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Dear Mr Cridland,

Applicant Letter Examination Deadline 1, Fenwick Solar Project Limited
Application Ref: EN010152

This letter accompanies the submission of a suite of documents by Fenwick Solar Project Limited (the Applicant) for the Examination of the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for the Fenwick Solar Farm (the Scheme). This suite of documents has been submitted via the Planning Inspectorate's portal at Deadline 1 of the Examination on 30 April 2025. This information has been provided to respond to requests for information set out in the **Rule 6 letter [PD-005]** issued by the Examination Authority (ExA) on 18 February 2025, the **Rule 8 letter [PD-006]** issued on 31 March 2025 and following the Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing on 19 March 2025, and the first Issue Specific Hearing on the Draft DCO on 20 March 2025.

The following documents requested by the **Rule 6 letter [PD-005]** and **Rule 8 letter [PD-006]** have not been submitted, and are not intended to be provided in future Deadlines:

- a) Statement of Reasons.
- b) Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought.
- c) Consents and Agreements Position Statement.

As discussed with the ExA at the Preliminary Meeting, it was considered these documents do not require updating as in respect of the Statement of Reasons and Schedule of Negotiations, the new **Land Rights Tracker [EN010152/APP/8.15]** provides sufficient updates on the progress of negotiations with landowners and other interests, and these would be the only matters the Applicant would otherwise look to update in these documents. The Consents and Agreements Position Statement is not anticipated to require any substantive updates throughout the Examination.



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The table below lists the suite of documents submitted by the Applicant and their reason for submission, with further details of the documentation provided set out in the remainder of this letter and in the Guide to the Application (Revision 02).

Document	Reason for submission and comments
New Documents	
Cover Letter for Deadline 1 [EN010152/APP/8.3]	As provided in this letter.
Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] .
DRAFT Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and City of Doncaster Council [EN010152/APP/8.5]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this draft SoCG have been agreed and signed by the Parties.
DRAFT Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and the Environment Agency [EN010152/APP/8.6]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this draft SoCG have been agreed and signed by the Parties for Deadline 1.
Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and National Highways [EN010152/APP/8.7]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this SoCG are final and have been agreed and signed by the Parties for Deadline 1.
Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and Natural England [EN010152/APP/8.8]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this SoCG are final and have been agreed and signed by the Parties for Deadline 1.
DRAFT Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and the	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this draft SoCG have been agreed by the Parties for Deadline 1. The SoCG was updated to reflect



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Burnet Heritage Trust [EN010152/APP/8.9]	ongoing correspondence and discussions held with the Burnet Heritage Trust and was shared for review on 1 April 2025. The content of the SoCG was agreed (30 April 2025) via email exchange, however, the Parties were unable to sign prior to Deadline 1 of Examination.
DRAFT Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust [EN010152/APP/8.10]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this draft SoCG have been agreed and signed by the Parties for Deadline 1.
Statement of Common Ground between Fenwick Solar Project Limited and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service [EN010152/APP/8.11]	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The contents of this SOCG are final and agreed by the Parties. Following a meeting with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFRS) on 15 April 2025, the SoCG was updated to reflect these discussions and shared with SYFRS on 17 April 2025. The contents of the SoCG was agreed (29 April 2025) via email exchange for Deadline 1, however, is awaiting signing from SYFRS. A signed version of this SoCG will be provided at Deadline 2 of Examination.
Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [EN010152/APP/8.12]	Provided to explain those changes made to the Book of Reference [EN010152/APP/4.3(Rev 2)] .
Great Crested Newt District Level Licensing Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate [EN010152/APP/8.13]	The Scheme has applied for a great crested newt (GCN) (<i>Triturus cristatus</i>) District Level Licence (DLL). The Applicant has now obtained a provisional Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate (IACPC) from Natural England. Due to the sensitive information contained within the certificate, this document is confidential . The Applicant is in the process of obtaining the full IACPC and once obtained, the provisional certificate will be superseded by it. Proceeding with the DLL route negates the requirement to undertake full GCN surveys on all relevant waterbodies within a suitable zone of influence of the Scheme. Natural England will undertake an impact assessment, the outcome of which is documented in the IACPC, which will be submitted as part of the DCO Application. The IACPC provides detail including



