



OAKLANDS FARM SOLAR PARK

Applicant: Oaklands Farm Solar Ltd

The Written Summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions

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This note summarises the submissions made by Oaklands Farm Solar Limited (the “Applicant”) at the Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing on 10 July 2024. This document does not purport to summarise the oral submissions of parties other than the Applicant; summaries of submissions made by other parties are only included where necessary in order to give context to the Applicant’s submissions.

1 PRELIMINARY MEETING

Agenda Item 4 – Draft Examination Timetable

- 1.1 The Applicant was asked by the Examining Authority (the “ExA”) whether the Applicant intended to provide written responses to the Relevant Representations and Additional Submissions received so far, and if it would continue to do so throughout the Examination.
- 1.2 The Applicant confirmed that it intended to respond to all submissions made by interested parties, noting that some points may be responded to together with responses to the ExA’s First Written Questions, and that many points would be items for negotiation with the relevant interested parties.
- 1.3 In response to the ExA the Applicant confirmed that at Deadline 5 it would provide:
 - (a) a clean version of the dDCO in Word format;
 - (b) the email notification from legislation.gov.uk confirming successful validation; and
 - (c) the validation report

Agenda Item 5 – Oral representations from interested parties on the draft Examination Timetable

- 1.4 The Applicant was asked by the ExA to comment on South Derbyshire District Council’s request that the deadline for submission of the local authorities’ Local Impact Report be amended.
- 1.5 The Applicant reiterated the ExA’s concern that the Council’s request for the deadline to be amended to September would be very late in the Examination.

Agenda Item 6 – The ExA’s request for updates from the Applicant during the Examination

- 1.6 The Applicant requested clarification from the ExA in relation to the request for a Statement of Common Ground (“SOCG”) with the Health & Safety Executive, and whether there is any matter of particular concern which the ExA would like to see addressed in the SOCG.

2 OPEN FLOOR HEARING

- 2.1 Following oral submissions from interested parties, the Applicant thanked those who had spoken, and confirmed it would respond in writing at Deadline 1 and throughout the Examination process. The Applicant reiterated the ExA’s request for specific documents referred to by interested parties to be provided.
- 2.2 The Applicant noted that a number of issues had been raised, which the Applicant would keep under review. The Applicant stressed the importance of management documents as an effective means of enforcement in the control of NSIPs, and encouraged interested parties to engage with the drafting of those documents. The Applicant confirmed it is willing to engage with interested parties on the drafting of those documents.

- 2.3 The Applicant confirmed it would engage with Councillor Wheelton in relation to her concerns. *The Applicant spoke to Councillor Wheelton following the Open Floor Hearing. Councillor Wheelton has provided a copy of her submissions at the Open Floor Hearing to the Applicant who welcomes the opportunity to review those ahead of them being submitted formally at Deadline 1, and is reviewing those submissions in order to respond directly to Councillor Wheelton and/or at Deadline 3, as appropriate. The Applicant confirms that it has actively engaged with Councillor Wheelton at the pre-application stage, and has noted the comments she has provided during the pre-application consultation since September 2021. The Applicant will continue to engage with her during the Examination.*