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**Our ref:** AN/2023/134163/06-L01  
**Your ref:** EN010123  
**Date:** 16 January 2024

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 4, the Environment Agency has reviewed the submissions made at Deadline 3 and has no comments to make on these.

We note the Examining Authority’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Written Questions and that question CA 2.4 is directed to the Environment Agency to answer:

*The Environment Agency’s D2 written representation [REP2-103] indicates that they are reviewing documents with a view to entering into an option for easement and that outstanding matters in relation to landholdings are capable of resolution through agreement during the Examination period, and at D3 that their legal team is currently reviewing draft documents [REP3-051]. Could the Environment Agency provide an update at D4 with an indication that agreement can be provided by D5.*

Our solicitor received additional draft documentation in respect of the easement from the applicant on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024. They are in the process of reviewing the documents but at the current time we are unable to confirm if this matter will be completed by D5.

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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