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Application to vary condition 9 of planning consent 231524 for the full application for the proposed installation of no. 1,762 Solar Photovoltaic Panels, each panel mounted on no. 4 concrete footings. Condition 9 refers to foundation design and the variation is to vary the foundation design.

Having reviewed the submitted Impact Assessment for this development, **I do not believe it has sufficiently addressed the potential impacts** of solar panel installation, which will include deep and widespread ground disturbance throughout the entire development site.

The assessment discusses impacts up to depth of 0.5m, however the proposed new style of piled foundations will have considerably deeper impact, stated as 1.5m, spread throughout the majority of the site. This is understood as likely to reach beyond disturbance caused by its current use with regard to the polytunnels, although this has not been clarified by the assessment, which assumed less than 0.5m ground disturbance depth for the foundations.

In addition to the direct impacts of the pile foundations themselves, additional impacts related to their installation including access routes and the machinery used, also need to be considered within the impact assessment, along with the impacts for the provision of any necessary services.

Kind Regards

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