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Dear Cottam Solar Project Case Team

Request for the removal of HSE to be consulted in relation to Battery Safety Management Plan (BSMP)

Following on from HSE's previous correspondence sent to you dated 10 August 2023 in response to your letter of the 10 July 2023 with regard to the Rule 6 Examining Authority's letter containing the draft timetable, an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting and Notification of Hearings for the Cottam Solar Project.

HSE's letter of the 10 August 2023 gave an in-depth explanation that HSE does not provide comment on BSMPs, as it is not part of our planning functions and we do not have the technical capacity to undertake them.

HSE had agreed with the Planning Inspectorate that Advice Note 11 Annex G will be amended to further clarify both HSE's role in planning and the position regarding BSMP.

Furthermore, HSE requested that Schedule 2 Requirement 6 and any other references to HSE consultation/approval of the BSMP were to be removed from the Development Consent Order ahead of your meeting on the 5 September 2023. On checking the DCO, **this request has not been actioned upon** and it still remains that HSE should be consulted.

So therefore, as already indicated in HSE's previous correspondence and reiterate again that there is no statutory requirement to consult HSE in relation to a Battery Safety Management Plan (BSMP) and HSE would not provide any comments on them.

Yours sincerely,

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Sent on behalf of the NSIP team and Karen Daniels
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