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Department for Energy Security and Net Zero 1 Victoria Street London SW1H 0ET

FAO: David Wagstaff OBE

Dear Mr Wagstaff OBE,

## Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Longfield Solar Farm Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Longfield Solar Farm ("the Proposed Development")

## Protective provisions – the Applicant, Eastern Power Networks, and UK Power Networks

With respect to the protective provisions included in Part 3 of Schedule 15 of the draft Development Consent Order, the Applicant can confirm that no changes are required to the protective provisions for the benefit of Eastern Power Networks Plc and UK Power Networks Limited as a result of the confidential side agreement entered into by the parties on 19 January 2023. This position has also been confirmed and agreed with legal representatives for Eastern Power Networks Limited.

## Impact of Proposed Development on existing Openreach infrastructure – British Telecommunications plc, and Openreach Networks

With respect to further correspondence the Secretary of State has received from British Telecommunications plc and Openreach Networks, the Applicant would simply confirm that protective provisions for the protection of Operators of Electronic Communications Code Networks are included in Part 2 of Schedule 15 of the draft Development Consent Order, and as a result if either of those companies confirm they have assets that would be impacted by the Proposed Development the appropriate protections would be in place to ensure no serious detriment to those parties' undertaking.



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

Yours sincerely,

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