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Dear Sir/Madam

Application no: **3/2021/0278**

Address: **Dudland Hollins Gisburn Road Gisburn BB7 4HL**

Proposal: **Ground mounted installation of solar array for energy generation.**

The Local Highway Authority have viewed the plans and highway related documents and have the following comments to make:

Summary

No objection subject to conditions

Lancashire County Council acting as the Local Highway Authority does not raise an objection regarding the proposed development and are of the opinion that the proposed development will not have a significant impact on highway safety, capacity or amenity in the immediate vicinity of the site subject to the following conditions being stated on any approval.

Advice to Local Planning Authority

The Local Highway Authority (LHA) have been consulted on an application for the proposed installation of solar array for energy generation at Dudland Hollins, Gisburn Road, Gisburn.

The LHA understands that the site utilises a private, single track which is accessed off Gisburn Road which is an A classified road subject to a 60mph speed limit.

The private, single track road which leads into the farm, is also a Public Right of Way with the Path Reference 3-18-FP17 and therefore request the Applicant to consider the conditions and informatives below.

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The LHA have reviewed the supporting documents provided the Applicant and have no objection to the proposal. This is because the solar array is a significant distance away from the public highway and is sheltered by trees at the site and in the surrounding fields. Therefore, even if the solar panels reflect, they are unlikely to impact on the public highway and so the LHA have no further comments to make.

Conditions

1. The granting of planning permission does not authorise any stopping up; closure; obstruction or diversion of a Public Right of Way, without the appropriate order

REASON: To protect existing Public Right of Way users and to maintain the operation and safety of the local Public Right of Way and to minimise the impact of the construction works on the Public Right of Way.

2. Prior to construction, measures should be taken to ensure that users of the Public Right of Way are not exposed to any elements of danger associated with construction works.

REASON: to ensure the Public Right of Way is safe and available during the period of construction in the interests of protecting and enhancing Public Rights of Way and access in accordance with Paragraph 98 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019

Informative

- The grant of planning permission does not entitle a developer to obstruct a right of way and any proposed stopping-up or diversion of a right of way should be the subject of an Order under the appropriate Act. The applicant should be advised to contact Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way section by email on PROW@lancashire.gov.uk, quoting the location, district and planning application number, to discuss their proposal before any development works begin.

Yours faithfully

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