

We continue to act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("**NGED**") (formerly Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) plc).

This representation is written in response to Question 2.10 of the Examiner's Written Questions, dated 16 July 2024.

NGED recognises that compulsory acquisition powers are sought under the articles of the proposed development consent order for the Oaklands Farm Solar Park (the "**Order**").

NGED has provided the Applicant with its required form protective provisions ("**PPs**") and asset protection agreement ("**APA**") for consideration and comment to date.

The PPs and APA contain restrictions on the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers by the Applicant in respect of NGED's existing interests in land and apparatus. This is to ensure that NGED suffers no serious detriment as a result of the Order being granted.

Accordingly, provided NGED's preferred form PPs are included on the face of the Order and a satisfactory APA is entered into between the parties prior to the granting of the Order, NGED does not object in principle at this time to the granting of compulsory acquisition powers under the Order.