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FAO: Energy Infrastructure Planning Team
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Date
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Dear Energy and Infrastructure Planning Team

SECTION 153 AND SCHEDULE 6 THE PLANNING ACT 2008

APPLICATION TO MAKE A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE OAKLANDS FARM SOLAR PARK ORDER 2025 (SI 2025/739) AS CORRECTED BY THE OAKLANDS FARM SOLAR PARK (CORRECTION) ORDER 2025 (SI 2025/1070)

Oaklands Farm Solar Limited (the “Applicant”) has submitted an application for a non-material change (“NMC”) to The Oaklands Farm Solar Park Order 2025 (SI 2025/739) as corrected by The Oaklands Farm Solar Park (Correction) Order 2025 (SI 2025/1070) (the “DCO”). The non-material change application was submitted on 03 June 2026 and published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website on 05 June 2026.

Following the end of the consultation period, the Applicant has reviewed the representations received in response to the NMC application. The Applicant notes that the Environment Agency (“EA”) has requested further information from the Applicant in its representation in relation to the flood design extent. The Applicant has therefore sought to provide this additional information in order to assist the Secretary of State (“SoS”) and to provide clarity to the EA.

The EA has requested the following:

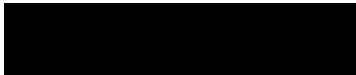
- a plan showing the location of the additional and amended panels in relation to the design flood extent;
- confirmation of whether any panels would be located within the design flood event; and
- evidence demonstrating that any panels within the design flood extent would be set at least 300mm above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

In response to the EA’s request, the Applicant has produced a plan to show the location of the additional and amended panels in relation to the design flood extent which is appended to this letter at Appendix A. This shows that there would be a small number of panels within the design flood extent which is a very slight increase from the approved layout which was assessed in the Flood Risk Assessment and Outline Drainage Strategy [REP7-003] at Table 5-1 of Appendix G (Appendix 8.1 of the Environmental Statement (“ES”). The Plan demonstrates that all panels in the design flood extent would ensure a minimum of 300mm freeboard above the design flood level. The maximum flood depth is 0.16m above ground level meaning a lower panel height of 0.5m would maintain a freeboard in excess of 300mm.

Consequently, the proposed changes would not have any additional effects on flood risk beyond what was assessed in the ES and does not introduce any materially new or materially different environmental effects. The change is considered to be non-material, as concluded in the Non-Material Change Supporting Statement (EIA Addendum) (doc ref. EN010122/NMC/1.1) which was submitted with the NMC application.

We trust this additional information provides clarity for both the EA and the SoS. Should any further information be required we would welcome the opportunity to provide this.

Yours sincerely



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**APPENDIX A: PLAN SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE
ADDITIONAL AND AMENDED PANELS IN RELATION TO
THE DESIGN FLOOD EXTENT**

