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Copeland area Planning Department, Cumberland Council

For the attention of Sarah Papaleo

Date: 4 April 2024

Your reference: 4/24/2087/0F1

Dear Sarah Papaleo

### **CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Appn:** 4/24/2087/0F1  
**Site Address:** UTOPIA HOUSE, LOWCA, WHITEHAVEN  
**Proposal:** INSTALLATION OF STAND-ALONE POLE MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS (30 PANELS)

Thank you for your consultation on 21 March 2024 regarding the above Planning Application.

Cumberland Council as the Local Highway Authority (LHA) and Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) has reviewed the above planning reference and I can confirm that we have no objection to the proposed development in principle as it is considered that it will not have a material effect on existing highway conditions nor will it increase the flood risk on the site or elsewhere once it is built / operational.

However, I note that the site appears to have limited access from the highway and the path that runs adjacent to the site is a Sustrans National Cycle Route (NCN 72) which is used by vulnerable users (i.e pedestrians and cyclists). I cannot see a Design and Access Statement so please can the applicant explain and provide an access diagram showing the access route for construction, and ongoing maintenance access and the number, types and size of vehicles so we can assess the impact and any risk to the highway and users of the cycle track.

Yours sincerely

**Shamus Giles**

Lead Officer - Flood & Development Management