



**East Yorkshire Solar Farm
Limited**

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Dear Mr Warder,

Applicant Letter Examination Interim, East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited

Application Ref: EN010143

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 East Yorkshire Solar Farm. The suite of documents has been submitted via the Planning Inspectorate's portal at Deadline 6 of the Examination on 01 October 2024.

The suite of documents provided with this submission responds to requests for information for the remainder of the Examination timetable set out in Annex A of the Rule 8 letter **[PD-003]** (issued on 28 May 2024). The Applicant notes that in the Examination timetable, a Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) would be published on 15 October if the Examining Authority considers the RIES is required. As stated in the Applicant's covering letter for its submission between Deadline 5 and Deadline 6 **[AS-026]** the Applicant does not consider the RIES is required because this is unlikely to elicit any further substantive comment from statutory consultees, who have all made their respective positions clear and complete. If the Examining Authority decides to publish the RIES the Applicant encourages the Examining Authority to do so as swiftly as possible, noting that Natural England, as the statutory nature conservation body, has already provided its final position between Deadline 5 and Deadline 6. If a RIES is published, the Applicant requests that comments are sought within a proportionate timescale and no later than two weeks from publication of the RIES. The Applicant considers it unnecessary and disproportionate to wait until Deadline 7, as currently provided for in the Examination timetable. The Applicant would provide its response within the same timescale i.e. prior to Deadline 7.

The Applicant remains strongly of the view that the Examination of the Application can, and should, be concluded prior to the end of the six-month Examination period as explained in the Applicant's covering letter for its submission between Deadline 5 and Deadline 6 **[AS-026]**. The Applicant has resolved all substantive issues in Examination, as evidenced by its recent submissions and its Closing Submissions submitted at Deadline 6 and there are no substantive

issues remaining to be examined. This is reflected by the lack of submissions at recent Examination deadlines.

The Applicant wishes to make clear that an early close of Examination would have substantial public benefit in facilitating an earlier recommendation report and decision on the DCO Application in advance of the Contracts for Difference (CfD) Auction Round which the Applicant anticipates will be held in mid-April 2025. If consent is granted early in Q1 2025, this would enable the Scheme to participate in the CfD process and facilitate greater competition within the auction, which in turn would facilitate the timely delivery of the substantial renewable energy generation capacity and critical national priority infrastructure which the Scheme will deliver. The need for all this to be undertaken expeditiously is set out in the National Policy Statements for Energy (January 2024) and other policy announcements made by the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero since he took office in July 2024.

As such, the Applicant strongly encourages the Examining Authority to utilise the authority he has pursuant to section 87(1) of the Planning Act 2008 to decide that the maximum six-month period under section 98(1) of that Act is not required for this Application.

The following documents requested by the Rule 8 letter **[PD-003]** for Deadlines 6, 7 and 8 have not been submitted as no changes to these documents have been made since their previous submissions. These versions are therefore considered to be final:

- Explanatory Memorandum **[REP3-006]**;
- Book of Reference **[REP4-004]**;
- Statement of Reasons **[APP-021]**;
- Final Environment Agency SoCG **[REP5-018]**;
- Final Historic England SoCG **[REP4-020]**;
- Final National Highways SoCG **[REP1-073]**;
- Final Canals and River Trust SoCG **[REP1-074]**;
- Final National Gas Transmission SoCG **[REP4-022]**;
- Final Network Rail SoCG **[REP3-026]**;
- Final Northern Powergrid SoCG **[REP4-024]**;
- Final Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board SoCG **[REP4-026]**;
- Final UK Health Security Agency/Officer for Health Improvement and Disparities SoCG **[REP2-016]**;
- NPS tracker – Appendix A of the Planning Statement **[APP-233]** and Appendix A of Responses to the Examining Authority’s Written Questions for Deadline 1 **[REP1-081]**;
- List of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised – this is not required as all SoCGs have been finalised – see Statement of Commonality submission detailed below.

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 and in the Guide to the Application (Revision 07).

| Doc. No. | Title |
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| New Documents | |
| EN010143/APP/8.50 | Cover Letter for Deadline 6 |
| EN010143/APP/8.51 | The Applicant’s Closing Submissions |

| Doc. No. | Title |
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| Updated documents: | |
| EN010143/APP/1.2 | Guide to the Application |
| EN010143/APP/3.1 | Draft Development Consent Order |
| EN010143/APP/4.4 | Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought |
| EN010143/APP/7.8 | Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan |
| EN010143/APP/8.4 | Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground |
| EN010143/APP/8.5 | East Riding of Yorkshire - Statement of Common Ground |
| EN010143/APP/8.6 | North Yorkshire - Statement of Common Ground |
| EN010143/APP/8.8 | Forestry Commission - Statement of Common Ground |
| EN010143/APP/8.12 | Natural England - Statement of Common Ground |
| EN010143/APP/8.20 | Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO |
| EN010143/APP/8.21 | Objections to Compulsory Acquisition Schedule |

Further Detail on Documents Submitted

The Applicant's Closing Submissions

This document provides a summary of the Applicant's submissions on any outstanding matters raised in the submissions by Interested Parties, Affected Persons and the Applicant during the course of the Examination of the proposed Development Consent Order Application. It has been produced at Deadline 6 of the Examination given the limited nature of the outstanding matters remaining for the Examination.

Guide to the Application (Revision 07)

The Guide to the Application has been updated to include the list of all documents submitted on the 18 September 2024 and at Deadline 6 so it can be clearly seen which version is the most up to date of each document. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

Draft Development Consent Order (Revision 06) and Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO (Revision 04)

The Draft Development Consent Order has been updated to include the agreed form of protective provisions for Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc and the Applicant's final position for protective provisions for the benefit of National Gas Transmission and the Environment Agency. Both clean and tracked versions of this document have been submitted.

The Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order shows the changes made to the Draft Development Consent Order throughout the Examination. Only a clean version of this document has been submitted which includes reference to the changes made at each deadline.

Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought (Revision 04)

This document has been updated to reflect the final position with landowner and statutory undertaker discussions. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

Framework Operational Environmental Management Plan (Revision 04)

This document has been updated following further discussions with East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the operational noise assessment. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground (Revision 05)

This document has been updated to reflect the final status of the Statements of Common Ground. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

East Riding of Yorkshire Statement of Common Ground (Revision 02)

This document has been updated following the conclusion of discussions with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

North Yorkshire Statement of Common Ground (Revision 02)

This document has been updated following the conclusion of discussions with North Yorkshire Council. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

Forestry Commission Statement of Common Ground (Revision 02)

This document has now been signed by the Forestry Commission and therefore a signed version is submitted. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

Natural England Statement of Common Ground (Revision 02)

This document has been updated following the conclusion of discussions with Natural England on 10 September 2024 and agreement on all outstanding matters. Both tracked and clean versions of this document have been submitted.

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding this submission please do not hesitate to contact the project team.

Objections to Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (Revision 01)

This document has been updated following further discussions with landowners. Both clean and tracked versions of this document have been submitted.

Yours sincerely,



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