant effect.
(iv) Is the project located in a previously undeveloped area where there will be loss of greenfield land?	Yes. There will be a small (approx. 2ha) loss of agricultural land.	Any loss of greenfield land will be temporary and reversible.	Unlikely significant effect.
(v) Are there existing land uses on or around the location e.g. homes, gardens, other private property, industry, commerce, recreation, public open space, community facilities, agriculture, forestry, tourism, mining or quarrying which could be affected by the project?	The screening opinion of Rhonda Cynin Taff CBC states: <i>"The site is located on hillside to the north of Llantrisant Business Park and on account of its elevated position is visible from the south and east, particular the town of Llantrisant, Llantrisant Common, and in part from the heavily trafficked Ely Valley Road".</i>	Although there will be some visual impact in the immediate vicinity of the site, the spatial extent of the impact in my view will be localised. The effect will be temporary and reversible. Considering the characteristics of the potential effect, having regard to the selection criteria in Schedule 3 to the 2017 Regulations, I do not consider that it is likely to be significant in EIA terms. However, landscape and visual effects are likely to be an important consideration for the decision maker, and the agent has noted that a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment is to be submitted with the planning application.	Unlikely significant effect.
(vi) Are there any areas on or around the location which are occupied by sensitive land uses e.g. hospitals, schools, places of worship, community facilities, which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A	

Question 2(b) Relative Abundance, Quality and Regenerative Capacity of Natural Resources in the Area		
Are there any areas on or around the location which contain important, high quality or scarce resources e.g. groundwater, surface waters, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, minerals, which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A
Question 2(c) Absorption Capacity of the Natural Environment		
(i) Are there any areas on or around the location which are protected under international or national or local legislation for their ecological, landscape, cultural or other value (i.e. historical), which could be affected by the project?	<p>The proposed site is situated within 3km of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLANTRISANT COMMON AND PASTURES SSSI • RHOS TONYREFAIL SSSI 	<p>In its consultation response of 30 December 2019, Natural Resources Wales advice was:</p> <p><i>“With regards to protected sites, we note the comments in the letter dated 14 November 2019 from the Local Planning Authority, reference 19/1136/35 that the proximity of the site to the Rhos Tonyrefail SSSI, and any consequences of the potential hydrological implications of the solar farm construction and operations should be considered. We have considered potential direct and indirect impacts and, in our opinion, there are unlikely to be any significant impacts on the SSSI for the following reasons:</i></p> <p><i>The Rhos Tonyrefail SSSI lies downslope of the proposed solar farm. Although the SSSI is in close proximity, we consider there is unlikely to be any direct impact to the interest features of the site. The site of the proposed solar farm appears to be agriculturally improved and of low ecological value and does not contain any habitat that might support the marsh fritillary</i></p>
		Unlikely significant effect.

	<p>The proposal site is situated within 3km of the following Scheduled Ancient Monuments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM280 The Beacons Round Barrows • GM074 Llantrisant Castle • GM219 Lle'r Gaer • GM406 Tarren Deusant Sculptured Rock & Spring 	<p><i>Whilst the proposed solar farm location is upslope from the SSSI, the hydrological regime would mean that any run-off from the site flows predominantly to the south and not into the SSSI. Any potential impacts on water quality in the receiving streams could be negated by ensuring that appropriate mitigation measures are implemented as part of a construction environmental management plan”.</i></p> <p>In its consultation response of 23 December 2019, Cadw provided the following advice:</p> <p><i>“Scheduled Ancient Monuments: GM074 Llantrisant Castle GM219 Lle'r Gaer GM280 The Beacons Round Barrows GM406 Tarren Deusant Sculptured Rock & Spring</i></p> <p><i>The above designated heritage assets are located inside 3km of the proposed development; however, apart from scheduled monument GM074 Llantrisant Castle and listed building 23942 Church of</i></p>	<p>Unlikely significant effect.</p>
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butterfly, which is associated with the adjacent SSSI.

