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Bristol Date: 12 September 2025

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Dear Planning Inspectorate Team

Stonestreet Green Solar Park Development Consent Order Application

This is in response to the Planning Inspectorate's request for information issued on 4 September 2025 in relation to the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Stonestreet Green Solar Park made by EPL 001 Limited (the applicant).

Question 4 states:

"The Applicant and the EA are asked to provide an update on the status of their negotiations in respect of voluntary agreements for EA land interests, which are related to flood storage and cable drilling. If agreement has not yet been reached, details should be provided setting out the reasons why, and when agreements is expected to be reached."

Our response:

We have been engaging with the applicant's agents and have received heads of terms for the proposed voluntary agreement for the land and rights required from us. We have clarified the extent of the rights required at a site meeting and have now responded this week with a counter proposal on those terms.

We hope to agree terms by the time the DCO decision is made, within the next 3 months, although it does depend if the applicant wishes to agree to the financial counter offer we have put to them.

Question 15 states:

"Following the March 2025 publication of the new Environment Agency flood and erosion risk data referenced in [AS-027], the Applicant submitted an updated Flood Risk Assessment at Deadline 5 [REP5-015]. The Environment Agency is invited to comment on the updated assessment and confirm whether it is still in agreement with the assessment's conclusions, in line with the signed statement of common ground [REP4-015]."

Our response:

Following our review of the submitted 'Flood Risk Technical Note' (Doc Ref. 8.18, Version 1, Deadline 5, April 2025), which considers the effects of the publication of our new flood and coastal erosion risk data on the construction, operation or decommissioning of the Project, we are satisfied that the updated information has

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been fully evaluated. We can confirm we are still in agreement with the updated Flood Risk Assessment's conclusions, in line with the signed statement of common ground.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

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