



To:

West Burton Solar Project Limited

Our Ref: EN010132

19 September 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by West Burton Solar Project Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed West Burton Solar Project.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 8 May 2024, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 8 August 2024. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. There are matters on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant could provide information as appropriate.

Stow Park Alteration

3. Without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s final decision, the Applicant is requested to provide further information regarding the option to remove solar panels from Stow Park Deer Park (“the Stow Park Alteration”).
4. The Applicant is requested to provide any necessary updates to the Environmental Statement (the “ES”), describing the potential for new environmental effects, or effects of different significance, that could arise from the amendment. The updates should include confirmation as to whether the existing baseline surveys remain valid for informing assessment. The ES should also include an updated ‘Biodiversity Net Gain Report’ which presents revised BNG Metric calculations due to the removal of panels within the Stow Park Deer Park and updates the plan for delivering BNG accordingly.

5. Further, the Applicant is requested to provide the following:

- Updated Book of Rights;
- Updated Book of Reference;
- Updated Land Plans;
- Updated Works Plan;
- Updated Development Consent Order;
- Updated outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan;
- Updated outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy;
- Updated outline Construction Environmental Management Plan;
- Updated outline Soil Management Plan; and
- Any other additional or updated plans or documents deemed necessary.

Responses


6. Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to: westburtonsolarproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 17 October 2024.

7. Responses will be published on the West Burton Solar Project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 17 October 2024:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010132>

8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the West Burton Solar Project or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



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