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Good afternoon,

Apologies for this late addition to our written representations. Within our written representations we did not reiterate our advice provided in our relevant representations that the implementation of a time limit on the DCO would reduce the potential long-term impact on agricultural land and BMV land.

Natural England's comments regarding the non-time limited nature of this consent remain unchanged. We consider that during the life of the proposed development it is likely that there will be a reduction in potential agricultural production over the development area subject to the solar panel arrays and habitat enhancement. If not time limited as described, the areas subject to a change in land use or land management (i.e. The land under the solar arrays and the land subject to habitat enhancement) has the potential to lead to the permanent reduction in the lands potential agricultural production.

If you require and further information on this please don't hesitate to get in touch. We can also amend our written representations response document to include this if that would be preferable.

Many thanks,

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