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Application ref: 24/00660/NPA

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Dear Mr Cook,

**Section 55 (Acceptance of Applications) of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act") (as amended)
Section 42 (Duty to Consult) Section 47 (Duty to Consult Local Community) Section 48 (Duty to Publicise)
Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010142**

Adequacy of Consultation Request

Proposal: Tillbridge Solar Project which comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity, a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and infrastructure to export and import electricity to the national electricity transmission network.

Site Address: Tillbridge Solar Project

I refer to the above consultation received by this Authority on 11 April 2024, which relates to the proposed installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic electricity generation and storage facilities and associated cable route corridor within the neighbouring administrative boundaries of West Lindsey District Council and Bassetlaw District Council.

Following your request for a response on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the applicant, I would offer the following observations. Newark and Sherwood District Council was formally consulted by the applicant on the 26 May 2023 in relation to this project and responded to the applicant on the 12 June 2023 confirming that the Council had no comments to make. As such, the Council can therefore confirm that the applicant has fulfilled its duty under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, so far as it relates to the formal consultation of Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Turning to Section 47 (Duty to Consult the Local Community) and Section 48 (Duty to Publicise) of the Planning Act 2008, as a neighbouring planning authority, Newark and Sherwood District Council have not had any specific involvement in these matters and view that as a matter for the 'host' authorities to advise upon. Accordingly, we have no further comments to make in this regard.

Please note that this matter has not been formally reported to the District Council's Planning Committee. In these circumstances the comments are those of an Officer of the Council under delegated power arrangements.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague, Simon Betts, the case officer who has dealt with this consultation, on 01636 655369.

Yours sincerely,



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