



**Fenwick Solar Project
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Dear Mr Cridland

Application Reference EN010152 – Fenwick Solar Farm

Close of Examination Letter from Fenwick Solar Project Limited

I am a director, and the founder, of BOOM Developments Ltd, the ultimate parent company of the applicant for this DCO application, Fenwick Solar Project Limited. I am also a director of that company and write to you on its behalf. The purpose of this letter is to request the expedition of your recommendation report to the Secretary of State, for the reasons set out below.

First, I'm grateful to the Examining Authority for recently confirming the close of this examination, early, on 3 September 2025. At the outset of the examination and as reflected in the Rule 8 Letter dated 31 March 2025, you expressed an intention to conclude it in a shorter period (of approximately 5 months) than normal. Whilst clarifying questions regarding the RIES extended the examination beyond that timetable, your objective to expedite the examination was reassuring to the investors in the Fenwick Solar Farm and the wider solar industry.

Second, I believe the examination has gone well because relative to other solar NSIPs, the Fenwick Solar Farm has been non-complex and uncontroversial. I think this is demonstrated by the following:

- only 55 relevant representations were made, far lower than seen for other similar NSIPs;
- only one community member attended the Open Floor Hearing on 19 March 2025, and no landowners attended the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 17 June 2025;
- the applicant and the City of Doncaster Council are in full agreement regarding the effects of the project and the content of the draft DCO (see the updated Statement of Common Ground between the applicant and CDC submitted at Deadline 5 [REP5-011]);
- all but two of the statutory undertakers whose assets are affected by the project have withdrawn their objections. I expect to reach agreement with the two outstanding, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and the DANVM Drainage Commissioners, very shortly, such that they too may confirm the withdrawal of their representations directly to the Secretary of State as soon as possible; and
- the nature of the outstanding matters at the end of the examination is minor, as set out in the Applicant's Closing Submissions [REP5-023].



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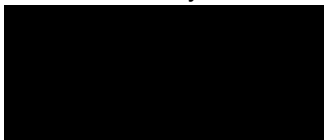
Third, in accordance with NESO's Connections Reform, the applicant has applied for an earlier connection date for the project of 1 September 2029 (originally, 16 April 2032), on the basis that the project meets the relevant criteria. This request has been made to assist the Government with meeting its Net Zero targets, which the project can make a significant contribution towards. Re-offers of grid connections are expected this Autumn.

Fourth, for all elements of the project (for example the main 400kV transformer, which has an operational lead-in time in excess of two years), every month gained at the development stage is vital in the context of the further studies and final design work needed to procure construction. This needs to be completed to discharge the requirements of the DCO (assuming one is made) and for a Final Investment Decision to implement the project.

Finally, consultations have already begun in relation to the Contract for Differences Allocation Round 8 and it is assumed that this window will close (as normal) in March 2026. To stand a reasonable chance of participating in that process, engage with relevant stakeholders, secure a CfD in time for a 2029 connection and assist the Government's Net Zero targets by bringing the project online before 2030, an early decision in respect of the application is vital. The submission of an early recommendation report would, no doubt, facilitate this.

Therefore, on behalf of the applicant, Fenwick Solar Project Limited, I would be grateful if the Examining Authority could expedite the submission of its recommendation report regarding the application to the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely



Mark Hogan

Founder & Director, BOOM Power Ltd and BOOM Developments Ltd

For and on behalf of the applicant, Fenwick Solar Project Limited.