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Dear Team,

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

Application by Frodsham Solar Ltd (the applicant) for an order granting development consent for Frodsham Solar (EN010153)

In response to the 'Rule 8 letter' dated 16 December 2025 (**PD-008**) setting out the updated Examination timetable, I am writing on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester Council as the host local authority with the responses for Deadline 1.

The Council's submissions for Deadline 1 comprise this letter and the following:

- 1) Summary of oral representations made on behalf of the Council at the issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) held on 2nd and 3rd December 2025
- 2) The Council's Local Impact Report (LIR)
- 3) The Council's Written Representations (WR) including a 1500 word summary at the end of the document
- 4) The Council's written responses on the draft DCO, along with a summary of comments on the ISH1 Agenda items including those items not covered in the oral representations at ISH1 are included as an Appendix to the WR (Appendix A). The items not covered in the oral representations at ISH1 were:
 - Agenda item 5 b Access track impacts, removal and reinstatement
 - Agenda item 5i National Character Areas (NCA) (in relation to the landscape)
 - 5j Residential visual amenity assessment (RVAA)



In addition, the Council has the following comments to make:

- The Council has not been in a position to adequately review all of the Applicant's various other submissions made at Procedural Deadline B (21 November 2025) and the Council's response to these will follow up at Deadline 2 and 3. The Council notes that the BNG Metric Spreadsheets **PD2-032** have not been provided in an accessible format (i.e. Excel spreadsheet), which will be need to be available for assessment.
- The Applicant provided the Council with a first draft of the statement of common ground (SOCG) between the Applicant and the Council on 10 December 2025. It is expected that the Applicant will provide a copy of this initial draft SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 1 without the Council's comments. Following the 'Rule 8 letter' it is noted that the SoCG will need to be amended to cover the articles and requirements in the draft DCO, with suggested re-wording any article or requirement considered appropriate.
- The other matters referred to in Annex E of the 'Rule 6 letter' dated 8th October 2025 are for the Applicant to provide.
- The Council requests to participate (in person) at the issue specific hearings in February 2026. The Council intends to participate (in person) at the compulsory acquisition hearing and open floor hearing, but only in order to be able to respond or assist the ExA with any queries arising.

Representing Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWACC) as the host local authority will be:

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The Council will continue to progress discussions with the Applicant to resolve outstanding matters.

Yours faithfully

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