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Dear Sir

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

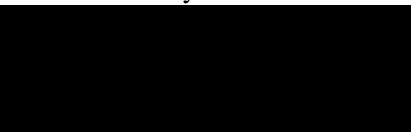
**Application by Cottam Solar Project Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Cottam Solar Project (“the Application”)**

We act on behalf of EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited who are registered as an interested party (interested party number COTT-AFP080) in respect of the Application. We write in response to your request for information dated 19 July 2024.

EDF continues to negotiate with the Applicant; however, as of 6 August 2024, no Voluntary Land Agreement has been agreed, and the Applicant has not yet been able to provide the reassurance that EDF requires to ensure there will be no serious detriment to its undertaking in lieu of such Agreement.

It therefore remains EDF’s position that its preferred protective provisions submitted at Deadline 6 (REP6-013), which restrict the usage of compulsory acquisition powers without an agreement, must be included in the DCO. If the DCO were granted without such wording, this would result in a serious detriment to EDF’s undertaking. Accordingly, EDF maintains its objection.

Yours faithfully



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