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FAO Chair Wroughton Parish Council

Re Common Farm Solar Farms.

Dear Councillor

You may be aware that there are two solar farms located at Common Farm on the outskirts of Wroughton, one being a wholly owned company of Swindon Borough Council, the other being in 3rd party ownership

The lease agreement for both farms includes a provision to contribute an element of their annual revenues to the benefit of the local community defined as the Parish of Wroughton.

Currently the Council holds £68k of funds which have accumulated since both farms became operational in 2016, and Swindon Borough Council has asked that this funding be pass-ported to the Parish to be spent for the benefit of the local community. This is subject to receiving a 6 monthly update around how these funds, and any future funds, have been used as both companies are required to report on this aspect.

If you are willing to accept this funding in line with the requirements set out above, please could you please reply to me by letter on headed paper confirming your agreement as well as providing your bank details so that I can make the necessary arrangements to pay over these monies.

Yours sincerely



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