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Dear Jen,

**Development Consent for the Byers Gill Solar scheme: EN010139
Applicants submission – Deadline 7a (8 January 2025) and response to Rule 17 Request
[PD-015]**

Deadline 7a

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.

A Rule 8 (3) Letter [PD-013] published on 18 December confirmed an amended timetable and confirmed the required submissions for Deadline 7a on 8 January 2025. For the Applicant, the relevant item to be submitted at Deadline 7a is ‘*Comments on the CA Regulations RRs received by Deadline 6a*’. Only 1 no Relevant Representation was received by Deadline 6a. This was from the Environment Agency (EA) [RR-553]. The Relevant Representation confirmed that the EA has no comments to make on the proposed change (Change 1, as proposed under the Change Request) and confirmed that the EA would not provide a further Written Representation at Deadline 7a. The Applicant therefore confirms that it has no comments to make on this Relevant Representation and **will not be making a submission** in respect of Deadline 7a.



Response to Rule 17 Request

On 23 December 2024, the ExA published a request [PD-015] under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010. This requested that the Applicant submit a revised version of the draft DCO (dDCO) to correct any further discrepancies or issues previous identified by the ExA that have not to date been resolved. The submission of the revised dDCO was requested for 8 January 2025.


The Applicant has therefore carried out a further review of the dDCO and provides the following documents in response to the request:

- dDCO (tracked) (Document Reference 3.1 Revision 7)
- dDCO (clean) (Document Reference 3.1 Revision 7)
- EM (tracked) (Document Reference 3.2 Revision 5)
- EM (Clean) (Document Reference 3.2 Revision 5)
- DCO Schedule of Changes (Document Reference 3.3 Revision 6)

In undertaking a review of the dDCO, the Applicant has identified a number of minor additions that were required, largely in relation to defined terms. In addition, further formatting anomalies or minor errors have been identified and corrected. The Applicant has also made some amendments that relate to requests by Interested Parties. This includes a number of amendments requested by Darlington Borough Council, and the removal of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) as a consultee on Requirement 11, at their request.

The Applicant does not provide a validated version of the dDCO at this deadline, as a final, validated version will be provided at Deadline 8 on 17 January 2025.

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