

Application (the “Application”) by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited (the “Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Tween Bridge Solar Farm (“Proposed Development”)

Summary of Oral Submissions made by National Highways Limited (“NH”) at the Preliminary Meeting (“PM”) on 14 April 2026

1. Summary of NH Oral Submissions at the PM

- 1.1 Ciar Donnelly of Pinsent Masons LLP, on behalf of NH, made submissions in respect of Agenda Item 4 (Draft Examination Timetable).
- 1.2 To provide some context to NH’s request, Ms Donnelly explained that NH was in ongoing discussions with the Applicant to understand the impact of the Proposed Development on the strategic road network (“**SRN**”) – both in terms of SRN traffic generated by the Proposed Development and the extent to which works proposed would directly interface with the SRN.
- 1.3 The Application as submitted contained insufficient information on modelling of impacts to the SRN. At the time of the PM, the Applicant had only recently provided NH with updated information on this, which NH was in the process of reviewing. Discussions were also ongoing regarding protective provisions and the extent of compulsory acquisition powers sought over NH’s land.
- 1.4 Ms Donnelly explained that, although NH was hopeful that these matters could be resolved through engagement with the Applicant, NH had noted that the draft Examination timetable only provided for one further round of hearings, following Deadline 2 (relatively early within the Examination process). NH therefore suggested that, in the circumstances, the Examining Authority (“**ExA**”) may wish to consider reserving additional time later in the Examination for an ISH on transport matters and/or a further CAH should these matters remain unresolved at, for example, Deadline 5.
- 1.5 Ms Donnelly confirmed that the suggestion was made only to the extent that it may assist the ExA in determining the Application – if the ExA was content that any outstanding matters later in the Examination could be satisfactorily addressed through written procedures, then NH would not object to that position.

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