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		<p><i>St Illtyd, St Gwynno and St Dyfodwg intervening topography, buildings and vegetation are likely to block all views between them. Consequently it is likely that the proposed development will not have any impact on the setting of these designated heritage assets.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed development will be visible from the upper part of scheduled monument GM074 and the tower of listed building 23942. It will be seen from them as a change to the open rural landscape; however, it will also be seen along with the modern industrial estate of Lantrisant Business Park and the Daffodil wind turbine. Consequently, whilst the proposed development is likely to have an adverse impact on the setting of these two designated heritage assets, and this will be a material consideration in the determination of the planning application, it is unlikely that this will be a significant adverse impact.</i></p> <p><i>It is therefore our opinion that the impact of the proposed development on the historic environment is not sufficient to require an environmental impact assessment to be produced.</i></p>	
<p>(ii) Are there any other areas on or around the location which are important or sensitive for reasons of their ecology</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	

e.g. wetlands, watercourses or other waterbodies, the coastal zone, mountains, forests or woodlands, which could be affected by the project?			
(iii) Are there any areas on or around the location which are used by protected, important or sensitive species of fauna or flora e.g. for breeding, nesting, foraging, resting, overwintering, migration, which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A	
(iv) Are there any inland, coastal, marine or underground waters on or around the location which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A	
(v) Are there any areas or features of high landscape or scenic value on or around the location which could be affected by the project, but which are not protected sites? (see 2(c)(i) if located in or near to a protected site)	Yes	The site is located within a Special Landscape Area. However, I consider the extent of the impact in my view will be localised. When assessed against the criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations, any localised impact would be temporary and reversible. In this context I do not consider it is likely to be significant in EIA terms.	Unlikely significant effect.
(vi) Is the project in a location where it is likely to be highly visible to many people?	Yes. See 2(a)(v)	See 2(a)(v)	Unlikely significant effect.
(vii) Are there any areas or features of historic or cultural importance on or around the location which could be affected by the project, but which are not designated as historical assets? (see	No.	N/A	

2(c)(i) if located in or near to designated historical assets)			
(viii) Are there any areas on or around the location which are densely populated or built-up, which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A	
(ix) Are there any areas on or around the location which are already subject to pollution or environmental damage e.g. where existing legal environmental standards are exceeded, which could be affected by the project?	No.	N/A	
(x) Is the project location susceptible to earthquakes, subsidence, landslides, erosion, flooding or extreme or adverse climatic conditions e.g. temperature inversions, fogs, severe winds, which could cause the project to present environmental problems?	No.	N/A	

6(B). Assessment of Significance (AoS) Criteria [TO BE USED ONLY IF ANSWERS IN PART 2 (COLUMN 2) OF SECTION 6(A) ARE 'YES']	
1.	Will there be a large change in environmental conditions?
2.	Will new features be out-of-scale with the existing environment?
3.	Will the effect be unusual in the area or particularly complex?
4.	Will the effect extend over a large area?
5.	Will there be any potential for transfrontier impact?
6.	Will many people be affected?
7.	Will many receptors of other types (fauna and flora, businesses, facilities) be affected?
8.	Will valuable or scarce features or resources be affected?
9.	Is there a risk that environmental standards will be breached?
10.	Is there a risk that protected sites, areas, features will be affected?
11.	Is there a high probability of the effect occurring?
12.	Will the effect continue for a long time?
13.	Will the effect be permanent rather than temporary?
14.	Will the impact be continuous rather than intermittent?
15.	If it is intermittent will it be frequent rather than rare?
16.	Will the impact be irreversible?
17.	Will it be difficult to avoid, or reduce or repair or compensate for the effect?


