



Historic England

**RESPONSES TO THE WRITTEN QUESTIONS OF THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY
FOR DEADLINE 2**

29th August 2024

ON BEHALF OF THE

**HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND
(HISTORIC ENGLAND)**

Application by

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

PINS Reference No: EN010139

Historic England Reference No: PL00795646

Deadline 2 Submission

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ExQ1	Question to:	Question:	Historic England response
HEN.1.6	<p>DBC Historic England Applicant</p>	<p>The Environmental Constraints Plan [APP-057], in Fig. 2.19 and the Works Plans [AS-013] in Sheet 11 of 13 show that proposed works No. 5 - Cable 132Kv will be conducted in close proximity to the scheduled monument motte and bailey castle. Can the Applicant please provide some further information and confirmation that works will be sensitive to the scheduled monument motte and bailey castle and how and where in the DCO works have been secured in order to protect the integrity of an scheduled monument. Can DBC and Historic England please confirm that they are in agreement with the Applicant's proposed approach?</p>	<p>The applicant contacted Historic England prior to the application being submitted with a query about this.</p> <p>It is our understanding that the proposed works will be undergrounded and are outside the boundary of the scheduled monument. However, we have not seen any final proposed plan.</p> <p>Should the works be outside the monument and underground there would be no impact on the monument, and we would have no concerns.</p>
HEN.1.7	<p>Applicant DBC Historic England</p>	<p>Chapter 8 of the ES Cultural Heritage and Archaeology [APP-031] recognises, in relation to the scheduled monument motte and bailey castle 400m south of Bishopton, that the surrounding landscape makes a contribution to the significance of the asset through an ability to appreciate and understanding the power and influence of the motte in relation to the wider area. Can the Applicant therefore explain why its states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The solar PV modules would not obstruct any visual or spatial aspect of the strategic location of the asset; 	<p>Historic England confirm that we are content with the Applicant's assessment in relation to the Scheduled Monument known as "Motte and bailey castle 400m south east of Bishopton" (NHLE 1008668).</p> <p>Following a site visit undertaken in August 2023 and having studied the plans of the proposed development we are in agreement with paragraphs 8.10.73 to 8.10.76 of the Environmental Statement. Therefore, in conclusion we also agree that the proposed</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why the Proposed Development would lead only to a negligible magnitude of change on the asset which is of high heritage significance?• Can Historic England and DBC please clarify if they are happy with the Applicant's assessment in relation to the scheduled monument motte and bailey castle?	development will lead to a Negligible magnitude of change on the asset which is of High heritage significance resulting in a Negligible Effect, which is not Significant for the purposes of EIA
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