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Dear Inspector,

**NSIP Reference Name / Code:** EN010148  
**Interested Party Reference Number:** FD8340FC1

**Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Project.**

Thank you for your consultation dated 16 March 2026.

Please accept this letter as Natural England's comments in relation to the contents of the Rule 6 letter. Natural England is an Interested Party (IP) within the examination of the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Project.

### **Outstanding Issues and Engagement with the Applicant**

Natural England consider that a significant number of outstanding issues remain as the project moves into the Examination phase. These are outlined in our Relevant Representations response [\[RR-023\]](#), which we submitted on 23 December 2025. There are currently 18 'amber' issues, which are defined as issues where further information is required to determine the impacts of the project and allow the Examining Authority to properly undertake its task and/or where further information is required on mitigation/compensation proposals in order to provide a sufficient degree of confidence as to their efficacy.

We note limited engagement with the Applicant though our Discretionary Advice Service (DAS) in the last 12 months. A DAS meeting took place in March 2025, and following this, no further conversations took place through DAS until February 2026. During this period, we responded to the PEIR consultation, the Application was withdrawn and re-submitted, and we responded to the Relevant Representations consultation.

Although we welcome that engagement has recently begun again, we note that this significant period of time without pre-app engagement has delayed the progression of issues prior to the beginning of Examination. Therefore, although we have now been able to start re-engaging with the Applicant to discuss progressing issues raised in RR-023, we note that progression of issues by Deadline 1 is unlikely due to the above factors.

During the Examination, Natural England will, where possible, engage with the Applicant to ensure issues are progressed. Natural England will focus our engagement on key issues where the proposals are being amended in response to concerns, or where new or updated assessments present an opportunity for issue resolution.

**Attendance of the Preliminary Meeting**

Thank you for your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting on 14 April 2026. Natural England will not be attending as we have no further comments, beyond those outlined above, to make on the procedural aspects of the examination.

**Site inspections**

Natural England does not plan to attend any site inspections, noting that we are not permitted to provide advice during these visits.

**Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (CAH)**

Natural England does not plan to attend any Compulsory Acquisition Hearings, as these fall outside of our remit.

**Issue Specific Hearings (ISH)**

Natural England will only attend hearings by exception, targeting those ISH that have the greatest likelihood of resolving significant environmental risks. In such instances our attendance will be virtual. We highlight that where Natural England does not attend hearings, this should not be construed as a lack of concern on outstanding issues.

Natural England would be pleased to respond to any questions from the ExA that arise from the hearings at a subsequent deadline.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact case officer Laura Tyndall at [laura.tyndall@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:laura.tyndall@naturalengland.org.uk) and copy to [consultations@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:consultations@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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