NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held in the Council Chamber - District Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3JF on Thursday, 5th November, 2026 at 7.00 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ruth Brown.

Having given due notice, Councillor Steve Jarvis substituted for Councillor Brown.

2 MINUTES - 1 OCTOBER 2026

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1 October 2026 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.

(2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

(3) The Chair clarified matters for the registered speakers.

(4) The Chair confirmed the procedure for moving to debate on an item.

(5) The Chair advised that Section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution applied to the meeting.

(6) The Chair confirmed the cut off procedure should the meeting proceed at length.

(7) The Chair confirmed the meetings on 19 November 2026 and 17 December 2026 had been cancelled and that the final meeting of the year would therefore take place on 3 December 2026.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair confirmed that the registered speakers were in attendance.

6 26/01224/S73 LAND WEST OF ASHWELL ROAD, BYGRAVE, HERTFORDSHIRE, SG7 5EB

RESOLVED: That application 26/01224/S73 be ***GRANTED*** planning permission subject to:

A) The submission of a further revised CTMP addendum that commits to amending the matters set out in paragraphs 4.4.19 to 4.4.24 inclusive.

B) The conditions set out in the report with delegated powers provided to the Development and Conservation Manager to update conditions and informatives with minor amendments as required.

C) The following amendments to Conditions 5 and 24, as outlined in the Supplementary Document Pack.

'Condition 5

Articulated vehicle deliveries shall be restricted to between 09.00hrs and 15.00 hrs and other HGV vehicle deliveries shall be restricted to between 09.30 and 14.30 hours Monday to Friday and no articulated or HGV vehicles at any time on Saturdays, Sundays or bank holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances as defined through the CTMP and any associated addendum and as secured by condition 26 of this permission.

Reason: In the interest of minimising noise and disturbance for the occupiers of nearby residential properties and in the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policies D3 and T1 in the Local Plan.

Condition 24

(a) The construction and operational phases shall be carried out in complete accordance with the Soil Management Plan as approved under reference 26/00313/DOC unless otherwise approved in writing by the local planning authority. (S73)

(b) Prior to the decommissioning of the solar farm, a Soil Management Plan shall be submitted to approved in writing by the local planning authority. The decommissioning shall thereafter be carried out in complete accordance with the approved Plan.

Reason: To protect soil quality and so enable the reinstatement of its agricultural land quality following the cessation of the solar farm use of the land in accordance with the NPPF, Defra guidance and policy NE12 in the Local Plan.'

7 APPEALS

The Principal Planning Officer (Development Management) provided an update on Planning Appeals.