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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 and 9**

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

**Deadline 1 Response – 13 August 2024**

**Durham County Council – registration identification number: 20047985**

I write in response to the 'Rule 6' letter dated 25 June 2022 and the matters required to be addressed by Deadline 1. It is noted that the 'Rule 8' letter dated 30 July 2024, amongst other matters, extends Deadline 1.

**Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases as heard on the ISH1, OFH1 and OFH2**

Not applicable to Durham County Council (DCC).

**Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)**

No comments.

**Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Applicant's draft itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) (if required)**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Local Impact Report(s) (LIRs)**

DCC's Local Impact Report is attached.

**Regeneration, Economy and Growth**

Durham County Council, Planning Development (Strategic), PO BOX 274, Stanley, Co. Durham, DH8 1HG Main Telephone: 03000 262 830

**Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)**

The applicant has prepared a SoCG which has been shared with DCC and has no issues with the current version of the document.

**Statement of Commonality (SoC) of SoCG**

Not applicable to DCC.

**The Compulsory Acquisitions (CA) Schedule**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Guide to the Application**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested DCC** wishes to be considered as an IP by the ExA.

**Requests by Interested Parties (IPs) to be heard at a subsequent Open Floor Hearing (OFH)**

DCC may wish to attend any subsequent OFH but this will depend upon the agenda.

**Requests by Affected Persons (APs) (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)**

DCC may wish to be heard at any subsequent CAH, but please note this will depend upon any potential change to the DCO application boundary which may or may not impact upon the Council's land interests.

**Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

Not applicable to DCC.

**Comments on any information/submissions accepted by the ExA**

Not applicable to DCC.

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

Yours faithfully



Claire Teasdale  
Principal Planning Officer

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- Appendix 1 – DCC Local Impact Report Assessment