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	information on the Scheme's impact on GCN and the appropriate compensation required. As such, significant effects on GCN populations as a result of the Scheme will be avoided.
Applicant's Summary of Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on the Draft Development Consent Order and Post Hearing Notes [EN010152/APP/8.14]	<p>As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006].</p> <p>Appendix A of this document provides a confidential memorandum which outlines the land interests of the Banks Group and FIDRA, further to the ExA's request at ISH1. This is provided as a separate document.</p> <p>It is noted that this document does not include a summary of oral submissions at the Open Floor Hearing 1 given the short duration of the hearing. The Applicant considers the matters addressed in the comments made by the Applicant at the Open Floor Hearing have been appropriately captured within the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4].</p>
Land Rights Tracker [EN010152/APP/8.15]	<p>As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006].</p> <p>As per the instructions in Annex F of the Rule 6 Letter [PD-005] this tracker details the latest position regarding all land rights and interests affected by the Scheme which at this stage are subject to ongoing negotiations. This does not include land rights which have already been fully agreed (i.e. where final Option Agreements and (where necessary) protective provisions are in place).</p>
Framework Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010152/APP/8.16]	As discussed at ISH1 (at Page 10 of [EN010152/APP/8.14]) this document sets out the provisions for the archaeological evaluation and mitigation works for the Scheme to be brought forward under the detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy in accordance with Requirement 10 of the draft DCO [APP-220] .
Trial Trench Evaluation Report [EN010152/APP/8.17]	Further to the same discussions at ISH1 as for the Framework Archaeological Mitigation Strategy, this document provides the results of the trial trenching undertaken to date for the Scheme. This document updates the preliminary reporting set out in ES Volume I, Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage [APP-059] and ES Volume III, Appendix 7-2: Desk Based Assessment [APP-142] submitted as part of the DCO Application.



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Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO [EN010152/APP/8.18]	Provided to explain those changes made to the draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1(Rev 2)] and to be used as a document for the remainder of Examination which collates the ongoing changes made to the draft DCO.
Updated Documents	
Guide to the Application [EN010152/APP/1.2] (Revision 02)	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] .
Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plan [EN010152/APP/2.3] (Revision 02)	<p>Updates have been made to this Plan to reflect the discussion at ISH1 (at Page 11 of [EN010152/APP/8.14]), including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) locate the arrow of the Public Right of Way (PROW) 04/04 notation further to the west to reflect the closure of this PROW outside of the Order limits and align with the updates to the draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1(Rev 2)] in respect of the same closure; b) amend the line colouring of PROW 04/04, west of the Order limits, from 'Existing Public Right of Way' to 'Proposed Permanent Closure of Public Right of Way'. This is subsequent to the change explained at (b); a) remove Private Roads from Sheets 5 and 6. As explained at ISH1, these have been confirmed to be agricultural tracks linking agricultural fields, rather than private roads. <p>It has also been updated to address comments on the Plans requested in discussions with CDC and in their Relevant Representation [RR-001]. This includes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) add '(Trans Pennine Trail)' to the legend; and c) amend a short section of the PROW Fenwick 10 from 'Existing Public Right of Way' to 'Proposed Permanent Closure of Public Right of Way', identified by the addition of label 'PROW 04/09'. This is a consequential change to the closure of PROW Sykehouse 29, and reflects a small portion of Fenwick 10 which would connect to the now closed section of Skyehouse 29.
Draft DCO	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] .



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[EN010152/APP/3.1] (Revision 02)	Amendments predominantly relate to matters discussed at ISH1, in direct discussions with the CDC (as set out in further detail in the CDC SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.5]) and to incorporate updates to protective provisions with various statutory undertakers.
Explanatory Memorandum [EN010152/APP/3.2] (Revision 02)	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The Explanatory Memorandum has been updated to reflect the amendments made to the draft DCO, and include further explanation of these as required.
Book of Reference [EN010152/APP/4.3] (Revision 02)	As required by the Annex A timetable in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-006] . The Book of Reference has been updated following a data update.
ES Volume I, Chapter 7: Cultural Heritage [EN010152/APP/6.1] (Revision 01)	Updated to include the results of the new Trial Trench Evaluation Report [EN010152/APP/8.17] provided at Deadline 1.
ES Volume I, Chapter 12: Socio Economics and Land Use [EN010152/APP/6.1] (Revision 02)	Amendments made in response to requests in CDC's RR [RR-001] and subsequent engagement leading up to Deadline 1. Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the CDC SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.5] and the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
ES Volume I, Chapter 13: Transport and Access [EN010152/APP/6.1] (Revision 01)	Amendments made in response to requests in CDC's RR [RR-001] . Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
ES Volume III, Appendix 7-2: Desk Based Assessment [EN010152/APP/6.3] (Revision 01)	Updated to include the results of the new Trial Trench Evaluation Report [EN010152/APP/8.17] provided at Deadline 1.
Framework Construction Environmental Management Plan	Amendments made in response to requests in the EA's RR [RR-003] and subsequent engagement leading up to Deadline 1. Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the EA SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.6] and the



