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Subject: RE: Welsh Government R&D on effects of solar PV sites on soil and land - inception meeting

Hi Ian

Many thanks for the invite. I can only do 17th and 18th Aug as I'll be on leave for the other dates, but don't delay on my account.

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Subject: Welsh Government R&D on effects of solar PV sites on soil and land - inception meeting

Dear all

Welsh Government R&D on effects of solar PV sites on soil and land - inception meeting

Just to say we have now formally commissioned ADAS to start the work on this project. ADAS have provided an updated spec (attached) [**Sec.21 exemption – Information accessible to the applicant by other means – project specification document previously released under FOI 15722**]. The main difference is inclusion

of a list of conditions to apply to soil management during site installation, running and restoration. This is in Work Package 2 (6) *6.A guide list of conditions expected for successful restoration of agricultural land, for BMV and non BMV land.*

Work Package 2b looks at trends in solar development, including numbers of sites etc.: *b. The date first introduced to the UK, the number of sites to date and the approximate number of applications per country, plus information on the range of site sizes, preferred location types, the likely cumulative impacts on BMV and is the average size of sites increasing?* We have also asked ADAS to look into GIS mapping of solar sites from 2007 – date. This will include location, boundaries, areas and effect on BMV / non BMV land. This is a significant extra piece of work that ADAS are considering and we may or may not include depending on feasibility and cost.

We are trying to fix up an inception meeting and are looking to w/c 16th and early w/c 23rd August.

Can you please let me know as soon as possible which dates work with you. Can we start with Tuesday 17th August or Wednesday 18th August or Thursday 19 August (any time) for an hour. I think for NE colleagues, any combination of yourselves would be welcome.

Happy to discuss

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