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**By email only**

Our Ref: EN010148

Date: 26 February 2026

Dear Mr Baker

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9**

### **Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for an order granting development consent for the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Project**

#### **URGENT – Cancellation of Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1 and Issue Specific Hearing 1**

I, as the Examining Authority (ExA), have made a procedural decision to cancel the preliminary meeting, which was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 10 March 2026. In addition, I have made a procedural decision to cancel the following hearings:

- Open Floor Hearing 1 – which was proposed to be held on 10 March 2026 at 2.00pm; and
- Issue Specific Hearing 1 – which was proposed to be held on 11 March 2026 at 10.00am.

Notification of these hearings was previously provided in my Rule 6 letter dated 06 February 2026.

Under section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) the ExA is required to invite interested parties to the preliminary meeting. Rule 6(1) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) requires that the ExA must give at least 21 days' notice of the date, time and place of the preliminary meeting, to all those whom it is required by section 88(3) to invite to the preliminary meeting.

An administrative error has led to several interested parties not being notified of the preliminary meeting. This error has only very recently come to my attention and there is now insufficient time to meet the statutory notification period of 21 days. As such, the preliminary meeting and subsequent hearings must be cancelled in the interest of fairness and to ensure that the examination proceeds on a lawful basis.

**All meetings, hearings and deadlines (including deadline 1a) previously set out in the Rule 6 letter will be extended by at least 21 days (most likely longer).**

The precise revised meeting, hearing and deadline dates will be set out in a new Rule 6 letter to be published once a date for the preliminary meeting has been confirmed with the applicant.

The new Rule 6 letter will be in full accordance with the notification requirements under section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). This letter will include a revised draft timetable.

I apologise for the inconvenience caused and for the short notice given.

All parties are reminded that costs may be awarded against a party who has acted unreasonably and has caused the party applying for the award of costs to incur unnecessary or wasted expense during the examination. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance [Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders](#).

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, then please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the contact details contained in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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