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Dear Heather

**Lawful Development Certificate application for the proposed installation of a 112.5kWp Solar Photovoltaic (PV) generation system at HMP Haverigg, North Lane, Millom, LA18 4NA**  
**Planning Portal Ref: PP- 10310986**

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Cushman & Wakefield is submitting Lawful Development Certificate application on behalf of our client, the Ministry of Justice (Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service), for a Lawful Development Certificate application for the proposed installation of a 189kWp Solar Photovoltaic (PV) generation system at HMP Haverigg, North Lane, Millom, LA18 4NA. This application has been submitted via the Planning Portal (PP-10310986).

A supporting EIA Screening Opinion letter is also submitted for assessment, which has been informed by a Habitat Regulation Screening Assessment in respect of the Duddon Estuary Ramsar site, Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary SPA, and Morecambe Bay SAC.

Further details are provided below.

## **Background**

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has been awarded funding to invest in low carbon technologies on its estate to help enable post Covid-19 recovery, reduce its carbon emissions and maximise the social and economic benefits for the UK when transitioning to net zero by 2050.

As the second largest central Government estate, accounting for more than 20% of central Government's total greenhouse gas emissions, MoJ is very clear on the important role it must play in meeting the net zero target, including working with Local Authorities to collaborate on priority Climate Emergency and Corporate Environmental initiatives.

The MoJ are focusing some of their spend on the installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on MoJ owned land across our prison estate to expediate the process of meeting these challenges and delivering the identified benefits.

An initial feasibility exercise has been undertaken to prioritise prison sites where substantial benefit can be

achieved both for the MoJ but also for the respective Local Authority in addressing their very own corporate environmental challenges. The ground mounted PV installations, which will provide sustainable energy to power the requirements of each prison location, must be delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 to meet the government's net zero targets across its estate. HMP Haverigg has been identified as a priority prison site.

### **Application Content**

This application is accompanied by the following documents:

- Application Forms and Certificates
- Drawing DR-A-1600 Rev3 Site Location Plan
- Drawing DR-A-1601 Rev3 Proposed Ground Mounted PV Generation Layout Plan
- Drawing LUC-11357-LD-PLN-112 RevD Landscape Proposals Plan
- Letter from MOJ confirming their interest in the site and authorisation to submit the application
- PV Equipment Specification (included within this Statement)
- Habitat Regulation Assessment Screening Assessment Report
- EIA Screening Opinion letter
- Historic Environment Appraisal
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
- Arcadis Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Memo

The requisite application fee of £1,617.00 (plus admin fee) has been paid by the Applicant via Planning Portal.

### **Next Steps**

I look forward to receiving confirmation of the application's validation, however if there are any queries or you require any further information to assist in your assessment of the application, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details above.

Yours sincerely,

**Sarah Myers**

Consultant

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