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Dear Sir / Madam

Planning consultation: Tillbridge Solar Project - Examining Authority's second written questions and requests for information
Location: Tillbridge Solar

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 04 February 2025 which was received by Natural England on 04 February 2025.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Please find Natural England's responses to the Examining Authorities second written questions at **Annex A** below.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter, please contact the case officer Lucy Collins and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

ExQ1 Ref	Question to:	Question:	Response from Natural England:
Q2.2.1	Applicant, WLDC, LCC, Natural England	Species Increase Post construction and during the operational phase the enclosed and protected nature of the site might give rise to population growth of a variety of species as has been noted at other significant sites of change from agriculture to a managed biodiversity site. What are the risks presented to the community by this potential growth and how does the Applicant propose to manage it to avoid it becoming a nuisance such as pests, or risk, such as collision with traffic?	Natural England have no specific comments to make on this matter. The focus of our advice remains on our statutory duties regarding impacts to designated ecological sites, protected landscapes and best and most versatile agricultural land.