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Dear Mr Wheadon,

Applicant Response to Secretary of State request for information letter dated 19th December 2025, Fenwick Solar Project Limited

Application Ref: EN010152

This letter provides a response to the request for information (RFI) by the Secretary of State (SoS) on 19th December 2025.

Status of Land negotiations

The RFI requests specific update on the status of land negotiations with a list of named interests. We provide the following updates in respect of those landowners with whom the Applicant is engaging.

Landowner	Plots	Status of Negotiations
[REDACTED]	6/06, 6/07	The Applicant received signed Heads of Terms on 18/12/2025. The parties are now progressing the negotiation of an Option Agreement.
[REDACTED]	6/08	The Applicant received signed Heads of Terms on 18/12/2025. The parties are now progressing the negotiation of an Option Agreement.
City of Doncaster Council	10/11, 11/07	No change since the close of Examination. The Applicant will require access and/or cable rights within these plots, which are sections of public highway. The Applicant and City of Doncaster Council have engaged in respect of highways matters, with all matters agreed as of the



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		<p>Statement of Common Ground submitted at Deadline 5 [REP5-012].</p> <p>Final property agreements will be pursued where necessary at the point of detailed design.</p>
[REDACTED]	9/02, 9/04	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant has commenced negotiations with the landowner, but has received limited response from the landowner since Examination. The Applicant remains committed to securing a voluntary agreement, and will continue to attempt engagement with the landowner.</p>
Elba Securities Limited	9/15, 10/03, 10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08, 10/10	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant and the landowner have commenced negotiations for a cable easement. The general route and affected areas are agreed subject to legal drafting, easement and working width and commercial terms.</p> <p>The Applicant remains committed to securing a voluntary arrangement, and are currently considering the latest commercial proposal from the landowner.</p>
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET)	9/10	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>It is noted that NGET is recorded as a landowner within the Book of Reference [REP1-009] and Land Rights Tracker [REP4-033] for Plot 9/10, as well as holding various Category 2 and Category 3 interests within other plots within the Scheme. As confirmed in those documents, the interest at Plot 9/10 is only in respect of a caution against first registration on title SYK585566.</p> <p>The Applicant and NGET have agreed protective provisions in respect of NGET's interests within the Scheme, which were included within the draft DCO at Deadline 1 [REP1-005]. NGET withdrew its objection to the application on 29 April 2025 [REP1-051].</p>



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		Final property agreements will be pursued in respect of NGET's interest where necessary at the point of detailed design.
OJC Holdings Limited	9/07	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant received signed Heads of Terms on 14/04/2025. The parties are progressing the negotiation of an Option Agreement.</p>
Environment Agency	9/11, 9/13	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant agreed a form of protective provisions with the EA, which were included in the DDCO submitted at Deadline 1 [REP1-005]. The Statement of Common Ground between the parties submitted at Deadline 5 [REP5-013] confirmed all matters in respect of the application as agreed.</p> <p>In respect of Plot 9/11, it is unlikely that a property agreement will be required due to the intent to carry out the cable installation via Horizontal Directional Drilling.</p> <p>In respect of Plot 9/13, the EA have not yet confirmed their ownership of this land. The Applicant will seek to secure a voluntary land agreement once the ownership of the land is confirmed.</p> <p>Final property rights will be pursued where necessary at the point of detailed design.</p>
HJ Banks & Company Limited	10/11	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>Rights are required in respect of access. The parties have agreed to reengage and confirm any access requirements and/or property rights at the point of detailed design.</p>
DANVM Drainage Commissioners	10/14	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>Only one landowner interest is recorded for the DANVM Drainage Commissioners within the Book of Reference [REP1-009] and Land Rights</p>



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		<p>Tracker [REP4-033], for Plot 10/14. This relates to a section of public highway and verge.</p> <p>The Applicant and DANVM Drainage Commissioners agreed protective provisions in respect of DANVM Drainage Commissioners' interests within the Scheme on 3 September. These were provided in a direct submission to the Examining Authority submitted by DANVM Drainage Commissioners, which also withdrew their objection to the Scheme [AS-011].</p> <p>Final property rights in respect of this plot will be pursued where necessary at the point of detailed design.</p>
Northern Powergrid (Yorkshire) Plc	11/07	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>Only one potential landowner interest is recorded within the Book of Reference [REP1-009] and Land Rights Tracker [REP4-033], for Plot 11/07. This is an unregistered/unknown plot relation to an area of public highway, footway and level crossing over railway. Northern Powergrid has been included on a conservative basis within the Book of Reference for this plot because the owner is unknown and because Northern Powergrid holds occupier rights in respect of overhead cables. However, it has not confirmed ownership of this plot and ownership is unlikely (given it is public highway). The Applicant will continue to seek to confirm ownership of this plot and obtain any necessary rights at the point of detailed design.</p> <p>The remainder of Northern Powergrid's interests relate to occupier or Category 3 rights relating to its overhead and underground cable assets. The Applicant and Northern Powergrid agreed protective provisions and an associated asset protection agreement for these interests on 14 July 2025. The agreed protective provisions were included within the Draft DCO at Deadline 4 [REP4-004]. Northern Powergrid withdrew its objection from the Scheme at Deadline 4 [REP4-004].</p>

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[REDACTED]	9/14	<p>No change since the close of Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant received signed Heads of Terms on 11/06/2025. The parties are progressing the negotiation of an Option Agreement.</p>
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In respect of the remainder of those interests identified in the RFI, the Applicant would advise that the remaining parties do not own the freehold of land in the Order Limits and are therefore not included in the Land Rights Tracker.

