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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
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FAO: Bart Bartkowiak

Dear Mr Bartkowiak,

**Planning Act 2008 – Application for a Development Consent Order for
Longfield Solar Farm**

Application Ref: EN010118

We are writing to provide the submissions made on behalf of Longfield Solar Farm Limited in response to Deadline 2 of the ongoing examination of the Application for development consent.

Appendix A of this letter contains a table of the submissions made on behalf of Longfield Solar Farm Limited in relation to this deadline. For each document, the table details the document name, reference, description/reason for submission and information regarding whether it is a new document or a revision of a previously submitted document.

Our response to ExQ 1.3.1 and 1.3.3 suggested a further iteration of the Statement of Reasons [APP-014] would be provided at Deadline 2. However, we have not provided this as the matters raised in relation to the Statement of Reasons in the ExQ's are addressed as follows:

- ExQ 1.3.1 – clarity on Part 6 of the Book of Reference is provided in the Book of Reference [4.1(A)] included in this Deadline;
- ExQ 1.3.1 & 1.3.3 – clarity in relation to the position with Statutory Undertakers is provided within the Compulsory Acquisition Schedule [8.6(A)] included in this Deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further on any matters associated with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A – List of Deadline 2 Submission Documents

| Ref | Name | Description | Type |
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| 1.2(B) | Guide to the Application | This is version 2 of the Guide to the Application, which sets out all of the documents submitted in support of the Application during the examination so far. | Revision – supersedes Guide to the Application [REP1b-002]. Clean version submitted. |
| 2.1(A) | Land Plans | The Land Plans have been updated to reflect changes to the Order land as a result of further clarity around the land and rights required for the Scheme. | Revision – supersedes Land Plans [APP-006]. |
| 2.2(A) | Works Plans | The Works Plans illustrate the proposed location of the Scheme and have been updated to reflect changes to the Land Plans. | Revision – supersedes Works Plans [APP-007]. |
| 3.1(B) | Draft Development Consent Order | The dDCO has been updated to reflect updates to certified documents and to include draft protective provisions for Essex and Suffolk Water. | Revision – supersedes Draft Development Consent Order [REP1b-003 / REP1b-004]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 4.1(A) | Book of Reference | Updated to reflect the ExA's comments at acceptance, changes to the Order land and changes to land interests since submission. | Revision – supersedes Book of Reference [APP-016]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 6.1(B) | Environmental Statement Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage | Revised to address comments of ECC's archaeologist during the SoCG process. | Revision – supersedes Environmental Statement Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage [REP1b-013 / REP1b-014]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 6.2(A) | Environmental Statement Appendix 7A: Heritage Desk Based Assessment | Revised to address comments of ECC's archaeologist during the SoCG process. | Revision – supersedes Environmental Statement Appendix 7A: Heritage Desk Based Assessment [APP-057]. |

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| | | | Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 6.3(A) | Environmental Statement Figure 2-32: 11kV Power Line Diversion | Updated to correct mapping accuracy error. | Revision – supersedes Environmental Statement Figure 2032: 11kV Power Line Diversion [APP-137]. |
| 7.3.A (B) | Outline Design Principles | Updated to correct formatting and referencing errors. | Revision – supersedes Outline Design Principles [REP1b-030]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 8.4(A) | Statement of Common Ground with Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and Chelmsford City Council | Updated Statement of Common Ground with Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and Chelmsford City Council. Includes technical notes on Noise, Landscape and Glint and Glare following discussions with the Host Authorities. | Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP1b-050]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 8.4(A) | Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency | Updated Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency. | Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP1b-048]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 8.4(A) | Statement of Common Ground with Natural England | Updated Statement of Common Ground with Natural England. | Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground submitted at Deadline 1B (not uploaded to PINS website). Clean and tracked change versions submitted. |
| 8.4(A) | Statement of Common Ground with Historic England | Updated Statement of Common Ground with Historic England. | Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP1b-049]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 8.4(A) | Statement of Common Ground with National Highways | Updated Statement of Common Ground with National Highways. | Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP1b-051]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |

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| 8.5(A) | Statement of Commonality | Summary of the discussions, progress made and outstanding matters with regard to the Statements of Common Ground listed above. | Revision – supersedes Statement of Commonality [REP1b-053]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted. |
| 8.6(A) | Compulsory Acquisition Schedule | Revision of the Compulsory Acquisition Schedule requested by the ExA [PD-007] to provide an update on ongoing negotiations with landowners. | Revision – supersedes Compulsory Acquisition Schedule [REP1b-054]. Clean version submitted. |
| 8.9 | Applicant’s Responses to Submissions Made at Deadlines 1A and 1B | Report documenting the Applicant’s response to Local Impact Reports, Written Representations and any other relevant submissions made at Deadlines 1A and 1B. | New document |
| 8.10 | Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order | Document setting out the changes made to the draft Development Consent Order made since Deadline 1B. | New document |
| 8.11 | Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation | Report setting out the approach and methodology for archaeological investigation. | New document |
| 8.12 | Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference | Explains the changes to the Book of Reference. | New document |