

PLANNING ACT 2008

**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE)
RULES 2010**

**APPLICATION BY LONGFIELD SOLAR ENERGY FARM LIMITED
FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER IN RESPECT OF THE
LONGFIELD SOLAR FARM**

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

ON BEHALF OF

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

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Introduction

1. This written representation is made on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (“**NGET**”) in relation to the Application for Development Consent Order (“**DCO**”) by Longfield Solar Energy Limited (the “**Promoter**”) in respect of the Longfield Solar Farm DCO (the “**Project**”). This written representation should be read in conjunction with NGET’s relevant representation dated 30 May 2022.

NGET Land and Impacted Infrastructure

2. NGET has a substation and high voltage electricity overhead transmission line within or in close proximity to the proposed DCO limits, including a proposed connection Bulls Lodge 400kV substation. The substation and overhead line form an essential part of the electricity transmission network in England and Wales. The details of the electricity assets are as follows:
 - a. Substation
 - i. Bulls Lodge 400kV
 - ii. Associated fibre cables
 - b. Overhead Lines
 - i. 4VB 400kV overhead line Braintree-Pelham-Rayleigh Main Circuit 1
 - ii. 4VB 400kV overhead line Braintree-Pelham-Rayleigh Main Circuit 1

NGET Works

3. The Project includes the Bulls Lodge substation works (Work Nos. 5, 7B and (in part) 9 in the draft DCO), which will be delivered by NGET. NGET requires sufficient powers and rights of access under the DCO in order to be able to carry these out, and it has been working with the Applicant to ensure that this is the case.
4. The Requirements that are specific to the Bulls Lodge substation works, which are currently set out in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the draft DCO at paragraphs 22-29, are of particular relevance to NGET. These require various details and written schemes to be approved prior to the commencement of the Bulls Lodge substation works. The relevant details or written schemes must be in accordance with a number of framework and strategy documents that accompany the DCO application. These are:
 - a. outline drainage strategy;
 - b. outline construction environmental management plan;
 - c. framework construction traffic management plan;
 - d. outline soils resource management plan; and
 - e. outline operational environmental management plan.

NGET has worked with the Applicant to ensure that these documents are suitable in light of the construction works NGET will be carrying out. NGET is continuing to review both the

Requirements and the associated documents and may have further comments to make on these in due course. NGET proposes to raise any issues directly with the Applicant in the first instance, but reserves the right to submit further representations in relation to these if necessary.

Protective Provisions

5. We have seen the updated draft form of protective provisions which the Promoter intends to submit at Deadline 1B. Whilst these draft protective provisions address some of NGET's concerns, there are still significant outstanding issues which need to be resolved before NGET can be satisfied that its interests are adequately protected. NGET continues to discuss the protective provisions with the Applicant and the parties will keep the Examining Authority updated in relation to the progress of negotiations. NGET reserves the right to submit further representations in relation to the protective provisions if necessary.