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Mid Sussex District Council
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West Sussex
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Our Ref 0961

23 May 2025

Dear Planning,

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SCREENING REQUEST FOR PROPOSED
SOLAR AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS)**

LAND TO THE SOUTHWEST OF PICTS LANE, BOLNEY

Please see enclosed a copy of a Screening Request prepared by Stephenson Halliday Ltd, on behalf of EDF Renewables, prior to the submission of a formal planning application.

The Request is made under Regulation 6 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England) Regulations 2017 ('the EIA Regulations') to formally request an EIA Screening Opinion from Horsham District Council for a proposed Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), including a Applicant's cable route facilitated via underground cables to connect the Proposed Development to the point of connection at Bolney substation.

The area encompassed by the Proposed Development is located to the north of the A272 and to the north east of Cowfold village, in West Sussex. The extent of the Site is shown in the enclosed Site Location Plan, but is located almost entirely within the jurisdiction of Horsham District Council. A small section of the grid connection is however within the jurisdiction of Mid Sussex District Council ('MSDC'), hence why MSDC has been sent a copy of the correspondence. Figure 3 within the Screening Request illustrates the indicative grid connection route on an Aerial Image.

As the extent of the proposals within the jurisdiction of MSDC are minor, it is determined that the likely effects of these works will not be significant when considered against the selection criteria outlined in Schedule 3 of the EIA regulations. For this reason, the extent of works within the jurisdiction of MSDC are deemed not to be EIA Development.

We trust that this correspondence contains the relevant information to enable a screening opinion to be reached, however should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Yours Sincerely

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