

**APPLICATION BY RWE RENEWABLES UK SOLAR AND STORAGE LIMITED  
("THE APPLICANT") FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT  
FOR BYERS GILL SOLAR FARM**

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN01039**

**INTERESTED PARTY NUMBER: 20048744**

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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S  
SECOND WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REQUEST  
FOR INFORMATION (EXQ1)  
submitted on behalf of Network Rail  
Infrastructure Limited ("Network Rail")**

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## **1 Network Rail's response to the ExQ1 GCT 1.9**

1.1 The following question was addressed to all Statutory Undertakers in the ExQ1 as ExQ1 GCT 1.9:

*" Statutory Undertakers Position Statement Issue [APP-170] sets out the current position of discussions between the Applicant and statutory undertakers that have assets or operations that would potentially be affected by the Proposed Development. The ExA notes several unresolved matters between the Applicant and Statutory Undertakers. Are all affected Statutory Undertakers content with the summary of current position as detailed in [APP-170]?"*

1.2 In response to ExQ1 GCT 1.9, Network Rail confirms that its engineers have now reviewed potential impacts on rail bridges which it had understood may be impacted by the proposed construction traffic route and abnormal loads route. Network Rail confirms that it no longer has an objection to the proposed routes set out in the Outline CTMP. This is subject to:

- (a) the Applicant following normal control procedures with the Highways Authority (which will include approval of the CTMP under Requirement 6 and Decommissioning details under Requirement 5), including contacting the Network Rail abnormal movements team where applicable, and
- (b) the Network Rail Structures Asset Engineering team being contacted with any unusual requests when the routing is finalised. To note that this may necessitate a swept path analysis being carried out for bridge reference STF/19.
- (c) Requirements 5 (decommissioning traffic management plan) and 6 (CTMP) in the draft Order being updated to include consultation with Network Rail prior to their approval.

1.3 Network Rail expect that the Statutory Undertakers Position Statement will be updated at Deadline 4 (and subsequent deadlines, if required) to reflect the position as agreed between the parties.

**Addleshaw Goddard LLP**  
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