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Dear John Wheadon

**NSIP Reference Name / Code: Tillbridge Solar Project EN010142**

### **Application by Tillbridge Solar Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Tillbridge Solar Project (“the Proposed Development”) - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 07 August 2025 which was received by Natural England on 07 August 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.

We have reviewed the requests for information received from the Secretary of State addressed to Natural England (NE) and have provided responses below in Table 1.

*Table 1 NE's responses to requests for further information*

Update / Amendment	Request from Secretary of State	NE response
Additional Sub-Paragraph in Requirement 8 – Biodiversity Net Gain	The Applicant and Natural England are invited to comment on the proposed insertion of a new sub-paragraph (2) in Requirement 8 of the DCO and amendment to sub-paragraph (1).	NE welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the Biodiversity Net Gain strategy and this being noted in Requirement 8 (1).  We welcome the commitment added to Requirement 8 (2) to secure the outlined units within the Strategy, using the approved biodiversity metric.
Additional Sub-Paragraph in Requirement 19 – Soil Management Plan	The Applicant and Natural England are invited to comment on the proposed insertion of a new sub-paragraph (4) in Requirement 19 of the DCO, and amendment to sub-paragraph (1).	NE welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the Soil Management Plan and this being noted in Requirement 19 (1).  We welcome the commitment added to Requirement 19 (4) to secure a programme of soil health monitoring throughout the operational phase of the project.

<b>Update / Amendment</b>	<b>Request from Secretary of State</b>	<b>NE response</b>
Additional Sub-Paragraph in Requirement 19 – Soil Management Plan	Natural England is requested to comment on how it would expect the data resulting from the soil health monitoring to be made publicly available, including where it should be published.	<p>This may depend on the consultant used and their data publishing protocols. NE's preference would be to make it open data and publish it on .GOV for wider availability and complete transparency.</p> <p>Where this is not an option they could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• publish it on the project website (assuming the website will remain a live domain throughout the lifetime of the project);</li> <li>• submit spatial data to UK Soil observatory (BGS);</li> <li>• or Publish annual Environmental Monitoring Reports (EMR) and publish them on the Planning Inspectorate portal / local authority monitoring portal.</li> </ul>
Amendment to Requirement 7 - Landscape and ecology management plan	The Applicant and Natural England are invited to comment on a proposed amendment to Requirement 7 sub-paragraph (1) of the DCO.	NE welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the Landscape and Ecology Management Plan and this being noted in Requirement 7 (1).
Amendment to Requirement 12- Construction environmental management plan	The Applicant and Natural England are invited to comment on the proposed amendment to Requirement 12 sub-paragraph (1) of the DCO.	NE welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the Construction environmental management plan and this being noted in Requirement 12 (1).
Amendment to Requirement 13- Operational environmental management plan	The Applicant and Natural England are invited to comment on the proposed amendment to Requirement 13 sub-paragraph (1) of the DCO.	NE welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the Operational environmental management plan and this being noted in Requirement 13 (1).
Amendment to Requirement 21- Decommissioning and restoration	The Applicant and Natural England are invited to comment on the proposed amendment to Requirement 21 sub-paragraph (4) of the DCO.	NE welcome the opportunity to be consulted on the Decommissioning and restoration and this being noted in Requirement 21 (4).

For any further advice on this consultation please contact [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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