

Dear Sir or Madam

We write on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) in relation to its objection to the Oaklands Farm Solar Park Development Consent Order (the Scheme).

As set out in Network Rail's relevant representation dated 2 May 2024, Network Rail had not been provided with any information with regards to why it had been notified about the application for the Scheme as it was not included in the Book of Reference and the Scheme is not located in proximity to operational railway assets.

Network Rail now understands that the Applicant was issued with advice from the Planning Inspectorate that it take a precautionary approach to consultation under s42(1)(a) Planning Act 2008 to ensure all persons potentially affected by or potentially likely to have an interest in the application were given the opportunity to participate in the Examination. As such, the Applicant served notice on Network Rail due to it being a body listed in Box 6 of the s55 checklist.

As Network Rail is not included in the Book of Reference or have operational railway assets in proximity to the Scheme, Network Rail does not consider that it is adversely affected by the Scheme and as such withdraws its objection (subject to no variations of the Scheme being brought forward which do adversely affect its statutory undertaking).

Kind regards

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