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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010127

Date: 6 October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3) and Rule 9

Application by Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable

I write to provide notification that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision to vary the remainder of the Examination Timetable. This revised Examination Timetable is set out in **Annex A**.

The potential variations to the timetable were discussed at Issue Specific Hearing 5 on 28 September 2023. The revised timetable includes the following:

- The ExA considers it appropriate to delay the publication of our proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO until following the submission of the Applicant's post hearing summary and updated dDCO at **Deadline 7 (10 October 2023)**. We will therefore now publish our schedule of changes to, or commentary on the draft DCO (as appropriate), by **Wednesday 18 October 2023**.
- The Applicant will subsequently be given an opportunity to comment on our schedule of changes to, or commentary on the draft DCO by **Deadline 8 (Wednesday 25 October 2023)** with any comments by parties on these matters to be submitted by **Deadline 8A (Wednesday 1 November 2023)**.
- The remainder of the timetable has also been varied to accommodate these changes. **Deadline 9 (Friday 10 November 2023)** (including the submission of final versions of several key documents) now replaces the previous **Deadline 8**.
- **Deadline 10 (Thursday 16 November 2023)** now incorporates the opportunity to submit closing summary statements (see below).

For full details please refer to the revised Examination Timetable in Annex A. This supersedes the previous Examination Timetable set out at Annex A of our Rule 8 letter dated 23 May 2023 [[PD-007](#)].

Closing summary statements

We have also decided to invite closing summary statements from the Applicant and any Interested Party or Statutory Party at **Deadline 10 (Thursday 16 November)**. These statements should provide a summary of a party's position at the end of the examination on matters previously raised, in particular those matters that remain in dispute. Cross referencing may be included to submissions and evidence already provided. The closing summary statements should not, however, include any new points or evidence.

It is expected that the closing summary statements would most helpfully be provided by the Applicant, Lincolnshire County Council, Rutland County Council, South Kesteven District Council, Mallard Pass Action Group and potentially any statutory consultee where matters of dispute remain. However, this does not preclude any other party from making a statement although the ExA makes clear that written submissions already made do not need to be repeated and will remain to be taken into account in our recommendation to the Secretary of State.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

David Cliff

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annex A Revised Examination Timetable

Revised Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Please note that the revised Examination Timetable applies from the date of this letter.

Item	Matters	Date
16.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) and any associated questions 	Friday 6 October 2023
17.	<p>Deadline 7 (D7)</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post hearing submission including written summaries of oral case put at any of the hearings during w/c 25 September 2023 Applicant's revised draft DCO Progressed versions of any SoCG and an updated Statement of Commonality of SoCG (if required) Comments on any submission received at deadline 6 Any further information requested by the Examination Authority 	Tuesday 10 October 2023
18.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO/Commentary on the draft DCO (if required) 	Wednesday 18 October 2023
19.	<p>Deadline 8 (D8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Applicant's comments on the Examination Authority's schedule of changes to the draft DCO commentary on the draft DCO (if issued) Comments on the RIES and responses to any associated questions Comments on any additional information/submissions received by 	Wednesday 25 October 2023

Item	Matters	Date
	<p>Deadline 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the Examining Authority 	
20.	<p>Deadline 8A (D8A)</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses received at D8 to the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO/commentary on the draft DCO (if issued) Comments on any additional information/submissions received by Deadline 8 Any further information requested by the ExA 	Wednesday 1 November 2023
21.	<p>Deadline 9 (D9)</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final DCO in the SI template with the SI template validation report Final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR Final SoCG Final Statement of Commonality of SoCG Final Guide to the application Final Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought (if required) in clean and tracked versions Final status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers Final Policy Tracker Comments on an additional information/submission received at Deadline 8A Any further information requested by the Examination Authority 	Friday 10 November 2023
22.	<p>Deadline 10 (D10)</p> <p>For receipt by the Examination Authority of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing summary statements 	Thursday 16 November 2023

Item	Matters	Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the Examination Authority for this deadline 	
23.	The Examination Authority is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months	Thursday 16 November 2023

Submission times for Deadlines

The time for submission of documents at any Deadline in the timetable is 23:59 on the relevant Deadline date, unless instructed otherwise by the Examination Authority.

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the [project webpage](#) soon as practicable after the Deadlines for submissions.

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