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To: Planning Help <planning.help@ashford.gov.uk>
Subject: 22/00668/AS Land south of M20, Church Lane, Aldington, Kent Installation of a solar farm with a generating capacity of up to 49.9MW

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Good afternoon.

Although we haven't been formally consulted on the above referenced planning application, we would like the following comments recorded against this proposal.

Whilst this site is located predominantly outside of the River Stour (Kent) IDB's district, the plans submitted show that the northern parcel lies partially within our Drainage District and immediately alongside an IDB maintained watercourse (IDB15 - Pleasuance Dyke – see https://rsidb.org.uk/map-of-our-drainage-district/)

As with all development proposals, efforts should be made to replicate 'greenfield' surface water discharge conditions, with regard given to drainage routes, flow rates and discharge volumes. Disposal of water via infiltration should be used wherever conditions permit, with all surface water managed as close to source as possible. We note that the intent is to manage surface water via infiltration, but we would be grateful if you could include us in any future correspondence/DoC regarding the management of surface water from this development.

The applicant should also be aware that our formal Land Drainage Consent should be sought for any works whatsoever within 8m of any watercourse within our Drainage District, and that there will be a Surface Water Development Contribution payable if the plans are revised such that there is an increase in the rate/volume of water being discharged to our District:

https://rsidb.org.uk/consents-byelaws/

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Kind regards,

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