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Dear Mr Cardnell

Landscape Sensitlity Assessment Supplementary Planning Document – Scoping Report consultation

Thank you for including the Agency in your informal consultation on the above. I understand that the proposed new SPD seeks solely to provide an assessment base with regard to landscape sensitivity and will not replace the requirement for developers to provide satisfactory Environmental Impact Assessments. On that basis, there is probably not much the Agency is able to contribute at this stage.

However, there may be value in providing you with areas of general concern to the Agency with regard to solar and wind turbine developments that may be of relevance in the further drafting of the SPD:

- the Agency's policy regarding wind turbine developments is detailed in DfT Circular 02/2013 "The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development Appendix A". Of particular relevance is set back distances, and the need for detailed traffic management plans for the delivery/removal of components during the construction/decommissioning phases.
- regarding solar PV development, it is importance to stress the need for developers to undertake glint and glare assessments to determine any impact on trunk road traffic.

I trust these comments are of assistance, but if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

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