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**Our ref:** AE/2022/127023/02-L01  
**Your ref:** -  
**Date:** 16 August 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

**APPLICATION BY LONGFIELD SOLAR ENERGY FARM LTD FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE LONGFIELD SOLAR FARM (EN010118) - RESPONSE TO DEADLINE 1B - THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (EXQ1) LONGFIELD SOLAR FARM**

Thank you for providing us with your written questions and requests for information (EXQ1). We have provided answers to your questions below.

**1.4.3 - Please comment on the suitability and content of the Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [APP210].**

Our only comments in relation to the oBSMP are that section 5.5 of the emergency plan should contain:

- Details on how to isolate the SuDS to contain firefighting water.
- Reference to the potential for re-using firefighting water contained in the SuDS.

**1.5.29 - Schedule 2, R8 – Please comment on the drafting of this requirement and overall approach to battery safety management set out in the outline battery safety management plan [APP-210].**

**See also ExQ1.4.3 above.**

We have no comments to make on Schedule 2, R8. Please see our response above to ExQ1.4.3.

**1.5.32 Please confirm whether or not the wording of R13 and R14 and the contents of the oCEMP [APP-214] and oOEMP [APP-215] is agreed. If not, please provide further details.**

The GPPs (including R13 and R14) & PPGs referred to are not endorsed by the Environment Agency. The guidance within the documents should help mitigate

environmental risks during the construction stage, but reference should be made to guidance on environmental regulations in England, which can be found on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

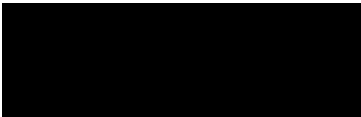
In relation to Horizontal Direct Drilling under Boreham Brook, there is little detail provided within the CEMP. However, as highlighted in our response to the statutory consultation in our letter referenced AE/2022/127023 and dated 25 May 2022, we agree that a Frac out assessment should be completed as highlighted in the Environmental Statement. It is important to undertake a detailed risk assessment to demonstrate that the likely event of the unintentional return of drilling fluids to the surface is low.

**1.11.5 Please provide an update on discussions between the Applicant and the EA to agree the wording of protective provisions for the disapplication of flood risk activity permits.**

We have sent the current set of protective provisions that are acceptable to the Environment Agency to the applicant for their consideration. The Environment Agency has a standard set of provisions that have been used for some years now and work has recently been undertaken to revise these. We await comments from the applicant before we agree to a version being included in the draft DCO.

We trust this response is useful

Yours faithfully



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