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Dear Jen,


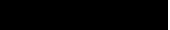
**Development Consent for the Byers Gill Solar scheme: EN010139  
Applicants submission – Deadline 7 (10 January 2025)**

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.

This letter encloses the Applicant’s summary of the submission made at Deadline 7.

Your sincerely



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## SUMMARY OF DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSION

The Applicant's Deadline 7 submission comprises of the following documents:

- Cover letter (this letter)
- Updated Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.2 Revision 9)
- Application Document Tracker (Document Reference 1.5, Revision 12)
- Response to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (Document Reference 8.32)
- Comments on Deadline 6 Submissions (Document Reference 8.33)
- Statement of Commonality (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 7)
- Statement of Common Ground with Darlington Borough Council (Document Reference 8.4.2, Revision 4)
- Statement of Common Ground with Great Stainton (Document Reference 8.4.11, Revision 3)
- Landscape Statement of Common Ground with Bishopton Villages Action Group (BVAG) (Document Reference 8.4.13, Revision 1)
- ES Errata and Management Plans Updates (Document Reference 8.11, Revision 4)
  - This document is provided with a) updated errata relating to ES Chapters and appendices where submissions made at earlier deadlines have resulted in corrections or amendments and b) to indicate proposed changes to be made to management plans at Deadline 8 as committed through other documents submitted at Deadline 7 (namely ExQ3 responses and SoCGs)
- ES Appendix 10.2 Water Framework Directive Assessment (Document Reference 6.4.10.2, Revision 3)
  - This document is provided following discussion with the EA to provide further detail and clarification on watercourse and access track crossings in relation to the WFD assessment.

## 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. This includes a new SoCG, which is a landscape-specific SoCG with BVAG, as requested under ISH4 Action Point 8 [EV12-008]. The SoCG with Great Stainton Parish Meeting (Document Reference 8.4.11, Revision 3) is now final and signed. Discussions with other parties are ongoing and it is anticipated that final, signed versions of the remaining SoCGs in draft will be submitted at Deadline 8. The accompanying Statement of Commonality (SoC) (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 7) sets out the status of all SoCGs in production and progression made since Deadline 6.