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Application Ref: EN010148
Planning Act 2008: Application for Development Consent Order for Tween Bridge Solar Farm

Examination Deadline 9 Submission (8 October 2026): Cover Letter

Dear Ms Norris

On 24 April 2026, the Examining Authority ("ExA") issued a letter under Section 89 of the Planning Act 2008 and rules 8 and 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 ("the Rule 8 letter") which confirmed the Examination Timetable and procedure relating to the Tween Bridge Solar Farm Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The Rule 8 letter set out the submissions required by the ExA to be provided for each Deadline of the Examination.

This letter encloses the Applicant's summary of the submission made at Deadline 9.

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and the enclosed documents.

Background

The Applicant's Deadline 9 submissions fall into three categories

1. Updates to draft DCO and associated documents;
2. Provision of final Signed Statements of Common Ground and Statement of Commonality; and
3. Response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 letter dated 7 October 2026.

Items 2 and 3 are self-explanatory.

In relation to updates to the draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 11], the Applicant confirmed in its Deadline 8 submissions that, whilst protective provisions for the protection of the local highway authorities had been agreed with the relevant parties, discussions were continuing with North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) regarding its request that the draft DCO make express reference to the North and North East Lincolnshire Permit Scheme 2018.

The Applicant has continued to discuss this matter with NLC following Deadline 8 and, at Deadline 9, has made amendments to the draft DCO to accommodate NLC's request. The amendments are explained in the

Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO [Document Reference 8.7 Revision 9] and the Explanatory Memorandum [Document Reference 3.2 Revision 9] submitted at Deadline 9.

The Applicant can confirm that the amendments made to the draft DCO at Deadline 9 have been shared in advance of submission with, and agreed by, both NLC and the City of Doncaster Council.

A DCO Validation Report [Document Reference 3.3 Revision 3] and Comparison Draft DCO Against Submission [Document Reference 3.4 Revision 4] have also been submitted at Deadline 9. These documents supersede the versions submitted at Deadline 8.

Deadline 9 Submission Documents

Documents submitted to the ExA at Deadline 9 have been divided into subsections: Updated Submission Documents, Additional Submission Documents and Statements of Common Ground. Where a document updates a previously submitted document it is confirmed that a 'clean' and 'tracked' version have been submitted.

The exceptions to this are the following documents as the amendments cannot be deciphered with tracked changes:

1. DCO Validation Report [Document Reference 3.3 Revision 3]
2. Statement of Reasons Appendix 2 Schedule of Landowner Negotiations [Document Reference 8.6 Revision 6]

The Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO [Document Reference 8.7 Revision 9] is not submitted with tracked changes because the document itself clearly explains the changes that have been made and a copy of the Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 11] is submitted as 'clean' and 'tracked'.

The Guide to the Application [Document Reference 1.3 Revision 3] similarly is not submitted with track-changes because the only updates to the body of this document at Deadline 9 are to bring document references up to date within the document, where these have changed since the DCO application was submitted.

Updated Submission Documents

- Guide to the application [Document Reference 1.3 Revision 3]
- Draft DCO [Document Reference 3.1 Revision 11]
- Explanatory Memorandum [Document Reference 3.2 Revision 9]
- DCO Validation Report [Document Reference 3.3 Revision 3]
- Comparison Draft DCO Against Submission (Document Reference 3.4 Revision 3)

Additional Submission Documents

The following additional submissions are made at Deadline 9:

- Deadline 9 Cover Letter (this Letter)
- Statement of Reasons Appendix 2 Schedule of Landowner Negotiations [Document Reference 8.6 Revision 6]
- Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO [Document Reference 8.7 Revision 9]
- Applicant's Response to Rule 17 Request dated 7 October 2026 [Document Reference 8.37 Revision 1]

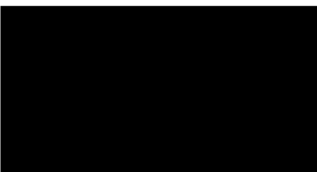
Statements of Common Ground

— The Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) have been progressed throughout the examination stage and are submitted at Deadline 9 in final form. The SoCGs are as follows:

- Isle of Axholme and North Nottingham Water Level Management SoCG [Document Reference 9.8 Revision 4]
- Doncaster East IDB [Document Reference 9.7 Revision 5]
- Network Rail [Document Reference 9.10 Revision 4]

The Applicant has also submitted the Statement of Commonality [Document Reference 9.1 Revision 8] at Deadline 9, capturing the final position reached with the stakeholders listed above as set out within their respective SoCGs. The Statement of Commonality confirms that all SoCGs prepared for this application, have now been finalised by the Applicant and the relevant stakeholders. As explained at Deadline 8, the only SoCG not formally signed by both parties is the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service SoCG for the reasons outlined in the Statement of Commonality [Document Reference 9.1 Revision 8].

Yours sincerely,



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