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Application by Fenwick Solar Project Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Fenwick Solar Farm Project

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Requests for Further Information

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) to request further information on a number of matters arising out of the submissions received at deadlines 3 and 4.

1) Habitats Regulation Assessment – Pink-footed Geese

The ExA note that in responding to ExQ2 Q1.6.23, Natural England [REP4-042] have recommended that the applicant obtain the data the Burnet Heritage Trust (BHT) refer to within their responses at relevant representations, deadline 1, deadline 2 and deadline 3 [RR-011, REP1-054, REP2-075, REP3-035] with regard to Pink-footed Geese. Natural England [REP4-042] recommend that this data be assessed in more detail in the context of the Humber Estuary SPA/ Ramsar to determine whether “significant counts” of Pink-footed Geese have been recorded feeding within the Order limits and whether the data affects the conclusions of the NSER [REP2-038].

The ExA request the data referred to by the BHT for Pink-footed Geese is obtained and reviewed by the applicant to determine whether there is evidence to suggest that Pink-footed Geese have been recorded in higher numbers ($\geq 1\%$ of the Humber Estuary population) within the Order limits and whether the NSER conclusions are affected. The applicant should provide an updated NSER or relevant HRA report.

2) Operational Waste Management

The ExA notes that table 3-12: Materials and Waste of the framework Operational Environmental Management Plan (fOEMP) [REP4-017] says that waste generated during the operational phase would be managed in accordance with the recommendations set out within the framework Site Waste Management Plan (fSWMP) [APP-208]. In response to ExQ1, the applicant explained that the failure rate of solar

panels would be between 34-68 panels needing replacing per year based on a 0.25%-0.5% annual replacement rate. Please signpost to where within the fOEMP and fSWMP there is provision for the management of waste from solar panel replacement and waste from the BESS units during the operational phase. If this information is not contained within these documents please update them to provide it.

3) Fully consolidated versions of amended documents and version control

The ExA notes that a number of documents submitted at deadlines 3 and 4 appear to be unconsolidated. For example, the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans Part 1 and Part 2 [[REP4-004](#) and [REP4-005](#)] and the Public Rights of Way Management Plan [[REP4-025](#)] do not appear to include the updates made to these documents at deadline 1. Please correct these documents accordingly and undertake checks to ensure that the final versions of all amended documents are fully consolidated and incorporate all amendments submitted at the various deadlines.

We would be grateful if you could provide responses by **deadline 5 (22 August 2025)**.

Yours faithfully

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