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Development Consent Order Application
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Dear Mr Cridland,

Fenwick Solar Project Limited's Response to Procedural Deadline A Application Ref: EN010152

I write further to your letter dated 18 February 2025 setting out a number of Procedural Decisions, under sections 88 and 89 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Rules 4, 6, 9 and 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (the Rule 6 Letter), for the examination of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Fenwick Solar Farm.

As requested in the Rule 6 letter for Procedural Deadline A, the following members of the Fenwick Solar Project Limited's (the Applicant) team wish to speak in person at the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1 and the Issue Specific Hearing 1 into the draft DCO as required:

- Gareth Phillips, Partner, Pinsent Masons LLP
- Taylor Power, Associate at Pinsent Masons LLP
- Alex Tresadern, Associate at Pinsent Masons LLP

Other members of the Applicant's team who will attend in person as observers at the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1 and the Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft DCO are as follows:

- Helen Standing, NSIP Development Manager, Boom Power
- Rob Smith, Head of Project Development, Boom Power
- Jack Spurway, Head of Planning, Boom Power
- Matthew Smedley, Associate Director, Town Planning at AECOM
- Madeleine Kennan, Associate Director, Stakeholder Engagement, AECOM

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The Applicant notes that the Rule 6 Letter requests any comments on the draft Examination Timetable provided at Annex D of the Rule 6 Letter. The draft Timetable currently reserves time within the week commencing 16 June for any further hearings and the accompanied site inspection if required. The Applicant seeks to confirm if it would be possible for this hearing week (should it be required) to be moved to the previous week commencing 9 June, as members of the Applicant project team are unavailable within the week commencing 16 June due to prior commitments. The Applicant considers this shift would require no other changes to the Examination Timetable, as any hearing within the week commencing 9 June would be at least 10 days following Deadline 2, and at least 12 days prior to Deadline 3.

At Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter, the Applicant notes the request to prepare a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Natural England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and The Burnet Heritage Trust. The Applicant notes that, at the time of receiving the Rule 6 Letter, an SoCG between the Applicant and Natural England was already well advanced. Therefore, it is the Applicant's intention to conclude the SoCG with Natural England and prepare a separate SoCG(s) with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and The Burnet Heritage Trust. The Applicant would be willing to discuss this proposed approach during the Preliminary Meeting, if that would be helpful to the Examining Authority.

The Rule 6 Letter requests suggested locations for site inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to private land. In response, the Applicant suggests the following site inspection locations which are identified on the attached annotation of ES Volume II, Figure 1-3 Elements of the Site: Solar PV Site Sheet 2 of 2 [APP-071]¹:

- 1. Jet Hall Farm this is suggested because it has been a focus of discussion between the Applicant and City of Doncaster Council (CDC) and its landscape consultants, Land Use Consultants (LUC). The location is cited on pages 10 and 12 of the CDC Relevant Representation [RR-001]. The land can be partially viewed from the public road of London Lane. However, the northern most part of London Lane is not a public road but is a public footpath (identified as 'Moss 5' on ES Volume II, Figure 2-2 Public Rights of Way [APP-073]). The Applicant can arrange access if the Examining Authority wished to gain access to land within and around Jet Hall Farm.
- 2. Views from the southern and eastern edge of Fenwick this is suggested because Fenwick is an important receptor location. Views can be obtained from Fenwick Common Lane which is a public road and from the public footpaths in the general vicinity of Fenwick Common Lane (as shown on ES Volume II, Figure 2-2 Public Rights of Way [APP-073]).

¹ The annotation of APP-071 is provided for illustrative purposes only to assist in the identification of site inspection locations. The annotated drawing does not supersede APP-071.



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- 3. Views from the northern edge of Fenwick this is suggested to view the (lack of) intervisibility between the residential and agricultural properties of Fenwick and the Solar PV Site. The location is cited on pages 10 and 11 of the CDC Relevant Representation [RR-001]. Views can be obtained from Lawn Lane and Fenwick Lane further to the west which are public roads. The permission from the relevant landowner will be required if the Examining Authority wished to obtain views from an individual property located on Lawn Lane or Fenwick Lane.
- 4. Views from the River Went corridor this is suggested because it shows the character of the River Went corridor and provides views over the northern parts of the Solar PV Site. The location is cited on page 10 of the CDC Relevant Representation [RR-001]. Access is required over private land, which is shown on the attached annotated drawing of ES Volume II, Figure 1-3 Elements of the Site: Solar PV Site Sheet 2 of 2 [APP-71]. The Applicant can liaise with the landowner if the Examining Authority wished to gain access to this inspection location.
- 5. Views of Field SE7 this is suggested because it is a focus of discussion between the Applicant and CDC and its landscape consultants, LUC. The location is cited on page 9 of the CDC Relevant Representation [RR-001]. Views can be obtained from West Land which is a public road. However, the Applicant would suggest that views are obtained from within Field SE7 and can arrange such access with the landowner, if required by the Examining Authority.
- 6. Views from west of the railway this is suggested to show the effect of linear infrastructure and hedgerows in the flat landscape. Access is available from public footpaths, as shown on ES Volume II, Figure 2-2 Public Rights of Way [APP-073].
- 7. Views from the disused railway to the east this is suggested to show the screening provided by disused railway. Views can be obtained from Bate Lane which is a public road and from the public footpaths in the general vicinity of Bate Lane (as shown on ES Volume II, Figure 2-2 Public Rights of Way [APP-073]).

Should you require any further information regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Yours sincerely,

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Annotation of ES Volume II, Figure 1-3 Elements of the Site: Solar PV Site Sheet 2 of 2 [APP-071] to show the location of suggested site inspection locations.

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Order limits

Location of Operations and Maintenance Hub

Solar PV Site

Grid Connection Corridor

On-Site Substation

Grid Connection Line Drop Compound

Proposed locations for site inspection

Route over private land to access site inspection

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Environmental Statement

Elements of the Site: Solar PV Site