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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
<input type="text" value="611639"/>	<input type="text" value="237865"/>

Description

Land at Grove Farm and Land East of the Railway Line, Bentley

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Andrew

Surname

Cowley

Company Name

Green Switch Capital Ltd

Address

Address line 1

5th Floor

Address line 2

Exchange Station

Address line 3

Tithebarn Street

Town/City

Liverpool

County

Country

Postcode

L2 2QP

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Tom

Surname

Roseblade

Company Name

Axis PED Ltd

Address

Address line 1

Well House Barns, Units 5 & 11

Address line 2

Chester Road

Address line 3

Town/City

Broughton

County

Country

Postcode

CH4 0DH

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

46.80

Unit

Hectares

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

Photovoltaic Solar Array, Ancillary Infrastructure, DNO Substation, Customer Substation, Grid Connection and Landscaping.

Has the work or change of use already started?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Arable Farmland

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

Type:

Roof

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Green/Grey - Steel/GRP containers

Type:

Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Deer Fencing with timber posts with CCTV cameras. Palisade security fencing to the DNO Substation and Client Substation.

Type:

Vehicle access and hard standing

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Hardcore type 1 or 3 access track

Type:

Walls

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Green/Grey - Steel/GRP containers

Type:

Other

Other (please specify):

Solar Panels and Frames

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Steel/Aluminium support frames and Photovoltaic Solar Panels

Type:

Doors

Existing materials and finishes:

Proposed materials and finishes:

Green/Grey - Steel/GRP

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

3223-01-03a General Arrangement (Sheet 1 of 2); 3223-01-03b General Arrangement (Sheet 2 of 2); 3223-01-04 Solar PV Frame, Panels, and String Inverters; 3223-01-05 Transformer Station; 3223-01-06 Control Building; 3223-01-07 Spares Container; 3223-01-08a Customer Substation Compound Elevation; 3223-01-08b DNO Substation Compound Elevation; 3223-01-09a Customer Substation Building; 3223-01-09b DNO Substation Building; 3223-01-10 Substation Compound Fencing; 3223-01-11 Site Fencing, Access Track and CCTV; 3223-01-12 Typical Cable Trench; 3223-01-13 Landscape Proposals.

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please show details on your plans/drawings and state their reference numbers

Proposed access arrangements are shown on the General Arrangement drawings (3223-01-03a and 3223-01-03b), as well as in the Transport Statement (PDAS Appendix H).

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☒ Sustainable drainage system
☐ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☐ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- ☒ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☐ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☒ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☐ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Foul Sewage

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Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Other

n/a

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Use Class:

Other (Please specify)

Other (Please specify):

DNO Substation Building, Customer Substation Building, Control Building

Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a):

0

Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b):

0

Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c):

71.4

Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a):

71.4

Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
	0	0	71.4	71.4

Tradable floor area

Does the proposal include use as a shop (e.g. For the display/sale of goods under Use Class E(a), the sale of essential goods under Use Class F2, or as part of any other use)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Loss or gain of rooms

Does the proposal include loss or gain of rooms for hotels, residential institutions, or hostels?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☒ The agent
☐ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

First Name

Surname

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

Planning policy is generally supportive of appropriate renewable energy development providing the impacts of the development are or can be made acceptable. In this instance there are a number of likely impacts that would need to be addressed and demonstrated in any application submission. There is particular concern regarding the adverse visual impact of the development and its impact on the significance of nearby heritage assets. An application for planning permission will be refused if it cannot be demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the LPA, that the visual and heritage impacts of the development are or can be made acceptable. The development also has the potential for amenity, biodiversity impacts and highway impacts that are material considerations and will need to be adequately assessed and demonstrated together with recommendations for appropriate mitigation to ensure the impacts are or can be made acceptable.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff**
- (b) an elected member**
- (c) related to a member of staff**
- (d) related to an elected member**

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Can you give appropriate notice to all the other owners/agricultural tenants? (Select 'Yes' if there are no other owners/agricultural tenants)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate B

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- ☒ **I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or**
- ☐ **The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.**

*** "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.**

**** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Falstaff Manor

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

Church Road

Address Line 2:

Bentley

Town/City:

Ipswich

Postcode:

IP9 2BU

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

04/12/2023

Person Family Name:

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Alton Hall Farm

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

Holbrook

Address Line 2:

Town/City:

Ipswich

Postcode:

IP9 2QG

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

04/12/2023

Person Family Name:

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Phoenix House

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

3 Goddard Road

Address Line 2:

Town/City:

Ipswich

Postcode:

IP1 5NP

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

04/12/2023

Person Family Name:

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant:

***** REDACTED *****

House name:

Number:

Suffix:

Address line 1:

1 Eversholt Street

Address Line 2:

Town/City:

London

Postcode:

NW1 2DN

Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY):

04/12/2023

Person Family Name:

Person Role

☐ The Applicant

☒ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Tom

Surname

Roseblade

Declaration Date

04/12/2023

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Tom Roseblade

Date

2023/12/04