



Date: 10 April 2024

REF: 48/24/0008

Planning Officer: Mr G Clifford

Dear Mr G Clifford,

Installation of a ground mounted photovoltaic system (solar panels) to generate carbon free electricity on land off Sweeting Close, Creech St Michael.

At a meeting of Creech St Michael Parish Council held on the 8 April 2024, in the presence of fourteen members of the community, the planning application reference 48/24/0008 was considered and the following is the response of Creech St Michael Parish Council.

Summary of our Response to the Application

The Parish Council has no objection or comments

The Parish Council has no objection, subject to the comments

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The Parish Council objects in principle

The Parish Council objects as the application is not acceptable in its current format

Comments

The Parish Council recognises that there is a need to provide for renewable energy to be produced and is supportive of small-scale solar panel sites in the appropriate location.

The Parish Council requests that significant consideration be given to the planting within the boundaries of the application. In particular, that (a) wild flower planting is used throughout the site and (b) that adequate planting is used to the South of the site to provide screening of the solar panels from the Bridgwater canal footpath.

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The Parish Council requests that details of the site maintenance plan are shared and agreed with the Parish Council to ensure that adequate measures are in place to maintain the landscape.

The Application defines the site as having twelve rows of solar panels, consisting of 5750 sq. metres of photovoltaic modules. We expect the planning authority to hold the developer to this number of panels and to resist any attempts to increase the number of panels installed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Williams'.

Andrew Williams

Clerk and RFO

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