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To:
Fosse Green Energy Limited
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
Navenby Energy Limited

Ref: EN010154

30 October 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

Application by Fosse Green Energy Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Fosse Green Energy ("the Proposed Development")

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 6 July 2026, 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 6 October 2026. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.

2. There are matters on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the parties identified below provide updates or information as appropriate.

Part of Land Plot 16/17

3. Following comments from Noventum Power Solar 4 Limited regarding an area of land shaded in green in appendix 2 of [REP9-001] within Plot 16/17, in the event this area is excluded by the Secretary of State, the **Applicant** is requested to submit amended versions of the Land Plans and Book of Reference.

Navenby Energy Limited

4. The **Applicant** and **Navenby Energy Limited** are requested to provide an update about whether a cooperation agreement has been concluded and if so, whether Navenby Energy Limited's objection remains.

National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

5. The Secretary of State notes the ongoing discussions, between the Applicant and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc concerning protective provisions. The

Applicant and **National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc** are requested to provide an update on discussions.

Land Rights

6. The Secretary of State requests that the **Applicant** specify exactly what the areas of *'proposed species rich grassland or retained arable – outside of PV areas'* [REP6-018] are to be used for. The Works Plan identifies these areas to be part of "Works No. 9 - landscaping, biodiversity, and ancillary works", or "Works No. 6 - interconnecting cables". The **Applicant** is also requested to justify why it requires powers over these areas, as the Secretary of State observes that compulsory acquisition powers have been sought across all the Order Limits.

7. The **Applicant** is requested to update the Book of Reference to list the specific rights required and strictly necessary for the Proposed Development e.g. right of way, or right to have apparatus in the land.

Agricultural Land Quality

8. The **Applicant** is requested to update the Soil Management Plan to clarify the commitment is to restore the soil in the Principal Development Site to the same grade as recorded in its ALC surveys.

Ground nesting bird mitigation

9. Without prejudice to the final decision, **the Applicant** is requested to comment on the below conditions in relation to a requirement for a ground nesting bird mitigation plan:

    a. the baseline number of skylark and lapwing breeding territories affected by the authorised development and a calculation of the target number of territories to be supported by the mitigation measures, including the evidence and methodology used to establish those figures.

    b. the location(s) of where the mitigation measures will be delivered and the ecological suitability of the location(s), including details of the capacity and ability of the location(s) to support the target number -as agreed through the strategy- of breeding skylark and lapwing territories.

    c. an assessment of the suitability of each individual field annually in the retained arable areas for management under a spring cropping regime with overwinter stubble and, where a suitable field is not to be managed under that regime, an explanation for that decision should be recorded and alternate measures capable of delivering an equivalent ecological outcome delivered.

    d. An assessment of the effects of existing and proposed public walking routes on the effectiveness of retained arable land and permanent grassland as ground-nesting bird mitigation areas, including measures necessary to avoid or mitigate disturbance, and where identified effects cannot adequately be addressed, alternative locations for the mitigation measures, provided that such measures do not alter, or require any

further alteration to, the public rights of way network or any changes to that network already provided for.

e. evidence that the necessary landowner agreement(s) and approvals are in place, including a review mechanism to provide for the scenario where it is necessary to amend the location(s) where the mitigation measure will be delivered;

f. an implementation timetable for delivery of the mitigation measure.

g. details for the ongoing management and maintenance of the mitigation measures.

h. details for the ongoing monitoring and reporting of the effectiveness of the mitigation measures including:

   i. survey methods;

   ii. survey programmes; and

   iii. measurable success criteria.

i. details of adaptive management and remediation measures, including the identification and justification of thresholds used to trigger any alternative or adaptive management measures.

j. details of how survey and monitoring data will be shared in the appropriate formats with the relevant Local Environmental Records Centre(s).

k. Results from a monitoring and reporting scheme must be submitted to the Secretary of State and the local planning authority for the area in which the mitigation measure is to be provided following the monitoring timetables set out in the ground nesting bird mitigation strategy.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

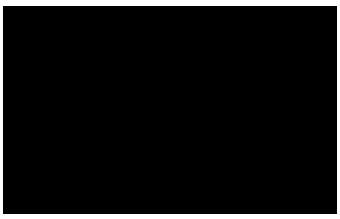
10. The deadline for response is 23:59 on **13 November 2026**.

11. Responses should be submitted by email only to: FosseGreenEnergy@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

12. Responses will be published on the Fosse Green Energy project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 13 November 2026: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010154

13. 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,



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