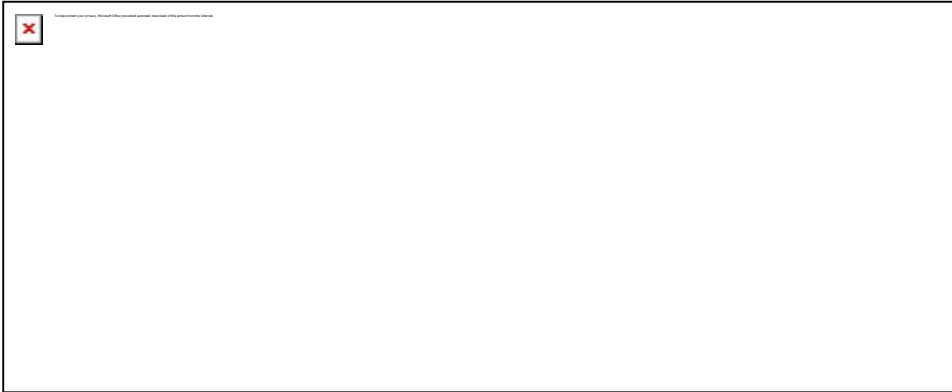


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Dear Sir/Madam,

Find attached Environment Agency comments regarding the above application for a non-material change to the The Oaklands Farm Solar Park Order 2025 (SI 2025/739), which has been made by Oaklands Farm Solar Limited.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact NIteam@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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SOLAR PARK ORDER 2025 (SI 2025/739) AS CORRECTED BY THE OAKLANDS FARM
SOLAR PARK (CORRECTION) ORDER 2025 (SI 2025/1070).**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application, as notified to us by the Applicant.

We have reviewed the details submitted, insofar as it relates to our remit, and we have the following comments:

Flood risk – Change 1

The submitted information does not clearly demonstrate whether the additional solar panels proposed under Change 1 would be located within the design flood extent. In addition, the application does not identify the locations where panels would be installed at less than 0.8m above ground level.

Consequently, it is not possible to confirm that all panels would maintain a minimum 300mm freeboard above the design flood level or that the proposed changes would remain resilient to flooding for the lifetime of the development.

The Applicant should provide:

- a plan showing the location of the additional and amended panels in relation to the design flood extent;
- confirmation of whether any panels would be located within the design flood event; and
- evidence demonstrating that any panels within the design flood extent would be set at least 300mm above the design flood level.

Groundwater protection

We have considered the information presented in the 'Environmental Statement Non-Material Change Supporting Statement (EIA Addendum), dated June 2026, document reference EN010122/NMC/1.1.

We have reviewed the proposed changes in relation to groundwater protection and agree that the proposed changes are non-material and the conclusions of Chapter 8 (Water Resources) and Chapter 9 (Ground Conditions) remain valid.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact
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Yours sincerely,

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