



**East Yorkshire Solar Farm  
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Dear Mr Warder,

## **Applicant Letter Examination Deadline 1, East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited**

**Application Ref: EN010143**

### Introduction

This letter accompanies the submission of a suite of documents by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) for the Examination of the Development Consent Order Application for the East Yorkshire Solar Farm. The suite of documents has been submitted via the Planning Inspectorate's portal at Deadline 1 of the Examination on 18 June 2024. This information has been provided to respond to requests for information set out in the Rule 6 letter issued by the Examination Authority (ExA) on 23 April 2024, the Rule 8 letter issued on 28 May 2024 and following the Preliminary Meeting on 21 May 2024, and the first Issue Specific Hearing on the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) on 21 May 2024.

The table below lists the suite of documents submitted by the Applicant with this cover letter, with further information provided in the remainder of the letter.

<b>Doc. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>New Documents</b>	
EN010143/APP/8.1	Cover Letter for Deadline 1
EN010143/APP/8.2	Applicant's Summary of Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 1 (draft DCO) and Post Hearing Notes
EN010143/APP/8.3	Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations

<b>Doc. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
EN010143/APP/8.4	Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.5	East Riding of Yorkshire Council - Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.6	North Yorkshire Council - Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.7	Environment Agency- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.8	Forestry Commission- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.9	Historic England- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.10	National Highways- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.11	Canal and River Trust- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.12	Natural England- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.13	National Gas Transmission- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.14	Network Rail- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.15	Northern Powergrid- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.16	Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.17	UK Health Security Agency/Officer for Health Improvement and Disparities- Statement of Common Ground
EN010143/APP/8.18	Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions for Deadline 1
EN010143/APP/8.19	Submission of suggested sites to be included in any Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)
EN010143/APP/8.20	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
EN010143/APP/8.21	Objections to Compulsory Acquisition Schedule

<b>Doc. No.</b>	<b>Title</b>
EN010143/APP/8.22	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference
EN010143/APP/8.23	Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation
<b>Updated documents: track changed and clean versions of each</b>	
EN010143/APP/1.2	Guide to the Application
EN010143/APP/2.4	Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plan
EN010143/APP/3.1	Draft Development Consent Order
EN010143/APP/3.2	Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Development Consent Order
EN010143/APP/4.3	Book of Reference
EN010143/APP/4.4	Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought
EN010143/APP/6.1	Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Amenity, ES Volume 1
EN010143/APP/6.1	Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration, ES Volume 1
EN010143/APP/6.2	Appendix 7-4 Archaeological Trial Trenching Evaluation Report, ES Volume 2
EN010143/APP/6.2	Appendix 8-10: Great Crested Newt District Level Licensing Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate ( <b>Confidential</b> ) (Signed), ES Volume 2
EN010143/APP/6.2	Appendix 9-4: Framework Surface Water Drainage Strategy, ES Volume 2
EN010143/APP/6.2	Appendix 11-4: Construction and Operation Noise Modelling, ES Volume 2
EN010143/APP/6.2	Appendix 13-4: Transport Assessment, ES Volume 2
EN010143/APP/6.2	Appendix 13-5: Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan, ES Volume 2
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 2-3: Indicative Site Layout, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-8: Representative Viewpoint Locations, ES Volume 3

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EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-10 Viewpoint Photography VP02, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-11 Viewpoint Photography VP03, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-12 Viewpoint Photography VP04, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-14 Viewpoint Photography VP06, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-15 Viewpoint Photography VP07, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-21 Viewpoint Photography VP12a, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-25 Viewpoint Photography VP016, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-27 Viewpoint Photography VP18, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-31 Viewpoint Photography VP22, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-34 Viewpoint Photography VP25, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-35 Viewpoint Photography VP26, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-36 Viewpoint Photography VP27, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-37 Viewpoint Photography VP08, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-42 Photomontage VP05, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-45 Photomontage VP09, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-46 Photomontage VP10a, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-53 Photomontage VP19, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 10-54 Photomontage VP25, ES Volume 3

