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Good afternoon

This office has been approached by the Safeguarding Team at the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) regarding the Springwell Solar Site and has requested that a response is provided to your enquiry in respect of the two crash sites in the development area, both of which are subject to The Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (POMRA86).

We are aware of the two WW2 aircraft crash sites affected by the development and have already had contact in the past year with Jennifer Richards of Headland Archaeology regarding the two aircraft (Lancaster LM130 and Hurricane PZ740). As part of their initial works last year Headland Archaeology successfully applied to this office for licences (Licence #1935 for Lancaster LM130 and Licence#1936 for Hurricane PZ740) and during excavations did discover some fragmentary aircraft remains. However, they were unable to definitely confirm which aircraft the items recovered came from (Note that the incident was a mid-air collision).

From our perspective here at JCCC there would be no difficulties in further POMRA86 licences being issued for these two aircraft at the Springwell Solar location and it is anticipated that Headland Archaeology will apply for further licences in due course to maintain licence currency as both initial licences expired in December 2024.

If there are any further queries please do reach out.

Kind regards.

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Good morning JCCC,

PSB for engagement with Air Historical Branch on the Springwell Solar National Significant Infrastructure planning Project,

Looking for a little guidance on the issues identified by the Planning Inspectorate, if possible?

Kind Regards

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Hello Chris,

Thanks for the email.

I need to read it all in full and look up the aircraft involved, but at a glance I can't tell if you've also engaged with the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC)? They're the body who oversee the licensing system under the Protection of Military Remains Act (POMRA). Technically, when advising on these things we should filter our responses through them. They can be contacted at:

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All the best,  
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Good afternoon Air Historic Branch,

Looking for a little guidance on a National Significant Infrastructure planning Project, if possible?

MOD DIO Safeguarding provided a MOD positional safeguarding response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding EDF's application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under Section 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008 for the Springwell Solar Farm in North Kesteven/Lincolnshire.

Direct Link here to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) application website [Springwell Solar Farm - Project information](#). For info, the potential development area is over 10km in length with vast majority as proposed area for solar development, substation and/or consolidated battery storage. RAF Digby land parcel Southern boundary is approximately 600m away from PV development and 150m from the East of the development order area. 3.10KM from SW edge of development to centre of airfield at RAF Cranwell. 2.8km to closest point of 08/26 runway at RAF Cranwell. RAF Waddington is at 9.6km, RAF Barkston Heath at 12km. Tile 3 has the layout but a more detailed document is available from the pins website

PINS have engaged with MOD Safeguarding team and have invited DIO Safeguarding to a preliminary meeting regarding Springwell, and have forwarded a link to a Rule 6 letter, which includes the first set of examiner questions (ExA1).(Tile 1) for this NSIP.

Q1.7.5 is directed at both the applicant and the MOD but relates to WWII aeroplane crash sites( specifically do you have any comments on the suitability of the works proposed in the areas of the WWII crash sites)

Within the application documentation, Environmental Statement Chapter 9 (cultural heritage-Tile 2) contains the following detail "Ministry of Defence World War II Aeroplane Crash Sites (non-designated heritage assets MLI25416 and MLI25417) and states that piling will be avoided in the areas of the World War II (WWII) crash sites and that detailed design will seek to route cables outside of the crash site locations so that these sites will be preserved in situ. These relate to Avro Lancaster crash site (Lincolnshire County Council HER Ref: MLI25416) and Hawker Hurricane crash site (Lincolnshire County Council HER Ref: MLI25417)". The mitigation/monitoring requirement identified by the applicant notes "Archaeological investigation and recording of collector compound in vicinity of crash site and of any ITS within this field" and "Detailed design and WSI for

archaeological investigation and recording"

Google suggests the crash site of the Avro Lancaster bomber aircraft, is to the east of Kirkby Green and the Hawker Hurricane fighter aircraft, is to the north-east of Scopwick, both within the boundary site for the solar proposal. DIO Safeguarding are unable to positive locate these crash sites or any requirements within the planning process/this DCO application as requested by PINS. Do you have any guidance on this rule 6 letter questioning or any information that may be relevant? Happy to discuss, but please note timescale of response, with the deadline of 3/06/25 none extendable for any MOD impacts to be taken into account.

The DCO is now at the Pre-examination stage. Ideally, at this point, at pre examination, the applicant and consultees will be in the process of all issues being addressed/agreed satisfactorily. This project involves many different MOD stakeholder streams and we would appreciate any relevant information to ensure proposed development or land use changes are compatible with existing MOD operational safeguarding requirements or any additional MOD interests.

Kind Regards

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