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Dear Sirs

**Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for the Byers Gill Solar Farm  
The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ3)  
Issued on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Set out below are the responses to these questions by Darlington Borough Council (IP reference number BGSF-AFP412).

**LSV.3.1 – With reference to the SoCG with DBC [REP6-004] and the items relating to Glint and Glare (DBC084 – 086). Please would the parties update the ExA on progress with agreeing these items, highlighting specific points of disagreement including suggested modifications to wording in the application documents**

DBC has worked further with the applicant on outstanding matters relating to Glint and Glare (DBC084 -086). The current position is set out in the SoCG between DBC and the applicant to be submitted at Deadline 7.

**LSV3.6 – Having reviewed the Applicant's response to the ExA's request for further information regarding its Landscape and Visual assessment [PD-012]; please would the parties submit details of the outstanding matters of dispute with the Applicant**

**CU.3.1 – Having reviewed the Applicant's response to the ExA's request for further information regarding its assessment of Cumulative Effects [PD-012]; please would the parties submit details of the outstanding matters of dispute with the Applicant**

DBC is not in a position to confirm our position on either matter until further discussion at ISH8 when the applicant gives further explanation on issues raised by the Rule 17 letter. In particular, further clarification is required on issues relating to potential effects on village character and setting and cumulative effects.

Yours sincerely



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