7		Conclusion
Summary of features of project and of its location		
a	Characteristics of development	
(i)	Construction of 2MW Solar Farm	
b	Location of development	
	Land off Pantybrad Rd, Llantrisant, CF72 8YY	
c	Characteristics of the potential impact	
	<p>I have considered the EC guidance, “Interpretation of definitions of certain project categories of annex I and annex II of the EIA Directive” and am satisfied the proposed project falls within the description of development in paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (the “EIA Regulations”), and meets the applicable criteria in column 2. Therefore, the proposed development comprises Schedule 2 development for the purposes of the EIA Regulations.</p> <p>In considering this case I have had regard to the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations and the general advice contained in Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment (“Circular 11/99”).</p> <p>The LPA note that the proposed site is located on a hillside in an elevated position where the development will be visible from the south and east, particular the town of Llantrisant, Llantrisant Common, and in part from the heavily trafficked Ely Valley Road. However, in my opinion, whilst there will be some visual impact in the immediate vicinity of the site, the spatial extent of the impact in my view will be localised. Any localised impact would be temporary and reversible. Considering the characteristics of the potential effect and taking account of the selection criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations, I do not consider that it is likely to be significant in EIA terms.</p>	

		<p>I accept the advice from Cadw and Natural Resources Wales that EIA is not required, and in light of the guidance and information before me I take the view that the proposed development is not a major development of more than local importance, is not located within an environmentally sensitive or vulnerable location and is not likely to give rise to unusually complex and potentially hazardous environmental effects.</p> <p>It is my overall opinion and recommendation that the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as its nature, size or location and that EIA is therefore not required.</p>	
(ii)	If a SO/SD has been provided do you agree with it?	Yes	No
(iii)	Is EIA required?	Yes	No

8	Options	Recommended Action	
Assessment			
Schedule 1 development		8A. Issue direction stating EIA Required	✓
Schedule 1 development – appeal is at an advanced stage (PINS ONLY)		8B. Issue direction stating EIA Required	
Schedule 2 development – threshold exceeded/ criterion met or Sensitive Area and likely to have significant effects		8C. Issue direction stating EIA Required	
Schedule 2 development – appeal is at an advanced stage - threshold exceeded/ criterion met or Sensitive Area and likely to have significant effects (PINS ONLY)		8D. Issue direction stating EIA Required	
Schedule 2 development – not likely to have significant effects on the environment		8E. Issue direction stating EIA Not Required	✓
Schedule 2 development – appeal is at an advanced stage - not likely to have significant effects on the environment (PINS ONLY)		8F. Issue direction stating EIA Not Required	
Schedule 2 development but effects not clear at this stage – file to be reviewed at a later stage		8G. No action – review when appropriate i.e. on receipt of new information/case progress	
Schedule 2 development – negative (i.e. EIA not required) LPA screening/Welsh Ministers screening direction issued – PINS agrees (PINS ONLY)		8H. EIA Not Required	
Schedule 2 development but not EIA development – negative screening opinion – Welsh Ministers agree		8I. EIA Not Required	
Schedule 2 development but not EIA development – positive screening opinion – Welsh Ministers disagree		8J. EIA Not Required	
Schedule 2 development – positive (i.e. EIA not required) LPA screening/Welsh Ministers screening direction issued – PINS disagrees (PINS ONLY)		8K. EIA Not Required	
Project does not fall within the EIA Regulations as either: (a) it is listed within the descriptions of development Column 1 of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regs but does not meet relevant threshold/criterion; or (b) it does not fall within the categories of development in Column 1 of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regs.		8L. EIA Not Required - Issue direction stating either: (A) project listed within descriptions of development in Column 1 of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regs but does not meet relevant threshold/criterion; or or (B) project does not fall within the categories of development in Column 1 of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regs.	

<p>PINS ONLY - Project relates to a called in application or potentially recovered appeal.</p>	<p>8M. Regardless of conclusions reached, forward completed screening checklist with recommended action identified above to the Welsh Government for consideration¹.</p>	
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Name and Job Title of Assessor	Ceri Litherland – Decisions Officer, Decisions Branch, Planning Directorate	
Date of Assessment	16 January 2020	

9A Sign-off		
Name and Job Title of Countersigning Officer	Alan Groves, Senior Planning Manager, Decisions Branch, Planning Directorate	
Comments of Countersigning Officer ²	I agree the assessments made above and the conclusion that EIA is not required for the proposed development.	
Signature		
Date	16 January 2020	

1. Comments should reflect whether conclusions/ recommended action of assessor are agreed with.

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