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Development Consent Order Application
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Dear Mr Warder,

Applicant Letter Examination Submission in advance of Deadline 7, East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited

Application Ref: EN010143

This letter accompanies the submission of two documents by East Yorkshire Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) for the Examination of the Development Consent Order Application for East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Application). This letter and two documents have been submitted via the Planning Inspectorate's portal on 17 October 2024, in advance of Deadline 7 of the Examination.

This letter provides a response to the Examining Authority's schedule of proposed changes to the draft Development Consent Order [PD-009] and its Report on the Implications for European Sites published on 15 October 2024 [PD-011]. It also explains why the Applicant has not provided responses to the 5 submissions made by Interested Parties at Deadline 6.

The table below lists the documents submitted by the Applicant:

Doc. No.	Title
New Documents	
EN010143/APP/8.52	Cover Letter in advance of Deadline 7
EN010143/APP/8.53	Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions and Requests for Information

Doc. No.	Title
EN010143/APP/1.2	Guide to the Application (Both Tracked and Clean Versions submitted)

Comments on submissions made at Deadline 6

A total of 28 submissions were submitted to the Examination at Deadline 6. 23 of these were from the Applicant, with 5 being from Interested Parties. To avoid repetition, the Applicant has not provided a response to the comments made by North Yorkshire Council [REP6-024], Beckitt and Macmillan [REP6-027] and Michael Field [REP6-028], as the points made in those submissions have been addressed in the Applicant's previous responses to Interested Parties, including REP4-029; REP5-021; and REP1-066. The submissions received from National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc [REP6-025] and Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc [REP6-026] confirm that they have no outstanding representations/objections with no further points to address.

Comments on the Examining Authority's schedule of changes to the draft DCO

The Applicant has reviewed the Examining Authority's schedule of changes to the draft DCO **[PD-009]** and does not consider that the draft DCO requires updating. The Applicant refers the Examining Authority to its response to the Examining Authority's Q3.0.2 for its reasoning. An updated draft DCO has not therefore been submitted.

Comments on Report on the Implications for European Sites

The Applicant has reviewed the Report on the Implications for European Sites, which presents the information submitted into Examination by the Applicant and Interested Parties with regard to Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) matters. The Applicant agrees with the Report's confirmation that there will no adverse effects on the integrity of European Sites as a result of the Scheme alone or in-combination and notes that there are no outstanding points of dispute for HRA matters between the Applicant and any other Interested Party – this is particularly noted in Natural England's recent submission on this matter [AS-024].

Examination timetable

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 for the reasons explained in the Applicant's covering letter for its submission between Deadline 5 and Deadline 6 [AS-026] and its covering letter for its submission at Deadline 6 [REP6-022]. The Applicant has resolved all substantive issues in Examination, as evidenced by its Closing Submissions submitted at Deadline 6 [REP6-023] and submissions made here, in advance of Deadline 7.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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