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23rd September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Springwell Solar Farm

Application for a Development Consent Order under Section 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008

I write to provide the response of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to the written questions raised by the Examining Authority in relation to the above application.

The Examining Authority's written question Q2.4.2- states: Aerodrome Safeguarding - **Birdstrike Hazard**: The Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and Ministry of Defence (MoD) [REP3-067] states that this topic is deemed to be principally agreed, pending finalisation of the requirement wording. Each party is asked to confirm whether agreement on the requirement wording has been reached and if not to set out its preferred wording.

The MOD has agreed with the applicant that the topic of Aerodrome Safeguarding - Birdstrike Hazard is principally agreed, including the finalisation of the wording that appropriately identifies the need for MOD to be consulted on the submission of detailed plans. requirements.

The Examining Authority's written question Q2.8.4 – states: **Requirement for Electrical Noise**: The Applicant has set out [REP3-067] [REP3-075] that discussions relating to electrical noise are still ongoing with the MoD. Provide an update on these discussions and when it is anticipated an agreement will be reached.

The MOD has had further discussions with the applicant regarding the topic of electrical noise management. These have been very productive serving to clarify issues that an electrical noise management plan will need to address relative to the anticipated phased progression of the proposed development. It is anticipated that a mutually acceptable form of Requirement wording can be finalised by 10/10/25.

I trust the responses provided above suitably address the questions raised. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to consider any of these points further.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Safeguarding Manager