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National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
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22nd August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
Springwell Solar Farm, PINS Reference EN010149

The applicant (EDF) sent a final Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (July 2025, document reference EN010149/APP/8.6.2) and Plume Assessment Addendum: Air Quality Assessment (document reference EN010149/APP/8.24) relating to the above development to UKHSA on 13th August 2025. UKHSA provides its comment in the form of a letter, rather than signing a third-party document.

We can confirm that the Statement of Common Ground (July 2025) accurately reflects the current agreements made between EDF and UKHSA. Furthermore, we can confirm that the information provided in the Plume Assessment Addendum: Air Quality Assessment (alongside the existing documents provided by the applicant BESS Plume Assessment document reference EN010149/APP/7.19.2 and the Outline Battery Safety Management Plan document EN010149/APP/7.14.2) adequately demonstrates that the risk to public health from a thermal runaway event at the development is suitably mitigated by the control measures proposed by the applicant. We can therefore confirm that all remaining concerns raised by UKHSA relating to Springwell Solar Farm at this stage have been addressed.

We understand that a full air quality assessment will be re-run at the detailed design stage using confirmed product data.

It is noted in Section 1.1.4 of the Plume Assessment Addendum: Air Quality Assessment document that

'at the request of the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), consideration of particulate matter emissions on road visibility at the nearby A15 has been considered'.

We would like to note that we have not made a request for assessment of particulate emissions on road visibility at the A15 road. Such matters fall within public safety as opposed to public health and are therefore outside of the remit of UKHSA.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of UK Health Security Agency

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Please mark any correspondence for the attention of National Infrastructure Planning Administration