

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

Issue Specific Hearing 1

Date: 23 July 2024

Venue: Mercure Darlington King's Hotel; and MS Teams

Action Points:

No	Party	Action	Deadline
1	Mr Peter Wood	Mr Wood to submit in writing questions for the Applicant and related representations concerning the effects of the Proposed Development on the local road network around Bishopton.	Deadline 1
2	Bishopton Village Association Group (BVAG) (Mr Sean Anderson)	Mr Anderson to submit in writing question for the Applicant regarding the construction and grid connection dates of the Proposed Development.	Deadline 1
3	Bishopton Parish Council (Mr Steve Rose)	Mr Rose to submit in writing question for the Applicant concerning examples of biodiversity net gain benefits being delivered / realised on other schemes.	Deadline 1
4	Mr Norman Melaney	Mr Melaney to submit in writing question for the Applicant to clarify the dimensions of the hardstanding area outside the 132kv on-site substation.	Deadline 1
5	Bishopton Parish Council (Mr Steve Rose)	Mr Rose to submit in writing question for the Applicant concerning the Applicant's design decision to locate the onsite Battery Energy Storage Systems 300m from residential housing.	Deadline 1
6	Mr Norman Melaney	Mr Melaney to submit in writing question for the Applicant to clarify how the 300m separation of the Battery Energy Storage Systems from residential housing has been measured (i.e whether from the residence or boundary of the residence).	Deadline 1
7	BVAG (Mr Sean Anderson)	Mr Anderson to submit in writing question concerning the Applicant's consideration of alternative sites for the Proposed	Deadline 1

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		Development which are further removed from residential receptors.	
8	Applicant	Provide responses, separate and individually, to each one of the action points 1 to 7 (inclusive) above.	Deadline 2
	Applicant	Applicant to provide further explanation of the principles which have informed the design and layout of the Proposed Development, which should also address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calculations demonstrating the expected generating capacity of the Proposed Development. - an explanation of the previous reduction or removal of panel areas. - the potential to consolidate the maintenance equipment for the Proposed Development to a single onsite location. 	Deadline 2 and ExQ1
9	BVAG (Mr Sean Anderson)	Mr Anderson to submit in writing question for the Applicant concerning the Applicant's approach to consultation when identifying the community benefits of the Proposed Development.	Deadline 1
10	Applicant	Provide further information about the proposed Community Benefit Fund including the Applicant's approach to community consultation and proposals for the administration of the fund in response to action 9.	Deadline 2
11	Applicant	Engage with Northern Powergrid to obtain confirmation of capacity at Norton substation in light of all the solar energy projects in the area and the cumulative effect of this on the substation.	Deadline 2
12	Applicant	Provide a further written explanation of the Applicant's approach to delivering the on-road cable route without acquiring subsoil interests, to include an explanation of how the proposed DCO powers drafted by the Applicant are consistent with previously granted DCOs.	Deadline 2
13	Applicant	Submit PowerPoint presentation which was shared with all parties during the ISH1 ad Deadline 1 for comments by all IPs.	Deadline 1