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Dear Inspector

RE: Application by Enso Green Holdings D Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Helios Renewable Energy Project

Natural England acknowledge the invite to **Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)**, for the above development. We decline to attend this Hearing, but submit the following as a written update of how protected sites matters are progressing between ourselves and the Applicant.

We are currently engaging on an ongoing basis through our Discretionary Advice Service (DAS), and are progressing towards a resolution of the outstanding issues.

The Applicant has submitted an update to the HRA, 6.3.8.9 Information to inform a Habitats Regulation Assessment (submitted 28 February 2025), which Natural England have also reviewed under DAS. We advise our previous concerns on air quality from traffic movements, and in combination assessment [PADS4] have been resolved in the latest HRA. We will develop an updated Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) to detail our current position.

We also advise that our outstanding concern around loss of functionally linked land [PADS1] has been resolved in the latest version of the HRA with the inclusion of the lapwing mitigation plan, previously reviewed by Natural England under DAS. This has also been secured within the revised outline Landscape Environmental Management Plan, in paragraph **3.10 Non-breeding Lapwing Habitat**, submitted at deadline 4.

We are continuing to work towards a resolution of the noise disturbance impact pathway [PADS2], but will be able to provide an update to the SoCG on this issue once further revisions have been made to the HRA.

Kind regards

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