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EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 11-1: Baseline Monitoring and Sensitive Receptor Locations, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 13-4: Roads Likely to be Used to Access the Site, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/6.3	Figure 16-1: Dust Risk Assessment Zones, ES Volume 3
EN010143/APP/7.4	Outline Design Principles Statement
EN010143/APP/7.7	Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan
EN010143/APP/7.8	Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan
EN010143/APP/7.9	Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan
EN010143/APP/7.10	Framework Soil Management Plan
EN010143/APP/7.11	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report
EN010143/APP/7.11	Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report: Appendix I Biodiversity Metric 4.0 Calculation
EN010143/APP/7.14	Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan

### **Further Detail on Documents Submitted**

#### **Applicant's Summary of Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 1 and Post Hearing Notes**

This document presents a summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 1 relating to the Draft DCO and provides post hearing notes in response to requests made for further clarification at this hearing and other matters.

#### **Applicant Responses to Relevant Representations**

This document presents the Applicant's responses to matters raised in Relevant Representations.

#### **Statement of Commonality and Statements of Common Ground**

The Statement of Commonality provides a summary of all Statements of Common Ground being progressed between the Applicant and third parties. The Statements of Common Ground have been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been

reached between the parties, where agreement has not been reached (and that is the parties' final position) and where discussions are still ongoing.

## **Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions for Deadline 1**

This document presents the Applicant's responses to matters raised by the Examining Authority's (ExA) First Written questions. This document includes the following Appendices which respond to queries raised by the ExA:

- Appendix A: National Policy Statements for Energy (designated January 2024) Accordance Tables- An updated suite of National Policy Statements (NPS) for energy were published in November 2023 and laid before parliament before being designated on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The Planning Statement **[APP-233]** submitted with the application in November 2023 included tables setting out the scheme's compliance with the relevant policies in the Overarching NPS for Energy EN-1, NPS for Renewable Energy EN-3 and NPS for Electricity Networks Infrastructure EN-5 adopted in 2011 and the updated NPS published in draft during March 2023. Following the designation of the new suite of NPS for energy, this document set out the scheme's compliance with relevant policies in the November 2023 NPS EN-1, EN-3 and EN-5.
- Appendix B: Figure 1 - Fluvial Flood Risk, showing Flood Zone 3b
- Appendix C: Figure showing application boundaries for the shortlisted cumulative schemes

## **Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought**

This document has been updated to document the progress on voluntary negotiations with persons with an interest in land, and with statutory undertakers.

## **Submission of suggested sites to be included in any Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)**

This document presents the suggested locations to be included in any Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) including reasons why the location needs to be visited on an accompanied basis and any access requirements.

## **Objections to Compulsory Acquisition Schedule**

This document identifies persons with an interest in land who have submitted a relevant representation objecting to the Scheme, and the status of negotiations. Two parties are identified and it is confirmed that in both cases, heads of terms have now been agreed and are awaiting signature.

## **Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation**

This document makes provisions for the archaeological evaluation and mitigation works for East Yorkshire Solar Farm.

## **Guide to the Application (Revision 02)**

The Guide to the Application has been updated to provide a full list of all documents submitted so it can be clearly seen which version is the most up to date of each document.

### **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plan (Revision 01)**

Private Roads have been added to the plans at the request of the ExA.

### **Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 02)**

The draft Development Consent Order has been updated to address matters raised at initial hearings and in consultation with key stakeholders.

### **Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 02)**

The Explanatory Memorandum has been updated to reflect changes in the Draft DCO made to address matters raised at initial hearings and in consultation with key stakeholders.

### **Book of Reference (Revision 02) and Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (Rev 00)**

The Book of reference has been updated to address matters raised in consultation with key stakeholders and following a data update.

### **Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Amenity, ES Volume 1 (Revision 02)**

This document has been updated in response to feedback from stakeholders.

### **Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration, ES Volume 1 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA.

### **Appendix 7-4 Archaeological Trial Trenching Evaluation Report, ES Volume 2 (Revision 01)**

This document comprises a final Trial Trench Evaluation Assessment Report replacing the Trial Trench Evaluation Interim Report [APP-082] submitted with the Application.

### **Appendix 8-10: Great Crested Newt District Level Licensing Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate (Confidential) (Signed), ES Volume 2 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated as the Certificate has now been signed. This document is confidential and is for the ExA only.

### **Appendix 9-4: Framework Surface Water Drainage Strategy, ES Volume 2 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA.

