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Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

Application for a development consent order for Springwell Solar Farm (Reference EN010149) National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc

We continue to act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("NGED") in relation to EN010149 (the "Order").

Please find attached a letter on behalf of NGED, which has been shared with the Applicant.

We confirm that this letter reflects the latest position between the parties.

Please let us know if we can provide any further information as to NGED's position at this time.

Kind regards,

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20 October 2025

Dear Planning Inspectorate Case Team

**Application for a development consent order for Springwell Solar Farm (Reference: EN010149)
National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc – Outstanding Objection**

We continue to act on behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (East Midlands) plc ("**NGED**").

NGED remains the licensed distribution network operator under Section 6 Electricity Act 1989 (the "**EA 1989**") for the area in which the Springwell Solar Farm Consent Order 202[X] (the "**Order**") is proposed to have effect and which was submitted by Springwell Energy Farm Limited.

We understand that the examination period closed on 08 October 2025, and the Examining Authority now has three months to send its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State (completed by 08 January 2026).

In light of this and, for the avoidance of doubt, **we wanted to confirm NGED's objection to the project remains outstanding.**

We submitted a relevant representation on behalf of NGED on 16 January 2025 (the "**Relevant Representation**"). This Relevant Representation detailed that this served as a holding objection to the Order until asset protection arrangements have been agreed between the parties. Only once NGED was satisfied that its network would be protected with such arrangements in place, would the objection be withdrawn.

We (on behalf of NGED) and the Applicant's representatives have been liaising to agree a suitable form of protective provisions along with a supplemental commercial side agreement (the "**Agreements**"). We are pleased to inform that the Agreements are in engrossed form and approved by both NGED and the Applicant. We will be able to remove NGED's holding representation once the Agreements have been completed, which has not yet occurred, but we expect to happen shortly.

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