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Attention: Richard Bigsby

Company: Selwyn District Council

Date: 20th October 2023

From: KeaX Ltd

Message Ref: RC235464

Project No: BM210727: Buckleys Road Solar Farm

Please find below KeaX Limited response to the s92 request dated 29th September 2023.

- 1. We confirm that the consent is for an indefinite period/in perpetuity.
- 2. The Kea Group including KeaX and Kea Energy are a participant as per the Electricity Industry Act 2010 but not an operator.
- 3. We apologise for the confusion, but it is not proposed to stage the development of the solar array.
- 4. The location of the office and parking are now shown on the revised Site Plan.
- 5. It is no longer proposed that the office is a permanent building please consider the AEE amended accordingly. The office will be removed once construction is complete. As per your email dated 4th October 2023, if the site office is temporary, then it is not a principal building and it would not trigger the need for a Flood Assessment Certificate.
- 6. The office will be a new building as defined in the Operative District Plan; therefore, any part of the Proposal that relates to a relocated building is withdrawn. There are no additional rule infringements created by the site office being a new building.
- 7. It is proposed to upgrade an existing vehicle access point from Branch Drain Road to meet the standards for heavy vehicles in Appendix E10.D. This will occur prior to construction as per page 4 section 4.2 of the revised AEE.
- 8. The culvert will be upgraded with precast concrete headwalls with RCRRJ piping and be constructed in accordance with the Council's Engineering Code of Practice.
- 9. The irrigation and associated infrastructure will be installed just prior to commencing planting.
- 10. Section 4.2.1 of the revised AEE states: An additional exotic shelterbelt will also be planted 20 metres from the boundary with, and a total of 33 metres from the residential unit at, 324 Branch Drain Road.
- 11. The minimum panel setback from Buckleys Road will be 25m.

12. The 10m setback from Branch Drain Road will be accessed from the site access as gates can be provided either side of the entrance way. This will enable the existing vegetation to be maintained and provide access for sheep etc, which will graze this area.

The planting adjacent to, and setback from, 324 Branch Drain Road will be accessed from the 10m setback along Branch Drain Road as these two areas are connected.

Where vegetation is on the roadside of the fence, the Applicant will trim with mechanical trimmers from the road. On the inside of internal fences, the Applicant has provided a setback to enable maintenance as per the amended planting setback diagrams provided with this s92 response. Where proposed planting adjoins a neighbouring property, that property owner can trim the vegetation, or the Applicant will have to gain access from the neighbouring property to undertake maintenance. This is not unusual.

If any existing vegetation becomes diseased or dies, it will be replaced.

13. To be provided on Tuesday 24th October 2023.

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Already agreed that information provided to date is sufficient.

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