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Dear Sir/Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Application by West Burton Solar Project Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the West Burton Solar Project

The Examining Authority (ExA) is writing to request further information from the Applicant under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

Question 7 of the Rule 17 letter dated 23 April 2024 refers to the area within the Order Limits representing the former Stow Park Deer Park (as shown in Figure 1 of the Stow Park Cultural Heritage Position Statement [\[REP5-027\]](#)). It seeks clarification on how the installed capacity within this area would relate to the overall electricity generating capacity of the Proposed Development. In their [response provided at Deadline 6](#) the Applicant sets out that this area would be responsible for approximately 20% of total generating capacity.

Should the Secretary of State conclude that the harm to the Scheduled Ancient Monument outweighed the need for the Proposed Development, the Applicant is asked to consider whether an amendment to exclude panels from the area shown in Figure 1 would represent the same Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as originally applied for.

If it would, then the Applicant is asked to consider, on a without prejudice basis, the alterations that would be required to the Order Limits, the Development Consent Order, the Land Plan, the Works Plan, and any other necessary alterations, to accommodate the changes that would be required to the application.

The Applicant is also asked to comment on the implications of these alterations for the functionality and viability of the Proposed Development overall.

A response should be submitted by **Deadline 7 (8 May 2024)**.

Yours faithfully

Andrea Mageean

Examining Authority/ Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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