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Dear Jen,

Development Consent for the Byers Gill Solar scheme: EN010139 Applicants submission – Deadline 3 (19 September 2024)

On 30 July 2024, the Examining Authority ("ExA") issued a letter under Section 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rules 8 and 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 ("the Rule 8 letter") which confirmed the Examination timetable and procedure relating to the Byers Gill Solar Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The Rule 8 letter set out the submissions required by the ExA to be provided for each Deadline of the Examination.

On 30 August 2024, Written Representations were received as part of Deadline 2 submissions to which the Applicant has responded.

This letter encloses the Applicant's summary of the submission made at Deadline 3.

Your sincerely,

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SUMMARY OF DEADLINE 3 SUBMISSION

Please find below a list of documents which form the RWE (Applicant) submission at Deadline 2 of the Examination of the Byers Gill Solar DCO application:

- Cover letter (this letter)
- Updated Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.2 Revision 4)
- Application Document Tracker (Document Reference 1.5, Revision 6)
- Comments on Deadline 2 Submissions Including Written Representations and Responses to ExQ1 (Document Reference 8.12)
- Comments on Written Representations REP2-042 (Bishopton Villages Action Group) and REP2-044 (Landscape & Visual Review) (Document Reference 8.13)
- Statement of Commonality (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 3)
- Statement of Common Ground with Darlington Borough Council (Document Reference 8.4.2 Revision 1)
- Statement of Common Ground with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (Document Reference 8.4.3 Revision 2)
- Statement of Common Ground with Durham County Council (Document Reference 8.4.1 Revision 2)
- Statement of Common Ground with Stillington and Whitton Parish Council (Document Reference 8.4.12 Revision 2)
- Statement of Common Ground with Redmarshall Parish Council (Document Reference 8.4.10 Revision 2)
- Compulsory Acquisition Negotiation Schedule (Document Reference 8.5 Revision 2)

STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

The Rule 8 letter lists a number of Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) requested by the ExA to be produced jointly by the Applicant and third parties. At this Deadline, five updated SoCGs are provided, with matters to be agreed. Discussions with parties are ongoing and it is anticipated that further SoCGs, or updates to existing SoCGs, may be submitted at the next Deadline. The accompanying Statement of Commonality (SoC) (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 3) sets out the status of all SoCGs in production and progression made since Deadline 2.

Since Deadline 2, the Applicant has attended meetings with Redmarshall Parish Council, Great Stainton Parish Meeting and the Bishopton Villages Action Group (BVAG). The outcome of the meeting with Redmarshall Parish Council is reflected in the updated SoCG. Updated SoCGs with Great Stainton Parish Meeting and BVAG are not provided at this Deadline, as all parties have agreed to a further meeting to discuss in detail aspects of the design of the Proposed Development, in an effort to work collaboratively on specific areas of the design. It is intended that updated SoCGs will be provided to the ExA at a deadline following that meeting.