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Dear Sirs

**MO/2022/1524 - Logmore Farm, Logmore Lane, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 3JN  
Variation of condition 2 of approved planning permission MO/2022/0587 for the  
installation of 2 No. solar panels arrays, each comprising 9 No. solar panels, to allow  
a change of location for one of the solar panel arrays and increase this array from 9  
No. solar panels to 12 No. solar panels.**

I write in my capacity as planning lead for Westcott Village Association (WVA) and we occasionally make representations on behalf of the Westcott community.

Given the sustainability credentials of MO/2022/0587 and the careful consideration given to the location of the two arrays and the scheme generally, WVA was comfortable with this application and we made no comment.

The proposed variation tabled in MO/2022/1524 is of concern to WVA for two principal reasons:-

**1. The proposed new location and increased size of the array (see plan below)**



The Site Assessment section of the Design and Access Statement for MO/2022/0587 stated “the site is not visible from the bridleway and was chosen because of its clear southerly aspect and its poor soil. There is a hedge behind the site. No hedging or trees would be affected by the installation”.

The proposed new location is visible from the bridleway, is significantly more open and visible and a 25 percent larger array is proposed. Given the fact that Logmore Farm sits on Green Belt, AONB and an AGLV we believe that the new proposed new location is in greater conflict with Policies ENV4, ENV23 and CS13.

**2. The potential for future extension**

In the Design Ambition section of the Design and Access Statement for MO/2022/0587 it stated “With the proposed number of panels in each location, we estimate that we will generate in excess of 50% of our energy needs in the summer months, and as much as 20% in the rest of the year”.

WVA recognise that there is the potential for the owners of Logmore Farm to want to extend the arrays at some stage in the future if the consented installation performs well. We would not want to find ourselves standing in the way of a sustainable initiative like this one but we believe the original (MO/2022/0587) field location lends itself better to future extension than the proposed (MO/2022/1524).

We would like to suggest a compromise which would be to vary the approved permission MO/2022/0587 with an increase of the field array from 9 to 12 panels but to keep both arrays in the locations which have already been approved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Leaver', written in a cursive style.

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