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Dear Sirs,

**Helios Renewable Energy Project
Request for Information – 15th October 2025**

Thank you for your letter dated 15th October 2025. Please accept this response on behalf of North Yorkshire Council (the Authority).

Operational Noise

Following submissions to the Secretary of State, the Applicant and North Yorkshire Council Environmental Health have continued discussions regarding Operational Noise. The following wording is agreed between the parties for Requirement 23 (Operational Noise):

Requirement 23: Operational Noise

(1) No part of Work Nos. 1, 2 or 3 shall commence until a noise assessment has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The assessment shall:

- Be based on the final specification and layout of plant and equipment;*
- Demonstrate that the rating levels (LAr) shall not exceed the stated background sound level (LA90) adopted for each receptor, as set out in Tables 11.17 and 11.18 of Chapter 11 of the Environmental Statement;*
- Include a schedule mapping each Noise Sensitive Receptor (NSR) referenced in Tables 11.17 and 11.18 to its corresponding postal address, which shall form part of the approved document and be used for compliance monitoring;*
- Identify any mitigation measures required to achieve compliance;*
- Provide details of the complaint procedure.*

(2) The development shall be operated in accordance with the approved assessment and any mitigation measures therein, which shall be implemented prior to operation and maintained for the lifetime of the development.

(3) In the event that substantiated noise complaints are received following commencement of operation, the operator shall, upon request, submit a noise impact assessment to the Local Planning Authority for approval. The assessment shall:

- *Include attended measurements at or near the affected receptor(s);*
- *Include comparison with predicted noise levels and BS4142 assessment;*
- *Identify whether the operational noise is resulting in adverse impacts;*
- *Where necessary, include details of mitigation measures and a timetable for implementation.*

(4) Any approved mitigation shall be implemented in accordance with the agreed timetable and shall remain in place for the lifetime of the development.

Ground Nesting Bird Monitoring

North Yorkshire Council Ecology have reviewed the submissions made in response to the Request for Information dated 26th September 2025 and can confirm that they have no further comments at this stage.

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If you have any queries on the above, please contact me.

Yours faithfully,


Principal Planning Officer
North Yorkshire Council