

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

Issue Specific Hearing 2

Date: 15 October 2024

Venue: Dolphin Centre, Darlington; and MS Teams

Action Points:

No	Party	Action	Deadline
1	Applicant	Applicant to clarify the calculation of the acre-per-MW ratio of the Proposed Development, noting that the Energy Generation and Design Evolution Document [REP2-010] states a figure of 2.5acres/MW(DC) and the ExA calculated a figure of 2.56acres/MW(DC).	Deadline 5
2	Applicant	Applicant to submit a written explanation providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> industry-based evidence for the proposed overplanting ratio of 1.6; justification for the Applicant's use of the 1.6 figure (rather than 1.0) as the baseline for the land take analysis and explanation of what the 1.0 represents in relation to energy generation from the Proposed Development; the estimated number of solar panels required for the Proposed Development (including by reference to a range, as appropriate); and How the proposed number of panels required for the Proposed Development is linked to the proposed land take. 	Deadline 5
3	Andrew Anderson on behalf of BVAG	Mr Andrew Anderson to submit his questions to the ExA in writing regarding the Applicant's site selection process, the consideration of alternative locations, and co-location of solar panels with agricultural land use.	Deadline 4

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4	Applicant	Applicant to respond to questions submitted at Deadline 4 by Andrew Anderson.	Deadline 5
	Applicant	Applicant to confirm if, in relation to Cultural Heritage and Archaeology as set out in ES Chapter 8 [APP-031], the ExA should interpret the Applicant's assessment of "negligible effect" as meaning "no effect" across the whole ES as it relates to cultural heritage and archaeology assets? And if not, then can the Applicant please amend the ES in order to make it clearer where a "negligible effect" has been identified rather than "no effect"?	
5	Applicant	Applicant to confirm, with reference to examples, whether the Applicant's methodology for assessing the significance of effect (as set out in Table 8-4 of ES Chapter 8 [APP-031]), particularly the inclusion of "no harm" within the category of "negligible effect", is common practice.	Deadline 5
6	Darlington Borough Council (DBC) and Historic England (HE)	Darlington Borough Council (DBC) and Historic England (HE) are asked to comment on the suitability of the Applicant's approach in relation to its use of "negligible effect" as discussed at this Hearing.	Deadline 5
7	Historic England (HE)	HE to confirm whether it has reviewed the final off-road cable route (as the preferred option for the Applicant) and if it has any further concerns.	Deadline 5