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Dear Spencer

Application by EPL 001 Limited: Stonestreet Green Solar (Application Reference: EN010135)

Applicant Submissions at Deadline 8

Further to the publication of the Rule 6 letter on 22 October 2024 [\[PD-004\]](#), the Rule 8 letter on 28 November 2024 [\[PD-005\]](#) and the variation letter on 14 April 2025 [\[PD-009\]](#), I write to provide EPL 001 Limited's (the 'Applicant') written submissions for Deadline 8 of the Examination of the Stonestreet Green Solar Development Consent Order ('DCO') Application.

Appendix 1 of this letter provides an overview of the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8. Table 1 comprises the DCO Application documents for which updated versions are being submitted and summarises why each document has been updated. Table 2 comprises the new documents submitted and summarises why these have been provided by the Applicant at Deadline 8. These new documents are included in Book 8 – Examination.

A Policy Compliance Checklist was appended to the **Planning Statement (Doc Ref. 7.6)** [\[APP-151\]](#) and the Planning Statement Addendum (**Doc Ref. 8.9**) [\[REP2-035\]](#) which was submitted at Deadline 1 which has taken account of the revised NPPF and Clean Power 2030.

Due to illness the KCC SoCG has not been signed, however the Applicant has confirmed with KCC that the current version of the KCC SoCG can be submitted at Deadline 8 as the final version.

As set out in Section 5 of the **Closing Statement (Doc Ref 8.25)**, there are Crown interests within the Order land. The Order includes an article (Article 42 in the Draft DCO (Doc Ref. 3.1(G)) protecting the position of the Crown. The Applicant has been engaged in discussions with the SoS for Transport since 2022 in order to secure the rights and access necessary to carry out the relevant parts of the authorised development and to obtain the consent of the Crown to the inclusion of provisions applying in relation to Crown land. The

consent of the SoS for Transport required pursuant to section 135 of the PA 2008, has not yet been received, but is anticipated to be received very shortly.

In response to the ExA's request for information of 13 May, the **Signed Statement of Common Ground with Ashford Borough Council (Doc Ref. 8.3.1(C))** includes the updated position, which reflects a discussion with ABC on the 13 May.

I trust the above information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely



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Director EPL 001 Limited

Enc. Appendix 1 – List of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8

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Table 1: Revised Documents

| Doc Ref. | Document Name | Reason for Submission |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.5(I) | Guide to the Application | Updated to reflect revised document versions and new documents submitted at Deadline 8. |
| 3.1(G) | Draft DCO | Final Draft DCO, submitted in the SI MS Word template, alongside a clean version (in pdf and Word) and two tracked versions (one showing changes against the Deadline 5 version of the Draft DCO and one showing all changes against the Application version of the Draft DCO to signpost the full consolidated changes made during Examination). |
| 3.2(B) | Draft DCO Validation Report | Report to confirm that the final Draft DCO has been validated. |
| 3.3(G) | Explanatory Memorandum | To reflect updates made to the Draft DCO. |
| 4.1(A) | Book of Reference | To reflect progression and finalisation of discussions regarding powers sought, which includes a schedule of changes. |
| 4.4(F) | Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought | To reflect progression and finalisation of discussions regarding powers sought. |
| 7.17(A) | Archaeological Management Strategy | Updated following further engagement with KCC. |
| 8.3.1(C) | Statement of Common Ground with Ashford Borough Council | Final signed SoCG. |
| 8.3.4(E) | Statement of Common Ground with Kent County Council | Final SoCG. |
| 8.3.5(D) | Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC | Final signed SoCG. |
| 8.3.8(E) | Statement of Common Ground with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited | Final signed SoCG. |

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| 8.4(E) | Statement of Commonality | Updated to reflect current position. |
| 8.7(E) | Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO | To set out changes made in the Draft Development Consent Order (Doc Ref (3.1(G)) . |

Table 2: New Documents

| Doc Ref. | Document Name | Reason for Submission |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8.22 | Responses to Deadline 7 Submissions | To provide the Applicant's responses to the submissions made by Interested Parties at Deadline 7. |
| 8.23 | Supplementary Archaeological Trial Trenching Report | To summarise further investigative work undertaken during Examination. |
| 8.24 | Cultural Heritage Technical Note | To confirm that the further work undertaken continues to support the conclusions in the ES. |
| 8.25 | Closing Statement | To provide a summary of the Applicant's position on key matters to aid the ExA and the SoS in their decision-making. |