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**Subject:** Time-scale of the development -- clarification required

Dear Hefin,

Please find below GREAT's request for clarification of the time-scale of the development.

Thanks

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GREAT 4th October 2019

GREAT would wish to seek clarification as to the actual timescale of this development and would refer the Examiners to the undernoted extract from Hive Energy's website:

[www.hiveenergy.co.uk](http://www.hiveenergy.co.uk)

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## Our Solar Farms

Hive Energy is bringing renewable energy to homes and businesses across the UK. The company has developed 319MW in the UK to date and has a further 350MW in development.

### Current projects

#### Cleve Hill, Kent



Cleve Hill Solar Park Limited (CHSP), a joint venture between Wirsol Energy Ltd and Hive Energy Ltd, has developed plans for a 383 hectare (947 acre) solar park on grade 3b agricultural land on the North Kent coast, 1 mile from Faversham and less than 60 miles from central London. A planning application was submitted 16th November 2018. Designated a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will make the final decision on CHSP's application, anticipated Q1 2020 – consent would be in perpetuity.

During the Hearings in September 2019, questions were raised about the total duration of the construction period should consent be granted. Although this was responded to by the Applicants, we still do not have any clear information about the time required for the decommissioning phase.

An additional question was also raised about the statement on Hive's website that should consent be granted then it would be "in perpetuity". The Applicants's legal team did not address the question as to why this timescale was given and GREAT is interested to know the reason for this.

The "in perpetuity" period mentioned also seems to be at variance with the information provided at the Hearing that the Applicants have entered into an Agreement for a Lease with the landowner for an initial period of 26 years with an

option for them to renew for a further 14 years. Furthermore, throughout the Hearing the Applicants spoke about a 40 year development project.

GREAT would therefore ask the Examiners to seek clarification as to whether the Applicants envisage a scheme which would be present for 26 years, 40 years or potentially for ever.

GREAT also seeks clarification about the decommissioning period.

**GREAT     4<sup>th</sup> October 2019**