

The Planning Inspectorate

Our ref: 20047611
Your ref: EN010143

Date: 18 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Application by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Yorkshire Solar Farm

Environment Agency Written Representation.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency in relation to the above application. Please see below our written representation.

Flood Risk

Our comments made under relevant representations are still applicable. We would, however like to draw attention to the comments we made with respect to the disapplication of EPR, and strongly recommend that the applicant discuss the works that will impact defences on the Rivers Derwent and Ouse as soon as possible.

Groundwater and Contaminated Land

We are satisfied with the requirements in the documents reviewed in respect to groundwater/contaminated land and have no further comments to add at this time. We would welcome the review of the Water Management Plan and final Construction Environmental Management Plan when available.

Biodiversity

Please see below comments/observations in relation to the following documents:

Environmental Statement

Volume 1, Chapter 8: Ecology

8.2.2 Legislation considered includes:

The Hedgerow Regulations 1997 were updated in 2024.

INNS – 8-139

Mink

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are coordinating a mink eradication programme, and the trust are going to expand it to include more areas in East Yorkshire. They intending to include the Foulness and Derwent catchments, can this site become part of this network? It will also allow Water Voles to recolonise.



Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report

The scheme will produce a net gain in all biodiversity units (area-based, hedgerow and watercourse units), however any improvement in terms of these figures should be reported.

Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan

Removal of vegetation present within the Site. Please have the ecologist carrying out a watching brief when the vegetation clearance is being undertaken.

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If over-pumping of a watercourse is required, the pump intake must have a 2mm diameter mesh on it to prevent the entrainment of elvers and other small fish.

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Please ensure that these are included within a Barn Owl nest box monitoring scheme where each box has a numbered tag and is checked on an annual basis.

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I trust this representation is helpful. Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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