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Our reference AGR Solar 2 Limited

**19 December 2025**

Dear Andre Pinto

## AGR & AGR Solar 2 Limited

### Beacon Fen Development Consent Order (DCO) Interaction

### Deadline 5 - Representation to safeguard AGR assets at Bicker Fen/Cowbridge Solar Farm

I write on behalf of AGR in respect of the interaction of its project SPV AGR Solar 2 Limited (company number 12294992) ("**AGR S2L**") with the Beacon Fen DCO (the "**DCO Project**").

AGR develops, owns, operates and manages renewable energy projects across the UK, having successfully delivered an installed capacity of over 1GW, including three projects in the vicinity of the National Grid Bicker Fen substation. This letter is in respect of Cowbridge Solar Farm (also known as Bicker Fen Solar Farm) which is located on land to the east and south-east of the National Grid Bicker Fen Substation, as shown on the extract of the planning permission location plan included at **Appendix 1** of this letter.

AGR S2L received planning consent on 21 July 2023 (reference H04-0849-22 and B/22/0356) for Cowbridge Solar Farm – a c.75MW solar project with 50MW of Battery Energy Storage System (**BESS**). The planning permission has been implemented and AGR S2L is due to complete construction of Cowbridge Solar Farm in early 2026.

The Cowbridge Solar Farm has apparatus under, over, along, adjacent to, and/or across the land proposed for the DCO Project – most notably a 33kV cable along Cowbridge Road, Bicker Drove and Vicarage Drove and assets in and around the National Grid Bicker Fen substation.

We understand that the DCO Project will cross these assets to the north-east of the National Grid Bicker Fen substation and that there is also potential for interaction in and around the point of connection. This has the potential to cause detriment to AGR S2L's undertaking. On that basis, with the operation of the DCO Project to be located in close proximity to AGR S2L's assets as well as the requirement for a cable crossing, we have specific concerns in relation to:

1. Asset protection and adequate safeguards for AGR S2L's existing infrastructure;



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2. The possibility of outages to AGR S2L's operations including financial safeguards and indemnities in the event of AGR S2L needing to temporarily cease generation of electricity during construction of the cable crossing; and
3. The need to secure appropriate mechanisms within legal documentation (yet to be agreed) – for example, deeds of consent relating to AGR S2L's existing property rights and compliance with existing landowner agreements.

Accordingly, AGR S2L wishes to protect its rights and interests in land and its apparatus during and after construction of the DCO Project including in areas in which compulsory acquisition/temporary possession powers or rights are sought by the DCO.

To this end, the parties are engaged in commercial negotiations regarding a form of private asset protection agreement and protective provisions together with appropriate assurance in respect of the cable crossing. Until these are in place, AGR S2L wishes to lodge this representation to make the Examining Authority (**ExA**) aware of its concerns.

AGR S2L is eager to continue discussions with the Applicant in order to ensure appropriate safeguards are legally secured; following which, AGR S2L will write to the ExA to confirm the same and remove its representation.

Yours sincerely,



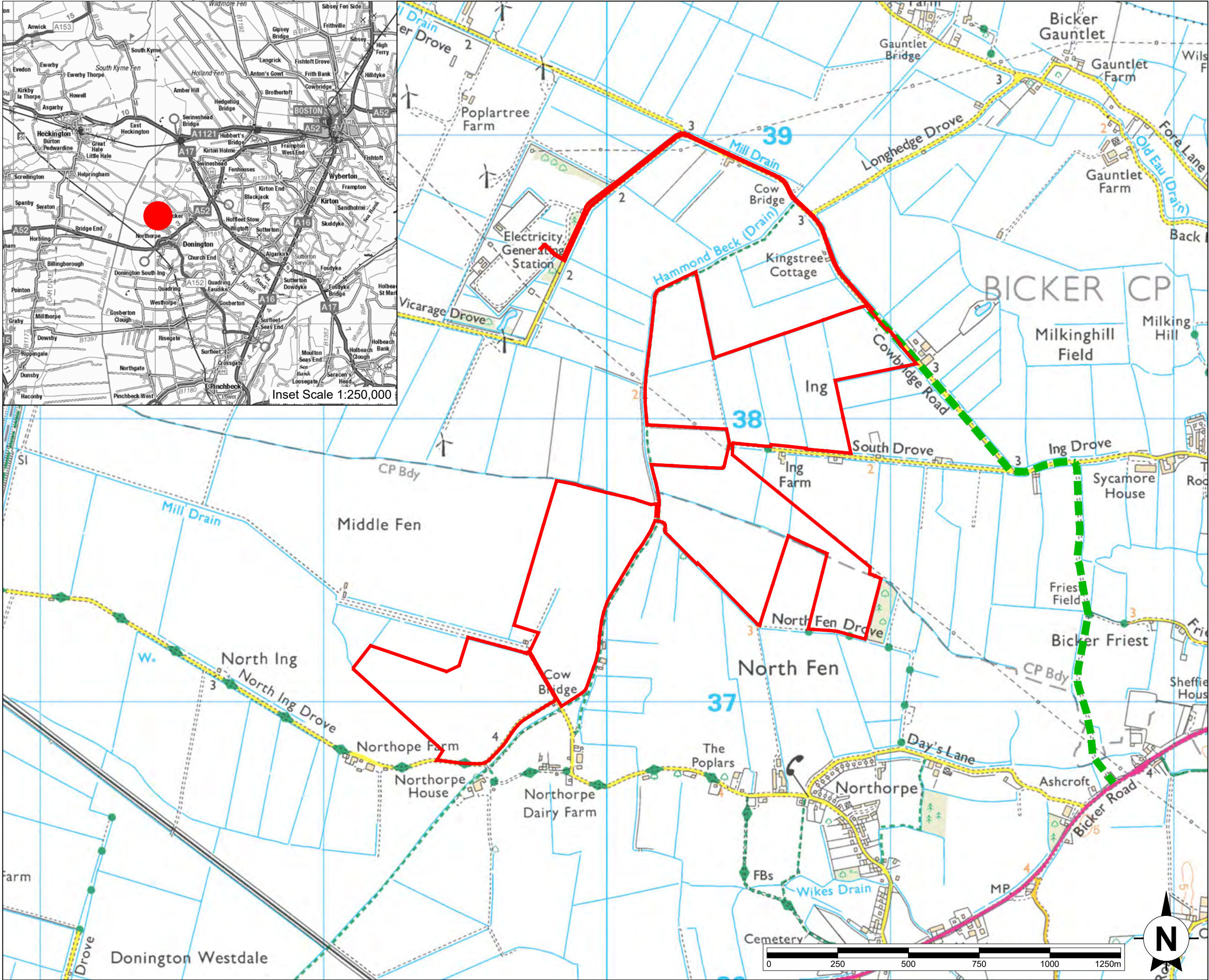
For and on behalf of  
AGR Solar 2 Limited





Appendix 1

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Revision History		Date

Application Boundary  
(97.3 ha)

Site Location

Temporary  
Construction  
Access Route

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0844 8700 007 - www.axisped.co.uk				
client: AGR				
project: BICKER FEN SOLAR FARM				
drawing title: SITE LOCATION PLAN				
date: MAY 2022		drawn by:	checked:	
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