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Your ref: EN010133

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Dear Mr Cridland

**Order Granting Development Consent for the Cottam Solar Project (EN010133)
- Examining Authority's third written questions.**

I refer to the Examining Authority's third written questions issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 13 February 2024.

Our answers to the question where the Environment Agency is referred to in the 'question to' column is as follows:

3.7.3 Environment Agency

Question: The lifetime of the Proposed Development is now expected to be up to 60 years. Please clarify if the Applicant's approach to assessing Yewthorpe Beck is still correct as regards flood risk, with regard to the Flood Risk Assessment [APP-090] and Annexes D, E and F [APP-093, APP-094 and APP-095].

Environment Agency Answer:

The Yewthorpe Beck is an ordinary watercourse and therefore does not fall within the remit of the Environment Agency. Lincolnshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority or the Internal Drainage Board should provide comment on this watercourse instead.

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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