

*To the Examining Authority,*

*Interested Party Number: 20050083*

*We write on behalf of our client, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), in relation to the Stonestreet Green Solar Development Consent Order DCO.*

*We note that the agenda for Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) lists NGET as one of the statutory undertakers to attend the hearing. However, it is not felt necessary for NGET to attend CAH2 because, at this point in time, NGET and the applicant are nearing agreement of the protective provisions and will continue to work together to agree them as soon as possible. As there is no further update which can be provided at this point in time, it is considered that attendance at CAH2 to reiterate this update would be disproportionate.*

*However, this update is particularly on the basis of our understanding that the applicant is going to accept the inclusion of paragraph 5 (being protections in favour of NGET in relation to the exercise of compulsory acquisition powers) within the protective provisions to be on the face of the DCO, which is a key point for NGET. If this proves not to be the case then NGET will write further to the ExA on this point*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP*