Marchwood Parish Council

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11th August 2015

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Pine Room, Marchwood Village Hall, on Monday 17th August 2015 at **4.00pm**, you are summoned to attend.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Public participation may speak for up to three minutes.
- 3. Declarations of Interest
- **4. Planning application** HCC/2015/0369: Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure with planting and fencing at Land south of Bury Road.
- **5. Lightsource Renewable Energy Limited** letter of offer of a Community benefit payment in relation to the proposed Solar Farm on Bury Road. Appendix A.
- 6. Exclusion of Press and Public
- 7. Letter from The HANDY Trust Appendix B

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council. Copies of items referred to in the agenda are available from the Parish Council office on request.





Cllr Fred White Marchwood Village Hall Village Centre Marchwood SO40 4SX



24th July 2015

Dear Cllr White,

Lightsource SPV73 Limited (**Lightsource**) has recently submitted a planning application to Hampshire County Council for a 3.95MW solar farm on Land South of Bury Road, Marchwood, Southampton, Hampshire (the **Development**).

It is Lightsource's position that the communities in which we operate should directly benefit from hosting the Development and as such we would like to formally offer a community benefit payment to the Marchwood Parish Council (the **Parish Council**) to be applied toward a project or projects to benefit the local community at the discretion of the Parish Council.

We are pleased to offer the following long term benefit payment to the Parish Council:

 A payment of £1,000 per Megawatt capacity installed as part of the Development per year for 20 years (this will be approximately £3,950 per year, subject to the final design, and a total of £79,000 over 20 years).

There is no expectation of the Parish Council's support during the planning process or that the Council would withhold any objection to Lightsource's planning application.

Please table this letter, and the accompanying information sheet, at your next Parish Council meeting for discussion. If you wish to accept this offer, and we are successful in gaining planning permission, then we will prepare a formal Community Benefit Deed of Offer and associated documents for counter signing. The terms of this offer will remain open for acceptance until the date of determination of the Development by the Local Planning Authority.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,

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