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[EN010152/APP/7.7] (Revision 01)	Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
Framework Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.9] (Revision 01)	Amendments made in response to requests in the EA's RR [RR-003] and National Highways RR [RR-005] and subsequent engagement leading up to Deadline 1. Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the EA SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.6] , National Highways SoCG [EN010152/APP/8.7] and the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [EN010152/APP/7.11] (Revision 01)	Appendix F of this document has been updated in response to CDC's RR [RR-001] . Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the CDC SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.5] and the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
No Significant Effects Report [EN010152/APP/7.12] (Revision 02)	Amendments made in response to requests in Natural England's RR [RR-006] . Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the Natural England SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.8] and the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
Framework Public Right of Way Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.13] (Revision 01)	Amendments made in response to requests in CDC's RR [RR-001] and subsequent engagement leading up to Deadline 1, as well as consequential amendments made to the changes in the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plan [EN010152/APP/2.3] and Draft DCO [EN010152/APP/3.1] . Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the CDC SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.5] and the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .
Framework Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010152/APP/7.15] (Revision 01)	Amendments made in response to requests in the EA's RR [RR-003] and CDC's RR [RR-001] , including subsequent (and ongoing) engagement with CDC and its landscape advisors, LUC, leading up to Deadline 1. Further explanation of these amendments are outlined in the EA SOCG [EN010152/APP/8.6] , CDC SoCG [EN010152/APP/8.5] and the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010152/APP/8.4] .

Statements of Common Ground

The SoCGs have been produced to confirm to the ExA where agreement has been reached between the parties, where agreement has not been reached (and that is the parties' final position) and where discussions are still ongoing.



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The Applicant notes that the Examining Authority also requested SoCGs with some parties in the Rule 6 Letter **[PD-005]** which have not been provided for Deadline 1. These are as follows:

- **Able UK Limited and Elba Securities Limited:** While an SoCG was unable to be prepared for Deadline 1, the parties have agreed on this wording to reflect current discussions between them:

Able and the Applicant met on 22 April 2024 to discuss the matters raised by Able in it the Examination to date. In that discussion, the parties agreed the preferred approach would be to resolve these matters in a property agreement, concluded privately outside of the examination process. The parties hope to conclude an agreement soon. A SoCG will be provided at Deadline 2 to update the Examining Authority on discussions. Able have confirmed that they will require protective provisions and object to compulsory acquisition powers if an agreement is not reached. The Applicant continues to maintain that protective provisions are not required, and that the compulsory acquisition powers sought are appropriate, however remains open to discussing these matters further with Able, should a property agreement be unable to be reached.

- **Network Rail, National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and Northern PowerGrid Plc:** SoCGs have not been provided at Deadline 1 as based on current discussions between the parties it is anticipated that Protective Provisions will be agreed early into examination, and there are no other matters of discussion which require update to the ExA. The Applicant continues to provide updates on the status of the Protective Provisions via the Land Rights Tracker **[EN010152/APP/8.15]**.

Accompanied Site Inspection

The ExA's Unaccompanied Site Inspection of 18 March 2025 **[EV4-001]** appears to include the locations that had been recommended with the Deadline A response of the Applicant **[PD1-001]** and CDC **[PD1-002]**. The only exception are views from the River Went corridor and Lowgate (road), located to the north of the Solar PV Site. If the ExA consider it necessary to undertake an inspection from these locations, it is suggested that one or a combination of the following be undertaken:

- a) Lowgate is a public highway and a Public Right of Way runs along the northern boundary of the River Went (as shown on **ES Volume II, Figure 2-2 Public Rights of Way [APP-073]**). Therefore, an unaccompanied site inspection could be undertaken from these locations.
- b) The River Went corridor can be accessed via the route described in point 4 of the Applicant's Deadline A response **[PD1-001]** and identified on the plan appended to that response. As the route would require access over private



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land, an accompanied site visit would be required. The Applicant can liaise with the landowner if the ExA wishes to gain access to the River Went corridor via this route.

It is also highlighted that viewpoints from Lowgate and the River Went corridor are shown on **ES Volume II, Figure 10-9 Representative Viewpoint Locations [APP-111]** and **ES Volume II, Figure 10-10 Representative Viewpoint Locations [APP-112]**.

Should you require any further information or have any questions regarding this submission please do not hesitate to contact the project team.

Yours sincerely,

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