A summary of those parties, and the nature of their interest in the relevant plots is provided for assistance. The Applicant can confirm it has provided all necessary statutory notices to these parties through the pre-application and examination stages, but has not undertaken direct negotiations in respect of property rights with these parties at this stage given the nature of their interests.

Name	Plot number	Nature of interest
[REDACTED]	6/06, 6/07, 6/08	Category 2 claimant
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(As liquidator of Thorpe Marsh Power Limited)	1/03, 2/01, 2/02, 2/03, 3/07, 4/08, 4/10, 6/01, 6/02, 6/06, 6/07, 6/08, 7/03, 7/04, 8/12, 8/15, 9/01, 9/14, 10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08, 10/10	Category 2 claimant
(As liquidator of Thorpe Marsh Power Limited)	8/01	Unregistered land (drain)
(As liquidator of Thorpe Marsh Power Limited)	1/03, 2/01, 2/02, 2/03, 3/07, 4/08, 4/10, 6/01, 6/02, 6/06, 6/07, 6/08, 7/03, 7/04, 8/12, 8/15, 9/01, 9/14, 10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08, 10/10	Category 2 claimant
(As liquidator of Thorpe Marsh Power Limited)	8/01	Unregistered land (drain)
[REDACTED]	6/05	Subsoil Interest over highway
[REDACTED]	6/06, 6/07	Category 2 claimant



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Cambrian Childcare Properties Limited	6/05	Subsoil Interest over highway
Cambrian Childcare Properties Limited	6/06, 6/07, 6/08	Category 2 claimant
HSBC Bank Plc	4/10, 6/08, 8/06	Category 2 claimant
North Sea Transition Authority	3/07, 7/10, 8/02, 8/03, 8/04, 8/05, 8/06, 8/07, 8/09, 8/10, 8/11, 8/12, 8/13, 8/14, 8/15, 8/16, 9/01, 9/04, 9/06, 9/07, 9/09, 9/14, 10/03, 10/05	Occupier or Reputed Occupier in respect of gas field TRUMFLEET
National Grid PLC	10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08, 10/10	Occupier in respect of apparatus, access and maintenance rights
National Grid PLC	9/15, 10/03, 10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08, 10/10, 10/11	Category 2 claimant
Vodafone Limited	10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08	Occupier in respect of underground cables
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	10/09	A licence to occupy
Energis Communications Limited	10/09	Category 2 claimant
Energis Communications Limited	10/11	Rights in respect of access and equipment
[REDACTED]	9/02, 9/04	Category 2 claimant
[REDACTED]	9/02, 9/04	Category 2 claimant
Npower Limited	9/15, 10/03, 10/05, 10/06, 10/07, 10/08, 10/10	Category 2 claimant
RWE Generation UK PLC	10/09, 10/11	Category 2 claimant
Thorpe Marsh Green Energy Hub Limited	10/09, 10/11	Category 2 claimant
UK Transition Power Holdings Limited	10/09, 10/11	Category 2 claimant

Should the SoS have any further questions in respect of these interests the Applicant would be willing to assist.

Plot 9/03 Abhilasha Alias Ashu Chohan

Further to the Witness Statement submitted at Deadline 3 as Appendix A to the **Applicant's Summary of Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition**



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Hearing (CAH1) and Post Hearing Notes [REP3-030], the Applicant has since carried out the actions to attempt contact with the landowner for Plot 9/03:

- **3rd September 2025** - Recorded delivery letter sent. A receipt confirming delivery was signed for by [REDACTED], but no response was received.
- **3rd September 2025** - Copy of letter detailed above hand delivered. No response was received, including no answer to door from knocking.
- **24th October 2025** - Further letter sent via recorded delivery. No response was received.

As outlined in the Book of Reference, the Applicant employed the services of Ardent, a professional land referencing team, to carry out ownership searches for the land within the Order Limits. This included a search of the land registry, which details the owner of plot 9/03 as [REDACTED]. A further review of the land registry for any updates on 6th January 2026 confirms that the details in the latest version of the **Book of Reference [REP1-010]** remain correct.

The Applicant will continue to attempt engagement with the landowner for Plot 9/03, noting the difficulties which have been experienced to date.

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

The acquisition powers sought over the land interests of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) within the Order Limits include:

- Permanent acquisition of rights for Plots 5/03, 9/09 (subsoil), 10/01, 10/02, and 10/04
- Extinguishment of rights for Plots 8/14, 9/02, 9/04, 9/07, 9/10, 10/03, and 10/09.

The Applicant has continued negotiations with Network Rail since the close of examination in respect of the voluntary acquisition of these interests. These negotiations have been productive, and an option for easement in respect of these plots completed on 6/1/2026.

In addition, the Applicant can confirm that the confidential side agreement between the parties in respect of Network Rail's interests has now been completed as of 9 January 2026. The Applicant understands Network Rail is therefore now in the position to withdraw its objection to the Scheme, and will update the Secretary of State accordingly.

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



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Yours sincerely,

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