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Date
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Dear Ms Margoum

EN010122 – APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR OAKLANDS FARM SOLAR PARK, SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) – DEADLINE 3 SUBMISSION BY THE APPLICANT

11.1 – THE APPLICANT’S COVERING LETTER AT DEADLINE 3

I write to provide the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 3 of the Examination, as requested in the Examining Authorities (ExA’s) Rule 8 letter of the 16th July 2024.

In summary, the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 3, which are detailed fully in this Cover Letter, comprise comments on the submissions by other parties at Deadlines 1 and 2, together with the submission of the Applicant’s updates which are as detailed in Appendix D of the Rule 6 letter of the 4th June 2024, together with other amended documents which formed part of the original application.

This submission is accompanied by a Deadline 3 version of the Application Guide which lists the new documents submitted at this deadline together with identifying any amended documents.

Deadline 3 Submission – New Documents

The following new documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3:

- 3.4 – Schedule of Draft Development Order Changes Report
- 3.5 – Schedule of Progress – Statutory Undertakers and PPs
- 4.4 – Schedule of Land Rights Changes Report
- 4.5 – Schedule of Progress on land rights in respect of Affected Persons
- 8.0 – Statements of Common Ground – Status Document
- 11.1 – The Applicant’s Deadline 3 Covering Letter (this document);
- 11.2 – The Applicant’s Response to Written Representations;
- 11.3 – The Applicant’s Comments on Responses by IPs to the ExQ1;
- 11.4 – The Applicant’s Comments on Local Impact Reports.

Document 3.4 provides a summary of changes made to the dDCO since the acceptance of the Application and Document 4.4 provides a similar summary of changes made to the Book of Reference.

Documents 3.5, 4.5 and 8.0 provide updates on the progress of discussions and negotiations with statutory undertakers and in respect of Protective Provisions, with Affected Persons, and with those parties with whom the Applicant intends to agree Statements of Common Ground.

Documents 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 then provide comments by the Applicant on the Written Representations submitted, the responses by other parties to the ExA's First Written Questions and to Local Impact Reports.

Deadline 3 Submission – Amended Documents

Amended versions of the following documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3:

- 1.4 – The Deadline 3 Application Guide;
- 3.1 – dDCO;
- 3.2 – Explanatory Memorandum;
- 3.3 – Consents and Agreements Position Statement
- 4.1 – Statement of Reasons
- 4.3 – Book of Reference
- 6.1 – ES Chapter 4 – Project Description
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 5.6 – Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (OLEMP);
- 6.1 – ES Chapter 13 – Climate Change
- 7.2 – Design Statement

For each of the amended documents a clean and tracked version has been supplied so that changes can be easily identified.

The dDCO and Explanatory Memorandum have been amended to reflect further changes to the dDCO arising from the Applicant's submissions at Deadline 3. Associated changes have been made to the Consents and Agreements Position Statement, as well as the inclusion in that Statement of reference to the Applicant's intention to submit a draft Badger Licence application to Natural England for review during the course of the Examination.

The Statement of Reasons and Book of Reference have been updated to reflect the Applicant's submissions at Deadline 1 and a data refresh of land interests.

Minor amendments have been made to ES Chapters 4 and 13 and to the OLEMP and Design Statement to reflect the Applicant's submissions at Deadline 1 and 3.

The Applicant indicated at Deadline 1 that it intended to provide a revised Arboricultural Survey Report (APP-133 – ES Appendix 6.14). That amended report will now be submitted at Deadline 4.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this submission at Deadline 3.

Yours sincerely



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