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Dear Jen,

**Development Consent for the Byers Gill Solar scheme: EN010139
Applicants submission – Deadline 8 (17 January 2025)**

On 30 July 2024, the Examining Authority (“ExA”) issued a letter under Section 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rules 8 and 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (“the Rule 8 letter”) which confirmed the Examination timetable and procedure relating to the Byers Gill Solar Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The Rule 8 letter set out the submissions required by the ExA to be provided for each Deadline of the Examination. A Rule 8 (3) Letter [PD-013] published on 18 December confirmed an amended timetable.

This letter encloses the Applicant’s summary of the submission made at Deadline 8.

Your sincerely,



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SUMMARY OF DEADLINE 8 SUBMISSION

In line with the Rule 8(3) letter, the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission comprises of the following documents:

- Cover letter (this letter)
- Updated Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.2 Revision 10)
- Application Document Tracker (Document Reference 1.5, Revision 13)
- Draft DCO (Document Reference 3.1 Revision 8) (clean and tracked changes versions)
- Explanatory Memorandum (Document Reference 3.2 Revision 6) (clean and tracked changes versions)
- DCO Schedule of Changes (Document Reference 3.3 Revision 7)
- Book of Reference (Document Reference 4.2 Revision 7)
- Book of Reference Schedule of Changes (Document Reference 4.4 Revision 6)
- Statutory Undertakers Position Statement (Document Reference 7.7, Revision 6)
- Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (Document Reference 8.5, Revision 5)
- Statement of Commonality (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 8)
- Signed Statement of Common Ground with Durham County Council (Document Reference 8.4.1, Revision 4)
- Signed Statement of Common Ground with Darlington Borough Council (Document Reference 8.4.2, Revision 5)
- Signed Statement of Common Ground with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (Document Reference 8.4.3, Revision 5)
- Signed Statement of Common Ground with Environment Agency (Document Reference 8.4.6, Revision 4)
- Signed Statement of Common Ground with BVAG (Document Reference 8.4.8, Revision 2)
- Comments on Deadline 7 Submissions (Document Reference 8.34) – this includes information pertaining to Action Point arising from Issue Specific Hearing 8 (ISH8).

A number of additional documents are provided, as listed below:

Updated management plans are provided where a pending amendment was identified in the ES Errata and Management Plans Proposed Updates [REP7-009] at Deadline 7

- ES Appendix 2.6 Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (clean and tracked changes versions) (Document Reference 6.4.2.6, Revision 3)
- ES Appendix 2.8 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) (clean and tracked changes versions) (Document Reference 6.4.2.8, Revision 3)
- ES Appendix 2.14 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (clean and tracked changes versions) (Document Reference 6.4.2.14, Revision 3)

The following documents are provided in response to matters discussed at the hearings held 14-16 January 2025 :

- ES Appendix 7.6 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (Document Reference 6.4.7.6, Revision 2)
- Design Approach Document (clean and tracked changes versions) (Document Reference 7.2, Revision 4)
- Residential Visual Amenity Assessment Technical Note (Document Reference 8.35)
- Cumulative Assessment Clarification Note (Document Reference 8.36)

An updated ES Appendix 10.1 Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy (clean and tracked changes versions) (Document Reference 6.4.10.1, Revision 6) is provided in response to discussions with the EA, which are now agreed, as reflected in the signed SoCG with the EA (Document Reference 8.4.6, Revision 4)

An updated version of the Environmental Masterplan (Document Reference 2.5, Revision 5) is provided, due to the Applicant identifying an error in the latest version submitted [REP6b-008], in which Sheet 12 was duplicated, with Sheet 13 missing from the document. This is corrected in the version submitted at Deadline8, with no further changes made.

STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

The Rule 8 letter lists a number of Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) requested by the ExA to be produced jointly by the Applicant and third parties. At this Deadline, five final, signed SoCGs are provided. The Applicant notes that the Rule 8 (3) letter [PD-013] requests at Deadline 8 the submission of a 'list of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised'. The only SoCG not finalised by Deadline 8 is with Bishopton Parish Council (BPC), who opted out of progressing an SoCG further. This is reflected in the final Statement of Commonality (SoC) (Document Reference 8.4, Revision 8) which sets out the principal areas not agreed with BPC prior to the SoCG process ceasing.

DEADLINE 8A

The Applicant notes that the Rule 8 (3) letter [PD-013] requests that at Deadline 8a, also 17 January 2025, any comments are provided on written representations (WRs) received at Deadline 7a. Only two WRs were received at Deadline 7a, neither of which the Applicant has comments on. Therefore no submission is made in respect of Deadline 8a.