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**Our ref:** AN/2023/134163/05-L01  
**Your ref:** EN010123  
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Dear Madam

**Application by Ecotricity (Heck Fen Solar) Limited (“the Applicant”) under the Planning Act 2008 for the Heckington Fen Solar Park Development Consent Order on land at Six Hundreds Farm, Six Hundreds Drove, East Heckington, Sleaford, Lincolnshire**

Pursuant to Deadline 3, the Environment Agency notes that the Examining Authority invites comments on any submissions received at Deadline 2.

Accordingly, the Environment Agency has reviewed the Applicant’s Deadline 2 submissions and has the following comments to make.

**Document 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order Rev 4 [[REP2-009](#)]  
*Requirement 18 (Decommissioning and restoration)***

We welcome our inclusion as a specific consultee to Requirement 18 in Revision 4 of the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO). This issue is now resolved.

***Schedule 14 (Article 42) - Procedure for discharge***

We welcome the amendments to Article 42 to allow the relevant planning authority 20 business days in which to notify the applicant of any further information required. We note that the local planning authorities still have outstanding concerns in respect of the time allowances under this Article. However, for the Environment Agency’s purposes, this issue has been resolved.

***Schedule 13, Part 5 – Protective Provisions***

We welcome the inclusion of the agreed Protective Provisions for the Environment Agency.

**Figure 4.21 (Central Control Building) [[REP2-044](#)] and Figure 4.22 (Substation Control Building) [[REP2-045](#)]**

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We welcome the submission of Revision 2 of the above plans, which includes confirmation that the finished floor levels of both buildings will be at or above 2.25mAOD (above Ordnance Datum). This matter is now resolved.

**Document 7.6d: Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency [[REP-068](#)]**

We note that the Applicant has submitted Revision 2 of the SoCG to reflect all the agreements reached and this is welcomed.

**Document 7.7: Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [[REP2-072](#)]**

We welcome the additional text included in paragraph 1.6.18 of Appendix K (Outline Site Waste & Materials Management Plan) to the oCEMP confirming that a management and reporting system to minimise and track the fate of construction wastes will be utilised.

In summary, we are pleased to confirm that all outstanding matters in respect of the Environment Agency's remit as an environmental regulator have now been resolved. The only matter outstanding is that in respect of the Environment Agency as a landowner to various plots along the South Forty Foot Drain. Our Legal Team is currently reviewing draft documents provided by the applicant in respect of these plots and we will update the Examining Authority on this matter in due course.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Yours faithfully

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