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To: [Mallard Pass Solar](#)
Subject: Invitation to attend Mallard Pass Solar Farm Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5)
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Dear Mr Johansson

Thank you for inviting the Environment Agency to attend Issue Specific Hearing 5 in the event of any remaining disagreement. We are unable to attend the hearing; however, I provide below an update on the one matter on which we have not yet reached final agreement with the Applicant. This related to our Gwash-Glen water transfer pipeline, which passes under the site in the vicinity of the proposed substation.

Both parties have previously agreed that the need to protect the Gwash-Glen water transfer pipeline can be dealt with through Protective Provisions. The Environment Agency (the EA) has provided an indicative plan and a section drawing. The EA undertook a site visit on 8 September 2023, supported by a video call with the Applicant, with the aim of establishing the precise location of the pipeline. The conclusion was that this was not possible without a ground-penetrating radar survey or similar. The EA intends to commission a survey but does not anticipate this will be complete before the close of the Examination. The results of the survey, including a precise plan of the pipeline, will be provided to the Applicant. The Applicant provided assurance that there is sufficient space (and flexibility with the location of the substation) within the field to not impinge within 3.5 metres of the pipeline, as required by the EA.

The Protective Provisions for this matter are being discussed between the EA and the Applicant. We are confident that they will be finalised by Deadline 8.

If the Examining Authority has any questions not covered by the above, we will be happy to address them in writing.

Kind regards

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