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Dear Inspectorate,

Subject: Byers Gill Solar – Response to Request for Information on Battery Fire Safety (EN010139)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 23 May 2025 regarding the Byers Gill Solar project (EN010139), and in particular your request for an update on the Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan (BFSMP).

County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) can confirm that a consultation meeting with the Applicant, RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited, was held on 12 October 2023 to discuss the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated fire safety measures.

At this stage, CDDFRS has not reached a formal position of agreement on the BFSMP with RWE Renewables UK. We remain open to continued consultation to ensure that the final fire safety strategy aligns with the current recommendations set out in the **National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Guidance for Grid-Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (November 2022)**.

We welcome the Applicant's commitment to ongoing engagement and look forward to reviewing further iterations of the BFSMP as the design progresses.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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