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Subject: Post Hearing Submission - Deadline 3

Dear Sir/Madam

During the Issue Specific Hearings last week, the Examiner asked if Nottinghamshire CC had any further suggested wording relating to our recommendation for a condition to secure “a method of co-ordination between projects” for the construction phase.

Please accept this email as the response of the County Council to meet this request as a post hearing submission:

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Constructing and deconstructing the construction accesses shouldn't be a significant issue as it would be controlled by the County Council's permit scheme where each solar project would have to book the road space and avoid conflicts. If projects share the same road access where applicable, this would be minimised as each access should only need to be constructed and deconstructed once to serve all projects.

The traffic associated with laying the cable(s) is more difficult if there is any overlap between the various projects. If there is no overlap, there may be disruption potentially several times. The County Council accepts that as separate commercial projects it may be difficult to align construction periods. A condition to try and manage that would be appropriate for each project might be worded as follows:

- *No development shall take place until a Full Construction Traffic Management Plan (FCTMP) has been submitted to and has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for the routing and coordination of vehicles associated with the laying of the grid connection and who shall approve any subsequent changes to the FCTMP during the course of the works. The Plan and any subsequent changes shall include:*
 - *A phasing programme for the laying of the grid connection.*
 - *The method of coordination and communication between solar projects.*
 - *The identification and the means of implementing opportunities to combine grid connection works with other solar projects.*
 - *A phasing programme for the provision of the construction accesses and temporary parking, load and unloading, and storage areas to allow the laying of the cable within the grid connection corridor.*
 - *A phasing programme for the removal or downgrading of the construction accesses and the removal of temporary parking, load and unloading, and storage areas.*
 - *Provision for the sharing of temporary construction accesses and parking, load and unloading, and storage areas with other solar projects.*
 - *Any handover of temporary constructions accesses, temporary parking, load and unloading, and storage areas to other solar projects.*
 - *A means to ensure that all drivers of vehicles under the control of the Applicant are made aware of the coordination and communication arrangements, approved routes, construction access arrangements, temporary parking, load and unloading, and storage areas.*
 - *The disciplinary steps that will be exercised in the event of a default.*
 - *Details of appropriate signage to advising drivers of the vehicle routes and access arrangement.*
 - *Wheel cleaning and road sweeping facilities and their use/retention.*

The first action on commencement of works within the cable route corridor, and prior to any further action (including site clearance, site stripping or site establishment) shall be the formation of; any temporary access

arrangements, signage, parking, loading, unloading, and storage areas in accordance with the approved FCTMP and thereafter any temporary accesses, signage, parking, load and unloading, and storage areas shall be set out, utilised, downgraded, and removed in accordance with the approved FCTMP. The designated parking, loading, and unloading, and storage areas shall be used for no other purpose during the respective part of the programme. All temporary access arrangements to the grid connection shall otherwise be removed or be downgraded within 6 months of them no longer being required to provide construction access to the cable route corridor.

Reason: To minimise the possibility of vehicular conflict during works within the cable route corridor and in the interests of maintaining highway efficiency and safety.

The County Council hopes this is helpful to the Examining Authority in considering the conditions or otherwise which should accompany any Development Consent Order for this project.

Kind regards

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