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Subject: Re: [REDACTED] shared "CWT Secretary of State Response " with you
Date: 20 October 2026 10:40:27
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Hi [REDACTED]

I'm very sorry about this, we haven't encountered this issue before as on my end it is saying you have access. Failing this please find my response in this email. Are you able to accept this?

**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 the proposed Frodsham Solar ("the Proposed
Development") (Ref: EN010153)**

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you on behalf of Cheshire Wildlife Trust specifically surrounding the reedbeds and skylark mitigation mentioned in your request for more information.

Reedbeds

The deletion of the wording "excluding reedbeds" is welcomed, as this follows that reedbed habitats will be appropriately compensated for, in line with metric rules, including trading rules, along with all other habitats.

Skylarks

6. *Concerns were raised during the Examination regarding the survey work undertaken and the adequacy of the proposed skylark mitigation measures to address the adverse effect on the local skylark population identified in Chapter 8 of the Environmental Statement [APP-041] [REP RR-019, RR-037, REP1-046, REP4-075, REP5-051, REP7-028 and REP7-039].*
7. *The Secretary of State notes the Applicant's conclusion that the number of breeding skylark pairs that can reasonably be expected within the Order Limits (including the Solar Array Development Area, Non-Breeding Bird Mitigation Area and Skylark Mitigation Area) would be below the baseline of 21 breeding pairs recorded in the Environmental Statement, with between 9 and 11 pairs predicted following implementation of the proposed mitigation.*

Cheshire Wildlife Trust echoes our previous comments in our previous response to deadline 4 submission [REP4-075]:

In the applicant's deadline 4 submission [REP4-075] they stated that: 'The literature commonly used to determine the necessary hectareage for skylarks states that a pair

requires 3.3ha per territory. As there are 21 pairs of skylarks at peak count on the site, this would amount to about 70ha'. This reflects there are 21 pairs and should be reflected in the mitigation required.

Skylark nesting density varies depending on habitat and crop type, although is typically between 0.05 and 0.1 territories per ha within grassland and arable habitats, increasing to 0.3 territories per ha within set-aside land - Donald, P.F. and Vickery, J.A. (2000). 'The importance of cereal fields to breeding and wintering Skylarks'. For 21 pairs of skylark this equates to 70 ha of land and assumes skylark plots provide habitat equivalent to set aside.

A minimum of 42 skylark plots in 70 ha of arable land is required based upon a 2:1 ratio of plots to pairs as detailed below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/667a95365b0d63b556a4b2ac/8._Skylark_Mitigation_Strategy_vf__Mar_24__Redacted.pdf

In coming up with these figures the authors gave consideration to both RSPB and Government guidance (RSPB (undated). 'Farming for Wildlife: Skylark Plots.'

[AHW4: Skylark plots - GOV.UK](#)

The advice indicates that fields supporting skylark plots should be more than 5ha in size if they have an open aspect (or >10ha if bounded by trees or woodland), and plots should be located at least 24 - 50m from field boundaries or margins.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Advocacy Programme Manage

From: Frodsham Solar Farm

Sent: 20 October 2026 10:28

To: [REDACTED]

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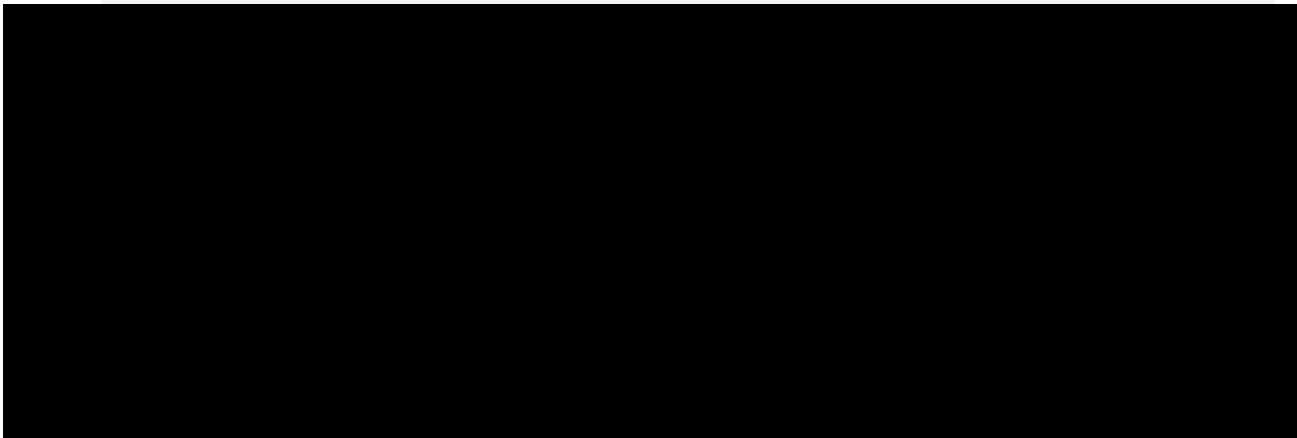
Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for responding.

We are still having access issues. It is requesting a sign in email however when I type in the frodshamsolarfarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk email it appears to not be correct?

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Thanks and kind regards,



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