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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) - Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Byers Gill Solar Farm

Relevant Representations of Durham County Council – registration identification number: 20047985

I write in response to the above application.

Durham County Council (DCC) is one of the host authorities for the proposed Byers Gill Solar Farm, however only small proportion of the site is within the Council's administrative boundary. DCC has liaised with the applicant and has provided comments throughout the pre-submission period.

DCC will provide comments within its Local Impact Report (LIR) and may submit a Written Representation during the examination. The LIR will set out the views of DCC following appraisal of the DCO application and will, amongst other matters, refer to landscape, ecology, cultural heritage, highways, access and rights of way and drainage and flood risk. The Council reserves the right to amend its position or comments following further consideration of the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this letter.

Yours faithfully

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