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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 6 SUBMISSION BY THE APPLICANT

14.1 – THE APPLICANT’S COVERING LETTER AT DEADLINE 6

I write to provide the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 6 of the Examination, as requested in the Examining Authority’s (ExA’s) Rule 8 letter of the 16th July 2024.

In summary, the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 6, which are detailed fully in this Cover Letter, comprise Responses by the Applicant to the ExA’s third written questions, comments on the submissions by Interested Parties at Deadline 5, and new and amended documents as necessary.

This submission is accompanied by a Deadline 6 version of the Application Guide which lists the new documents submitted at this deadline together with identifying any amended documents.

Deadline 6 – New Documents

The following new documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6:

- 14.1 – The Applicant’s Deadline 6 Covering Letter (this document);
- 14.2 – The Applicant’s Comments on submissions by IPs at Deadline 5;
- 14.3 – The Applicant’s Responses to ExQ3;
- 14.4 - Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan
- 14.5 - ES Addendum – Cumulative Effects Update
- 14.6 - Sequential Assessment

Deadline 6 – Applicant’s Updates

Further versions of the following documents have been submitted and form the Applicant’s updates at Deadline 6:

- 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;
- 4.4 – Schedule of Land Rights Changes Report;
- 4.5 – Schedule of Progress on land rights in respect of Affected Persons; and
- 8.0 – SoCG – Status Document

Deadline 6 – Amended Documents

Amended versions of the following documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6:

- 1.4 – The Deadline 6 Application Guide;
- 2.2 – Land 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 Appendix 5.5 – Residential Visual Amenity Assessment;
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 6.14 – Arboricultural Implications Assessment
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 10.1 – Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan
- 6.1 – ES Chapter 15 – Agricultural Land
- 6.1 – ES Appendix 15.1 – Agricultural Land Survey for Oaklands Farm
- 7.2 – Design Statement.

The dDCO and Explanatory Memorandum have been amended to reflect further changes to the dDCO arising from the Applicant's submissions at Deadline 6. As required by the ExA's Rule 8 letter the Deadline 6 includes the Applicant's clean version of the dDCO in Microsoft Word and an email notification confirming successful validation of the dDCO.

The Applicant no longer requires two plots of land owned by E.ON and has therefore submitted an amended Land Plan, Statement of Reasons and Book of Reference.

Amendments have then been made to various parts of the ES, including the management plans, primarily to reflect the Applicant's submissions at Deadline 6 and ongoing discussions with different statutory bodies.

Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant has at Deadline 6 provided the following:

- 8.1 – South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council – a further version of the SoCG between the Applicant, SDDC and DCC;
- 8.2 – Environment Agency – a draft SoCG between the Applicant and the EA which reflects the Work Package Tracker which the EA have submitted at each Deadline;
- 8.3 – Natural England – a draft SoCG between the Applicant and Natural England;

The Summary of the Status of SoCG's document (Document 8.0) provides an overview of the progress on each SoCG.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this submission at Deadline 6.

Yours sincerely



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