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Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
North Sea Transition Authority
DANVM Drainage Commissioners
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) PLC
National Grid PLC
Vodafone Limited
John Edgar Lloyd Nicholson
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
Energis Communications Limited
Audrey Boulton
Reece Whittaker
NPower Limited
RWE Generation UK PLC
Environment Agency
UK Transition Power Holdings Limited

Date: 19 December 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Fenwick Solar Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Fenwick Solar Farm Project and associated development (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 3 September 2025, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 18 November 2025. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.

2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the **Applicant, Richard John Pashley, Jean Sheila Pashley, Alan Pashley, Jonathan Pashley, David Alan Pashley, Derek Neil Hyslop, Trevor Oates, Clive Leggett, Cambian Childcare Properties Limited, HSBC Bank Plc, City of Doncaster Council, Tracey Willington, Elba Securities Limited, National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC, Abhilasha Alias Ashu Chohan, OJC Holdings Limited, Environment Agency, HJ Banks & Company Limited, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, North Sea Transition Authority, DANVM Drainage Commissioners, Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) PLC, National Grid PLC, Vodafone Limited, John Edgar Lloyd Nicholson, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Energis Communications Limited, Audrey Boulton, Reece Whittaker, NPower Limited, RWE Generation UK PLC, Thorpe Marsh Green Energy Hub Limited and UK Transition Power Holdings Limited** could provide updates or information as appropriate.

Land Rights

3. In the document Land Rights Tracker Document Reference: EN010152/APP/8.15 version 4 (the "Tracker") [REP5-017] submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 in August 2025, it is stated that negotiations remain ongoing with various parties on land acquisition and rights over land.
4. The **Applicant, Richard John Pashley, Jean Sheila Pashley, Alan Pashley, Jonathan Pashley, David Alan Pashley, Derek Neil Hyslop, Trevor Oates, Clive Leggett, Cambian Childcare Properties Limited, HSBC Bank Plc, City of Doncaster Council, Tracey Willington, Elba Securities Limited, National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC, OJC Holdings Limited, Environment Agency, HJ Banks & Company Limited, North Sea Transition Authority, DANVM Drainage Commissioners, Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) PLC, National Grid PLC, Vodafone Limited, John Edgar Lloyd Nicholson, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Energis Communications Limited, Audrey Boulton, Reece Whittaker, NPower Limited, RWE Generation UK PLC, Thorpe Marsh Green Energy Hub Limited and UK Transition Power Holdings Limited** are requested to provide an update on these negotiations.
5. The Tracker also records unsuccessful attempts to establish contact with Abhilasha Alias Ashu Chohan in relation to Plot 9/03. It further notes the Applicant's Summary of Oral Submissions presented at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, the Post-Hearing Notes, and a witness statement provided by the Applicant's land agents (DDM Agriculture), which details the efforts undertaken to engage with the landowner of Plot 9/03. The Applicant is requested to provide details of the searches and property title investigation carried out to ascertain ownership details and locate **Abhilasha Alias Ashu Chohan**. The Secretary of State acknowledges the Applicant's stated intention to continue pursuing negotiations towards a voluntary agreement. Accordingly, the **Applicant**, and if possible, **Abhilasha Alias Ashu Chohan** are requested to provide an update on the current status of this matter.

6. The Secretary of State notes that Network Rail Infrastructure Limited objected to the inclusion of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers in respect of land and interests comprising Plots 5/03, 9/09 (subsoil), 10/01, 10/02 and 10/04 (permanent acquisition of rights), and Plots 8/14, 9/02, 9/04, 9/07, 9/10, 10/03 and 10/09 (extinguishment of rights).
7. **The Applicant and Network Rail Infrastructure Limited** are therefore requested to confirm whether the confidential side agreement referred to in its Deadline 5 submission has now been completed. If so, **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited** is requested to confirm whether it has formally withdrawn its objection to the inclusion of compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers in respect of its land and interests. If the side agreement has not been completed, **Network Rail Infrastructure Limited** is requested to confirm whether it maintains its objection notwithstanding the inclusion of protective provisions in the draft Development Consent Order.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

8. Responses to the requested information should be submitted **by email only** to fenwicksolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **by 23:59 on 9 January 2026**.
9. Responses will be published on the Fenwick Solar Farm Project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010152> as soon as possible after **9 January 2026**.
10. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

John Wheadon

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