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Dear Callan,

**APPLICATION NO:** PL/2022/09140

**DESCRIPTION:** Replace the approved standalone inverters, with the use of string inverters;  
Amendments to condition 2 and 13 of PL/2021/06919

**LOCATION:** Agricultural land to the northwest of Kemble Wick village approximately 900 m southwest of Kemble (the solar site)

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds National Landscape Board<sup>1</sup> on the additional information submitted in support of this proposed development, which would be located within the setting of the Cotswolds National Landscape.<sup>2</sup>

In reaching its planning decision, the local planning authority (LPA) has a statutory duty to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape.<sup>3</sup> The Board recommends that, in fulfilling this 'duty of regard', the LPA should: (i) ensure that planning decisions are consistent with relevant national and local planning policy and guidance; and (ii) take into account the following Board publications<sup>4</sup>:

- Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023 ([link](#));
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Landscape Character Types (LCT) 11 Dip-Slope Lowland;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 11 ([link](#)), including Section 11.4;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#));
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to the Renewable Energy Position Statement ([link](#)), Development in the Setting of the AONB ([link](#)) and Tranquillity Position Statement ([link](#)).

This application made under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) seeks to vary two conditions pursuant to planning permission PL/2021/06919. Having reviewed the information submitted, the Board considers that the variation of these two conditions would not lead to any unacceptable harm to the landscape and scenic beauty of the National Landscape and as such **does not object** to this application.

**Cotswolds Conservation Board**

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The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), managed and looked after by the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

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*Chairman:*  
**Brendan McCarthy**

*Vice Chair:*  
**Rebecca Charley**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Joyce', with a small dot at the end.

Simon Joyce

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## NOTES:

- 1) The name used for the organisation associated with the AONB designation is the Cotswolds National Landscape Board. At times this is abbreviated to National Landscape Board or The Board. The legal name of the organisation remains the Cotswolds Conservation Board but this name is no longer used in most circumstances.
- 2) Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.
- 3) Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.  
[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/37/section/85)
- 4) The documents referred to in our response can be located on the Cotswolds National Landscape website under the following sections
  - a. Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2018-2023  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/management-plan](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/management-plan)
  - b. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lca](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lca)
  - c. Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lsg](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/lsg)
  - d. Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ldlc](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ldlc)
  - e. Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps1](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps1)  
[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps2](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/ps2)