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To: Springwell Solar Farm
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: SoS Consultation Request - Springwell Solar Farm - Response - [REDACTED]
Attachments: Information Request Letter - Springwell Solar Farm.pdf
Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

Charles & Georgina Hayward

Thank you for your letter of 5th February 2026, a copy of which is attached.

I write in my capacity as the agent on behalf of Charles and Georgina Hayward.

I confirm in respect of plot reference 11/1 that agreement has not yet been reached with Springwell Energy Farm Ltd in connection with the acquisition of rights over the area in question.

The reason for the above is simply because we have ongoing live negotiations with National Grid Energy Transmission and their agents, Messrs Fisher German regarding the acquisition of part, but more likely all of the land in question for the erection of the proposed new substation.

At this stage NGET have not submitted their planning consent for the proposed Navenby Substation and whilst they are discussing taking the whole field, this has not been confirmed. Accordingly, we need to be in a position to grant an option and rights over what 'is required' and NGET should in that regard provide a plan showing the 'bay' or 'bays' into which Springwell Energy Farm Ltd will connect. Without that information we feel that the 'cart is before the horse'.

We would very much like to enter into an agreement with Springwell Energy Farm Ltd and indeed have been in contact very recently.

However, given that Springwell Energy Farm Ltd are unable to say what is exactly required in terms of a cable easement (length and route) and provide detailed plan giving a point of entry to the proposed NGET Substation site we are unable to enter into an agreement without full details. Likewise, other developers are seeking the same rights. There must be a coordinated approach and NGET need to disclose their plans to all interested parties.

We very much hope we can agree and enter into a voluntary agreement and wish to cooperate in any way possible to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely

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To: Springwell Solar Farm <SpringwellSolarFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: SoS Consultation Request - Springwell Solar Farm
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Dear Sir / Madam,

The Secretary of State has today issued a letter to the Applicant, Blankney Estates Limited, Charles and Georgina Hayward, Ian and Pamela Leathley, Lincolnshire County Council, North Kesteven District Council, National Grid Electricity Transmission and OpenReach Limited requesting information.

The deadline for response is 23:59 on 19 February 2026

Kind regards,


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To:

Our Ref: EN010149

Springwell Energy Farm Limited
Blankney Estates Limited
Charles and Georgina Hayward
Ian and Pamela Leathley
Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council
National Grid Electricity Transmission
OpenReach Limited

5 February 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Springwell Energy Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Springwell Solar Farm (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 8 October 2025, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 8 January 2026. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if **the Applicant, Blankney Estates Limited (“BEL”), Charles and Georgina Hayward, Ian and Pamela Leathley, Lincolnshire County Council (“LCC”), North Kesteven District Council (“NKDC”), National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (“NGET”), and OpenReach Limited (“OL”)** could provide updates or further information on.

Land Rights and Related Matters

3. The **Applicant** and **BEL** are requested to provide an update on the status of their negotiations in respect of the variation to the signed option agreement. If

agreement has not been reached, provide the reasons why, and when agreement is expected.

4. **The Applicant**, and **Charles and Georgina Hayward** are requested to provide an update on the status of their negotiations in respect of the voluntary agreement in relation to plot reference 11/1 in the Book of Reference¹. If agreement has not been reached, provide the reasons why, and when agreement is expected to be reached.
5. **The Applicant**, and **Ian and Pamela Leathley** should provide an update on the status of their negotiations in respect of the heads of terms in relation to the freehold rights for plot references 10/1, 10/6 and 15/4 and permanent rights over plots 10/2, 15/2 and 15/8 in the Book of Reference². If agreement has not been reached, provide the reasons why, and when agreement is expected to be reached.
6. **The Applicant** should provide an update on the **category 1 and 2 affected parties** for which the land interests and/or rights for plots identified in the Book of reference are still unknown³. The Applicant should provide details of the unknown affected persons (“UAP”) identified, those not identified, and the efforts made to identify them. If the UAP’s have not been identified, provide the reasons why.
7. **The Applicant** and **NGET** should provide an update on negotiations regarding protective provisions. If agreement has not been reached, provide the reasons why, and/or when agreement is expected to be reached.
8. **The Applicant** and **OL** should provide an update on negotiations regarding protective provisions. If agreement has not been reached, provide the reasons why, and/or when agreement is expected to be reached.
9. **The Applicant** should provide an update on the section 106 agreement with **NKDC and LCC**. If agreement has been reached, please provide an update on when the agreement is expected to be signed.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

10. The deadline for response is **23:59 on 19 February 2026**.

11. Responses should be submitted by email only to:
springwellsolarfarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

12. Responses will be published on the Springwell Solar Farm project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 19 February 2026: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010149>

¹ [EN010149-000911-Springwell Energy Farm Limited - Book of Reference \(Clean\).pdf](#)

² *ibid*

³ *ibid*

13. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

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