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**Date**  
17<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 8 SUBMISSION BY THE APPLICANT**

**16.1 – THE APPLICANT’S COVERING LETTER AT DEADLINE 8**

I write to provide the submissions by the Applicant at Deadline 8 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 8, which are detailed fully in this Cover Letter, comprise comments by the Applicant on submissions by Interested Parties (“IPs”) at Deadline 7, the Applicant’s Closing Statement and the Applicant’s updates.

This submission is accompanied by a Deadline 8 version of the Application Guide which lists the new documents submitted at this deadline and which therefore also summarises the status of the various documents at the final Deadline of the Examination.

**Deadline 8 – New Documents**

The following new documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8:

- 16.1 – The Applicant’s Deadline 8 Covering Letter (this document);
- 16.2 – The Applicant’s Comments on submissions by IPs at Deadline 7; and
- 16.3 – The Applicant’s Closing Statement.

**Deadline 8 – Applicant’s Final Updates**

Further versions of the following documents have been submitted and form the Applicant’s final updates at Deadline 8:

- 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 – Statements of Common Ground – Status Document.

**Deadline 8 – Amended Documents**

Amended versions of the following documents are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8:

- 1.4 – The Deadline 8 Application Guide;
- 3.1 – draft Development Consent Order (“dDCO”);
- 3.2 – Explanatory Memorandum;
- 4.1 – Statement of Reasons; and
- 4.3 – Book of Reference.

The dDCO and Explanatory Memorandum have been amended to take account of the ExA’s Schedule of Changes to the dDCO and represents the Applicant’s final position on the drafting of the DCO. The Applicant has provided clean and tracked versions of the dDCO together with a clean word version of the dDCO.

An updated Statement of Reasons is submitted at Deadline 8 which includes updated Examination Library references and updates on the status of Protective Provisions.

The Applicant has undertaken a data refresh and has submitted an updated Book of Reference which reflects the position on land matters at Deadline 8.

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

The Applicant has provided the following at Deadline 8:

- 8.1 – South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council (final signed SoCG); and
- 8.2 – Environment Agency (final signed SoCG).

The Summary of the Status of SoCG’s document (Document 8.0) provides an overview of the position of each SoCG at Deadline 8.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this submission at Deadline 8. As this is the last scheduled Deadline of the Examination process, I want to take the opportunity on behalf of the Applicant to thank the team at the Planning Inspectorate for its work to manage the Application and the Examination process.

Yours sincerely

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