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Order Granting Development Consent for the West Burton Solar Project (EN010132) – Secretary of State’s letter 07 November 2024.

Dear Mr Wheadon

I refer to the letter dated 7 November 2024 on behalf of the Secretary of State asking for views on the responses to his consultation letters dated 19 September 2024 and 15 October 2024 from the Applicant and other Interested Parties.

We note a number of documents have been submitted where changes have been made to previous versions. We wish to comment on the following:

1. Outline Decommissioning Statement, Revision C (October 2024) – We welcome the addition on page 15 that the Environment Agency is to be notified in the event of any suspected pollution incidents.
2. Operational Environmental Management Plan, Revision E (October 2024). We welcome the addition on page 11 on the topic of electromagnetic fields and fish that the results of the monitoring surveys are to be shared with the Environment Agency and Natural England.

We also note the views of Natural England dated 22 October 2024 and we welcome the involvement of that organisation in the project to monitor any impacts of electromagnetic fields on fish as referred to in Annex A to the letter.

I hope this reply is of assistance.

Should you require any additional information, or wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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