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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 4 of the ongoing examination of the Application for development consent.


Appendix A of this letter details 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.

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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Senior Director

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Appendix A – List of Deadline 4 Submission Documents

Ref	Name	Description	Type
1.2(D)	Guide to the Application	This is version 5 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 [REP3-002]. Clean version submitted.
3.1(D)	Draft Development Consent Order	The dDCO has been updated to reflect updates to certified documents and to reflect the edits made to address matters raised by Interested Parties.	Revision – supersedes Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-006 / REP3-007]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
6.1(A)	Environmental Statement Chapter 14: Air Quality	Updated to correct minor typos at ExA's request.	Revision – supersedes Environmental Statement Chapter 14: Air Quality [APP-046]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
6.2(C)	Environmental Statement Appendix 13B: Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan	<p>Revised to reflect an update to the dimensions of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs).</p> <p>This does not change the outcomes of the assessments, as evidenced in an accompanying ecology technical note (Ref. 8.18 in this table).</p> <p>The update in the dimensions of AILs results in the need for a temporary access and removal of some street furniture. Relevant powers are included in draft DCO are already in place (e.g. Article 9 in relation to street furniture, and Article 12 with respect to temporary access and restoration of such access).</p> <p>The temporary access would result in some temporary vegetation removal, and the OLEMP already commits to "<i>Replacement and additional hedgerow planting, due to a minor temporary loss of hedgerows within the Order limits</i></p>	<p>Revision – supersedes Environmental Statement Appendix 13B: Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan [REP3-010 / REP3-011].</p> <p>Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.</p>

(for access and grid connection cables only);”

6.3(B)	Environmental Statement Figure 10-15: Vegetation Removal Plan	Updated to reflect conclusions of Arboricultural Impact Assessment.	Revision – supersedes Environmental Statement Figure 10-15: Vegetation Removal Plan [REP1b-0017].
7.2(B)	Planning Statement	Updated in respect of Braintree District Council's local planning policy. This should be read in the context of submissions made to the examination, including the Best Most Versatile (BMV) land policy position statement at Appendix A to the summary of the ISH on environmental matters, the submissions recorded in the same summary at section 5.1 in relation to the policy on minerals. The Applicant's position as it has evolved during examination for example, the commitment to a higher percentage of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and commitment to decommission after 40 years.	Revision – supersedes Planning Statement [REP1b-028 / REP1b-029] . Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
7.3 A (B)	Outline Design Principles	Updated to provide further design principle in relation to cable depth.	Revision – supersedes Outline Design Principles [REP2-104 / REP2-015]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
7.10(C)	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	Updated to secure protection to mature trees and to capture changes as a result of discussions with NGET.	Revision – supersedes Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP3-016 / REP1b-035] . Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(C)	Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	Updated Statement of Common Ground with Historic England.	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP3-025 / REP3-026]. Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(C)	Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	Updated Statement of Common Ground with National Highways.	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common

			Ground [REP3-023 / REP3-024].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(B)	Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency	Updated Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency.	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP2-016 / REP2-017].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(B)	Statement of Common Ground with Braintree District Council, Chelmsford City and Essex County Council (the Host Authorities)	Updated Statement of Common Ground with Braintree District Council, Chelmsford City and Essex County Council (the Host Authorities).	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP2-018 / REP2-019].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(B)	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	Updated Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP2-022 / REP2-023].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(A)	Statement of Common Ground with East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST)	Updated Statement of Common Ground with East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST), submitted in draft.	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP1b-047].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.4(A)	Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	Updated Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET).	Revision – supersedes Statement of Common Ground [REP1b-043].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.5(C)	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 [REP3-027 / REP3-028].
			Clean and tracked changes versions submitted.
8.6(C)	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule	Revision of the Compulsory Acquisition Schedule requested by the ExA [PD-007] to provide an	Revision – supersedes Compulsory Acquisition Schedule [REP3-029].

		update on ongoing negotiations with landowners.	Clean version submitted.
8.10(B)	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.	Revision – supersedes Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-030].
8.15	Applicant's Responses to the ExA's Further Written Questions	This provides the Applicant's response to the questions marked for the Applicant in the ExA's Further Written Questions [PD-009].	New document
8.18	Ecology Appraisal for Boreham Road AIL Access	Short note on the ecological and arboriculture impacts of vegetation loss	New document
8.19	Video and accompanying Technical Note	Material to assist the ExA with their accompanied site inspection in December.	New document