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Interested Party Reference no. SWSF-SP011

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 and 9

Application by Springwell Energy Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Springwell Solar Farm project.

Examination timetable and procedure

Response to Deadline 1

Thank you for the Rule 8 and 9 letter dated 13 May 2025. Please note that any future correspondence relating to this Development Consent Order should be directed to Planning@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

The site is located some distance from the boundary line with the Newark and Sherwood District, however as a neighbouring Authority it is recognised that the district of North Kesteven has received a high proportion of applications for solar farms which is most notable. Within the district of Newark and Sherwood we too have received a high volume of such applications (One Earth EN010159 and Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park).

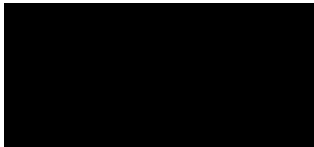
As a district we are concerned over the local impact of the scheme overall, however we accept that the distance is such that it would not have any direct impact on the visual impact from within the Newark and Sherwood District.


Newark and Sherwood would like to bring to the Examining Authorities attention the consideration of cumulative impact of schemes such as this on an area and the duty to consider this within the Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 5-007-20140306). Cumulative effects

assessment and the requirement for such is set out in the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive and the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment. The need to consider cumulative effects in planning and decision making is also set out in planning policy, particularly the National Policy Statements. The overarching National Policy Statement for energy (EN-1), for example, specifies a range of aspects for which the applicant's assessment in the Environmental Statement should consider cumulative impacts, as relevant to the development. Paragraph 4.1.5 of EN-1 states that the Secretary of State should take any long-term and cumulative adverse impacts, along with any measures to mitigate or compensate for adverse impacts, when weighing the adverse effects of a project against its benefits. National Policy Statements for other types of infrastructure also set out sector specific requirements for cumulative assessment¹. A Cumulative Effects document has been submitted (APP-056) with the Scheme and it is suggested by Newark and Sherwood, that its suitability against National Policy should be taken into consideration as the Examination moves forward.

At this stage we have no further comments to make.

Yours faithfully



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¹ [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Cumulative Effects Assessment - GOV.UK](#) Last accessed 30.05.2025