## **Appendix 11-4: Construction and Operation Noise Modelling, ES Volume 2 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA.

## **Appendix 13-4: Transport Assessment, ES Volume 2 (Revision 01)**

The document figures have been updated to reflect revised compound access routes and subsequent routes which construction vehicles will utilise from each compound to access the Solar PV Site and grid connection corridor. A tracked version of this document has not been submitted as changes only related to figures. An additional figure, Figure 13-4-8, has been provided to show Abnormal Indivisible Load Routeing for clarity.

## **Appendix 13-5: Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and Travel Plan, ES Volume 2 (Revision 01)**

The document figures have been updated to reflect revised compound access routes and subsequent routes which construction vehicles will utilise from each compound to access the Solar PV Site and grid connection corridor. An additional figure, Figure 13-4-8, has been provided to show Abnormal Indivisible Load Routeing for clarity.

## **Figure 2-3: Indicative Site Layout, ES Volume 3 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA and updates to BNG and the Landscape Masterplan.

## **Figures 10-8, 10-10, 10-11, 10-12, 10-14, 10-15, 10-21, 10-25, 10-27, 10-31, 10-34, 10-35, 10-36, 10-37, 10-42, 10-45, 10-46, 10-53, 10-54: Representative Viewpoint Locations, Viewpoint Locations and Photomontages, ES Volume 3 (Revision 01)**

Figure 10-8 has been updated to illustrate the direction of view to correspond with Viewpoint Photography (Figure 10-9 through to Figure 10-38 [APP-164 to APP-193] and Figure 10-39 through to Figure 10-55 Photomontages [APP-194 to APP-210].

The following figures have been updated for errors in the direction of view stated:

- Fig 10-31 Viewpoint Photography VP22; and
- Fig 10-36 Viewpoint Photography VP27.

The direction of view has been updated in the following figures for consistency:

- Fig 10-10 Viewpoint Photography VP02;
- Fig 10-11 Viewpoint Photography VP03;
- Fig 10-12 Viewpoint Photography VP04;
- Fig 10-14 Viewpoint Photography VP06;
- Fig 10-15 Viewpoint Photography VP07;
- Fig 10-21 Viewpoint Photography VP12a;
- Fig 10-25 Viewpoint Photography VP016;
- Fig 10-27 Viewpoint Photography VP18;
- Fig 10-34 Viewpoint Photography VP25;
- Fig 10-35 Viewpoint Photography VP26; and



- Fig 10-37 Viewpoint Photography VP08.

The direction of view has been updated in the following figures for consistency:

- Fig 10-42 Photomontage VP05;
- Fig 10-45 Photomontage VP09;
- Fig 10-46 Photomontage VP10a;
- Fig 10-53 Photomontage VP19; and
- Fig 10-54 Photomontage VP25.

The photograph was updated in the following figure to correspond with the photomontage location:

- Fig 10-21 Viewpoint Photography VP12a.

### **Figure 11-1: Baseline Monitoring and Sensitive Receptor Locations, ES Volume 3 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA.

### **Figure 13-4: Roads Likely to be Used to Access the Site, ES Volume 3 (Revision 01)**

This figures has been updated to reflect revised compound access routes and subsequent routes which construction vehicles will utilise from each compound to access the Solar PV Site and grid connection corridor.

### **Figure 16-1: Dust Risk Assessment Zones, ES Volume 3 (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA.

### **Outline Design Principles Statement (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Relevant Representations received.

### **Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA Relevant Representations, and consultation with key stakeholders.

### **Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA Relevant Representations, and consultation with key stakeholders.

### **Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (Revision 1)**

The document title as shown on the title page of the document has been updated to include 'Environmental'. Given the nature of the update, no tracked changed version has been submitted.

### **Framework Soil Management Plan (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to Natural England's Relevant Representation to include details of measures to be implemented to short term soil stockpiles and to include a Soil Resource Plan.

### **Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report and Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report: Appendix I Biodiversity Metric 4.0 Calculation (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to feedback from stakeholders such as Natural England. The Applicant has revisited the outline design to achieve a minimum 10% BNG for hedgerows.

### **Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision 01)**

This document has been updated in response to the Written Questions from the ExA, consultation with key stakeholders and to Relevant Representations.

Should you require any further information regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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