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Dear Mr Nicholas Ely,

APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR THE TILLBRIDGE SOLAR PROJECT

I am pleased to submit the Applicant's Deadline 2 submissions. They consist of the following documents:

Document	Reason
Updated Guide to the Application [EN010142/APP/1.2(Rev04)]	As required by the examination timetable.
Updated Works Plan [EN010142/APP/2.3(Rev03)]	Updated to amend the cut/continuation lines to ensure consistency with the other Volume 2: Plans and in response to Section 51 advice received from the Planning Inspectorate in their letter dated 8 May 2024 following acceptance of the Application.
Updated Statement of Commonality [EN010142/APP/9.4(Rev01)]	Updated to reflect latest status of discussions with local authorities, statutory undertakers and interested parties.
Applicant's Response to Written Submissions at Deadline 1 [EN010142/APP/9.24]	As required by the examination timetable.
Network Rail Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") [EN010142/APP/9.25]	As required by the examination timetable.



Outline Design Principles Statement

The Applicant intends to submit an updated Outline Design Principles Statement at Deadline 3 in response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) comments at Issue Specific Hearing 1 ("**ISH1**") regarding the definition of BESS Stations and to incorporate amendments following discussions with the Canal and River Trust in respect of their SoCG.

SoCGs

Further to the update provided in the Applicant's Deadline 1 Cover Letter, the Applicant is submitting an SoCG with National Rail at Deadline 2 but will not be submitting SoCGs for National Grid Electricity Transmission ("**NGET**"), 7000 Acres or Cadent Gas.

While discussions with NGET and 7000 Acres remain ongoing, a draft SoCG has not yet been sufficiently progressed with either party to submit at this deadline. The Applicant is continuing to liaise with these parties with a view to refining or resolving any outstanding issues and will look to submit SoCGs, where required, to capture these discussions at a subsequent deadline. For the purposes of Deadline 2, the Applicant can provide the following update:

- <u>National Grid</u>: Negotiations with NGET on protective provisions for their assets are advanced. The Applicant does not consider there are any additional matters outside of those captured within those protective provisions which require reporting on within an SoCG.
- 7000 Acres: An initial meeting between the Applicant and 7000 Acres took place on 5
 November 2024 to work through the issues to be covered in an SoCG between the
 parties. 7000 Acres stated that they would not be able to respond to the draft SoCG
 for Deadline 2, therefore the parties agreed that an initial SoCG would be submitted
 at Deadline 3.

The Applicant considers that an SoCG is not required with Cadent Gas. The Applicant and Cadent Gas have reached agreement on protective provisions. The agreed form of these provisions will be included in the next update to the **draft DCO [REP1-007]**, which will be submitted at Deadline 3. These provisions are supplemented by additional matters recorded in a side agreement, which is also now in agreed form between the parties.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Scheme, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the project team on **info@tillbridgesolar.com** or 0800 046 9643.

Yours sincerely,



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