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Planning Application Accompanied by an Environmental Statement

The Planning (General Development Procedure) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2015 (Article 8)

Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2015 (Regulation 20)

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Application No: LA03/2015/0234/F

Location: Lands extending NW and SE of Whappstown Road, Moorefields, Castlegore Ballymena. Lands to the SE of Whappstown Road surround No 11 Whappstown Road and begin approximately 100m south of No 19 Whappstown Road, 150m west of No. 20 Speerstown Road and 290m northwest of No 93 Tildarg Road. Lands located NW of Whappstown Road begin approximately 120m north of No 16 Whappstown Road, 20m east of No 7 Ross Lane and 190m southeast of No 6 Craigstown Road.

Proposal: Construction and operation of a solar farm with total generating capacity of 50MW. Development comprises: photo-voltaic panels on mounting frames. 1 No. substation; 40 No. Inverter stations; 30 No. CCTV cameras (3m high poles); 2.45m high perimeter fence; upgrading of 2 No. existing accesses onto Whappstown Road; internal service tracks; and 2 No. temporary construction compounds.

A full planning application accompanied by an Environmental Statement for the aforementioned proposal has been submitted to the Department.

This information may be examined at the DOE - Strategic Planning Division, Causeway Exchange 1-7 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7EG (Tel: 0300 200 7830). It is advisable to make an appointment before calling at the office.

The planning application and associated Environmental Statement may also be viewed at the Planning NI Web Portal via Public Access www.planningni.gov.uk

Copies of the Environmental Statement may be purchased at Kells & Connor Community Improvement Association, Kells & Connor Community Centre, Glenann Park, Kells, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 3JX (Contact David Grant – Chairperson Kells and Connor Community Improvement Association Tel: 07917886771/ email: kccia@outlook.com)

The cost of the Environmental Statement undertaken is as follows:

Non Technical Summary £20
Volume I – Main Statement £60
Volume II – Appendices and Figures £60
Full Environmental Statement £140

Digital copies of the above documents are available upon request from RPS, Elmwood House, 74 Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6RZ (Tel: 028 9066 7914/ e-mail: paul.mckernan@rpsgroup.com) at a cost of £5 per digital copy.

Copies of the Environmental Statement are also available to view at Kells and Connor Library, 5 Main Street, Kells, Co. Antrim, BT42 3JH. A number of digital copies of the Environmental Statement are available at the Kells and Connor Library free of charge to the public.

Written representations should be forwarded to the DOE - Strategic Planning Division, Causeway Exchange 1-7 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7EG not later than 4 weeks from the date of this advertisement.

Please quote the application number in all correspondence.