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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 4 SUBMISSION BY THE APPLICANT

12.1 – THE APPLICANT’S COVERING LETTER AT DEADLINE 4

I write to provide the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 4 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 4, which are detailed fully in this Cover Letter, comprise comments by the Applicant on submissions by Interested Parties at Deadline 3, responses to the ExA’s Second Written Questions and the Applicant’s updates which are as detailed in Appendix D of the Rule 6 letter of the 4th June 2024, together with amended versions of other application documents where necessary.

This submission is accompanied by a Deadline 4 version of the Application Guide which lists the new documents submitted at this deadline together with identifying any amended documents.

Deadline 4 – New Documents

The following new documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4:

- 8.4 – Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and Historic England;
- 12.1 – The Applicant’s Deadline 4 Covering Letter (this document);
- 12.2 – The Applicant’s Comments on submissions by IPs at Deadline 3; and
- 12.3 – The Applicant’s Responses to the Second Written Questions.

Deadline 4 – Applicant’s Updates

Further versions of the following documents have been submitted and form the Applicant’s updates at Deadline 4:

- 3.3 – Consents and Agreements Position Statement;
- 3.4 – Schedule of Draft Development Order Changes Report;
- 3.5 – Schedule of Progress – Statutory Undertakers and Protective Provisions;
- 4.5 – Schedule of Progress on land rights in respect of Affected Persons; and
- 8.0 – SoCG – Status Document

Deadline 4 – Amended Documents

Amended versions of the following documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4:

- 1.4 – The Deadline 4 Application Guide;
- 2.4 – Streets, access and rights of way plan;
- 3.1 – draft DCO;
- 3.2 – Explanatory Memorandum;
- 4.1 – Statement of Reasons;
- 4.3 – Book of Reference;
- 6.1 – ES Chapter 4 – Project Description;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 4.3 – Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 4.4 – Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 4.5 – Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan;
- 6.1 – ES Chapter 5 – Landscape and Visual;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 5.6 – Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan;
- 6.1 - ES Appendix 6.14 – Arboricultural Impact Assessment;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 8.2 - Water Framework Directive Assessment;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 10.1 – Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan;
- 6.1 - ES Chapter 11 – Noise;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 11.1 - Baseline Noise Survey Report;
- 6.1 - ES Chapter 14 - Glint and Glare;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 14.1 - Glint and Glare Study; and
- 7.2 – Design Statement.

For each of the amended documents a clean version and a version showing tracked changes made at this Deadline 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 4.

The Statement of Reasons and Book of Reference have been updated to reflect the Applicant's submissions at Deadlines 1, 3 and 4 and a data refresh of land interests. No changes to land interests were required as result of the data refresh.

Amendments have then been made to various parts of the ES, primarily to reflect the Applicant's responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions and ongoing discussions with different statutory bodies.

Pease do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this submission at Deadline 4.

Yours sincerely



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