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Dear Sir/Madam

## Springwell Solar Farm – Deadline 4 Submissions

On behalf of Springwell Energyfarm Limited (the 'Applicant') and further to the publication of the **Rule 6 letter** [\[PD-005\]](#) on 9 April 2025 and the **Rule 8 letter** [\[PD-006\]](#) on 13 May 2025, we write to provide the Applicant's written submissions for Deadline 4 of the Springwell Solar Farm Development Consent Order (DCO) Examination.

### Submissions made at Deadline 4

Appendix 1 of this letter provides an overview of the documents submitted by the Applicant at this Deadline. Table 1 comprises the application documents for which updated versions are being submitted, and summarises how and why each document has been updated. Each updated document has been submitted with both clean and tracked change versions to aid the Examining Authority (the 'ExA') in identifying the changes made.

Table 2 comprises new documents being submitted which were requested by the ExA in the Rule 8 letter to be provided by the Applicant at Deadline 4. These are provided in response to submissions made at Deadline 3, and following further engagement with Interested Parties. These are included within a new Part 8 – Examination Documents and are also identified in the **Guide to the Application** [\[EN010149/APP/1.2.5\]](#), which sets out the current status of documents.

Revised documents are submitted with both tracked change and clean versions to aid signposting to where changes are made. The exclusions to this are the ES Figures packages (ES Volume 2) and the Plans submitted as Part 2 of the DCO application, where a Revisions Schedule has been provided as part of those documents.

### Book of Reference

The Book of Reference [\[EN010149/APP/4.3.4\]](#) has been updated at Deadline 4 to reflect a change in landowner information.

### Cumulative Assessment

At Deadline 1, a revised version of **ES Volume 1, Chapter 16: Cumulative Assessment** [\[EN010149/APP/6.1.2\]](#) was submitted to take account of the Leoda Solar Farm (EN0110016) for which the EIA Scoping Report was submitted in January 2025. This ES Chapter was then



submitted again at Deadline 2 **[EN010149/APP/6.1.3]** and Deadline 3 **[EN010149/APP/6.1.4]**.

A full update of the chapter has been undertaken for Deadline 4, with an assessment cut-off date of 29 August 2025.

### Statements of Common Ground ('SoCGs')

The Applicant worked with key stakeholders throughout the pre-submission and pre-examination stages to draft SoCGs, and a summary of the status of discussions was set out in the Statement of Commonality submitted as part of the DCO Application.

The **Rule 8 letter** [\[PD-006\]](#) requests submissions of SoCGs by the Applicant at Deadlines 2, 3 and 5. SoCGs are being submitted for a number of parties at Deadline 4 where these have been signed or where discussions have been progressed; The Applicant has continued engaging with NKDC and LCC and final signed versions of the remaining SoCGs will be submitted at Deadline 5.

We trust this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely,



Principal Development Manager

On behalf of Springwell Energyfarm Limited

## Appendix 1 – List of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4

Table 1 – Revised Documents

Doc Ref.	Rev No.	Document Name	Reason for Submission
1.2.6	6	Guide to the Application	Updated to provide an up-to-date list of the status of application documents and to identify where any have been superseded.
3.1.3	3	Draft Development Consent Order	Updated to reflect the progression of discussions with statutory consultees.
<b>4.2.3</b>	3	Funding Statement	Updated to correspond with the Response to Second Written Questions (ExQ2)
4.3.4	4	Book of Reference	Updated to reflect a change in landowner information.
4.4.6	6	Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought	Updated to reflect the progressions of discussions with Affected Persons.
6.1.5	5	ES Volume 1, Chapter 16 – Cumulative Effects	Updated to include additional information on cumulative schemes.
6.2.4	4	ES Volume 2, Proposed Development Description Figures 3.1 – 3.15	Updated Figure 3.3.
<b>6.2.4</b>	4	ES Volume 2, Cumulative Effects Figures	Updated Figure 16.2.
6.3.5	5	ES Volume 3, Appendix 9.1 – Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment and Stage 1 Setting Assessment	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees.
6.3.5	5	ES Volume 3, Appendix 16.1 – Long List of Other Approved and or Existing Developments	Updated to include refreshed long and short lists within the cumulative assessment.
7.7.5	5	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees.
7.8.4	4	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees.

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7.9.4	4	Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees and to provide further information on the Ecology Steering Group.
7.10.5	5	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees.
7.13.5	5	Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees.
7.15.3	3	Outline Written Scheme of Investigation	Updated following engagement with statutory consultees.
7.26.4	4	Statement of Commonality	Updated to reflect the agreement of matters between the Applicant and statutory consultees.
8.3.3	3	Statement of Common Ground – Historic England	Final signed version of the SoCG.
8.4.3	3	Statement of Common Ground – Natural England	Final signed version of the SoCG.
8.17.3	3	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	To provide a summary of the changes made up to Deadline 4 to the Draft DCO.

Table 2 – New Documents

Doc Ref.	Document Name	Reason for Submission
<b>8.25</b>	Response to Deadline 3 Submissions	To provide the Applicant's response to further submissions made at Deadline 3.
<b>8.26</b>	Response to Second Written Questions (ExQ2)	To provide the Applicant's response to the ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) <a href="#">[PD-010]</a> .
<b>8.27</b>	Response to Examining Authority's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order	To provide the Applicant's response to the ExA's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order <a href="#">[PD-009]</a> .