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Dear Jen,

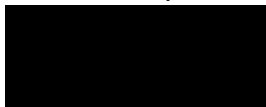
**Development Consent for the Byers Gill Solar scheme: EN010139
Applicants submission – Deadline 4 (24 October 2024)**

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 22 October 2024, the ExA published Hearing Action Points arising from the Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing held on 15 and 16 October 2024. Where an action was required for Deadline 4, this is included in this submission.

This letter encloses the Applicant’s summary of the submission made at Deadline 4.

Your sincerely,



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SUMMARY OF DEADLINE 4 SUBMISSION

Please find below a list of documents which form the RWE (Applicant) submission at Deadline 4 of the Examination of the Byers Gill Solar DCO application:

- Cover letter (this letter)
- Updated Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.2 Revision 5)
- Application Document Tracker (Document Reference 1.5, Revision 8)
- Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases as heard at ISH2, ISH3, ISH4 and CAH1 (Document Reference 8.15)
- Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers (Document Reference 7.7, Revision 3)
- Comments on Deadline 3 Submissions (Document Reference 8.16)
- Statement of Commonality (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 4)
- Statement of Common Ground with Redmarshall Parish Council (Document Reference 8.4.10 Revision 3)
- Statement of Common Ground with Great Stainton Parish Meeting (Document Reference 8.4.11)
- Statement of Common Ground with Darlington Borough Council (Document Reference 8.4.2, Revision 2)
- ES Errata and Management Plans Updates (Document Reference 8.11, Revision 2).
- ES Chapter 11 Noise and Vibration Addendum – Construction Noise (Document Reference 8.17)
- ES Appendix 11.4 BS4142 Assessment Calculations (Document Reference 6.4.11.4, Revision 2)
- ES Figure 11.1 Sensitive Receptor Location Plan (Document Reference 6.3.11.1, Revision 2)
- Little Stainton Beck Hydraulic Modelling Technical Note (Document Reference 8.18)
- Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy (Document Reference 6.4.10.1, Revision 4)

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, three updated SoCGs are provided, with matters to be agreed. This includes a final, signed SoCG with Redmarshall Parish Council (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 4). Discussions with other 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 4) sets out the status of all SoCGs in production and progression made since Deadline 3.

HEARING ACTION POINTS

The ExA published hearing action points arising from the hearings held over 15 and 16 October 2024 on 23 October 2024. Whilst most of these action points relate to submission at Deadline 5, the action point ISH3-04 requested at Deadline 4: *Applicant to submit an updated Flood Risk Assessment which addresses DBC's comments regarding the community benefit limb of the exception test and include a technical note on the hydraulic modelling carried out and reviewed by the Environment Agency.*

This is addressed through the submission of the revised Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy (Document Reference 6.4.10.1, Revision 4) and Flood Modelling Technical Note (Document Reference 8.18), respectively.