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**Date**  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Ms Margoum

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

**PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) – DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSION BY THE APPLICANT**

**15.1 – THE APPLICANT’S COVERING LETTER AT DEADLINE 7**

I write to provide the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 7 of the Examination, as requested in the Examining Authority’s (ExA’s) Rule 8 letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

In summary, the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 7, which are detailed fully in this Cover Letter, comprise comments by the Applicant on the ExA’s Report on the Implications for European Sites (“the RIES”) and the ExA’s Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order (“dDCO”), as well as comments by the Applicant on the submissions by Interested Parties at Deadline 6.

The Applicant has also submitted an agreed Unilateral Undertaking which secures land close to the Proposed Development for the provision of skylark mitigation, and an amended Flood Risk Assessment which follows further engagement between the Applicant and the Environment Agency (“the EA”).

This submission is accompanied by a Deadline 7 version of the Application Guide which lists the new documents submitted at this deadline together with identifying any amended documents.

**Deadline 7 – New Documents**

The following new documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 7:

- 15.1 – The Applicant’s Deadline 7 Covering Letter (this document);
- 15.2 – The Applicant’s Comments on the RIES;
- 15.3 – The Applicant’s Comments on the ExA’s Schedule of Changes to the dDCO;
- 15.4 – The Applicant’s Comments on Responses by Interested Parties to the Third Written Questions and other Submissions made at Deadline 6;
- 15.5 – Section 106 Unilateral Undertaking – Skylarks.

**Deadline 7 – Amended Documents**

Amended versions of the following documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 7:

- 1.4 – The Deadline 7 Application Guide;

- 6.1 – ES Appendix 8.1 – Flood Risk Assessment and Outline Drainage Strategy.

### **Statements of Common Ground (“SoCGs”)**

The Applicant has at Deadline 7 provided the following:

- 8.3 – a final signed SoCG between the Applicant and Natural England;
- 8.4 – an amended final SoCG between the Applicant and Historic England.

The Applicant is continuing to engage with South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council and will be providing a final SoCG with those parties at Deadline 8.

The Applicant has similarly been engaging with the EA and will be submitting a final SoCG at Deadline 8 which reflects the position in the EA’s Work Package Tracker which the Applicant expects to be submitted at Deadline 8.

The Applicant will at Deadline 8 provide a final version of its Statements of Common Ground – Status Document as part of its Applicant updates which summarises the position in respect of the various SoCGs.

### **Summary**

The Applicant confirms that it will be providing a full set of Applicant updates at Deadline 8 on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, together with an amended draft Development Consent Order and associated documents, and its Closing Summary Statement.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this submission at Deadline 7.

Yours sincerely



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