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**FAO – Amanda Broadhead**  
**Ref – 24/00509/PREAPP**  
**Proposal – Scoping Opinion for Steeple Renewables Project**  
**Location – Steeple Renewables Project**

Thank you for your letter of 03/05/2024 providing Network Rail with an opportunity to comment on the abovementioned Scoping Opinion.

With reference to the protection of the railway, we note the proximity of the proposed scheme to operational railway as well commercial railway property. Given the nature and location of the proposals, the Environmental Statement should consider any impact of the scheme upon the railway infrastructure and upon operational railway safety. In particular, it should include a Glint and Glare study assessing the impact of the scheme upon train drivers (including distraction from glare and potential for conflict with railway signals). It should also include a Transport Assessment to identify any HGV traffic/haulage routes associated with the construction and operation of the site that may utilise railway assets such as bridges and level crossings during the construction and operation of the site.

Please note that if the intention is to install cabling through railway land, the developer will be need an easement from Network Rail and we would recommend that they engage with us early in the planning of their scheme in order to discuss and agree this element of the proposals.

Please note any future consultation in relation to the proposed national strategic infrastructure Project, should be directed to [REDACTED]@networkrail.co.uk and [DCO\\_CPO@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:DCO_CPO@networkrail.co.uk).

Kind regards



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