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Your ref: EN010155

Dear Sir,

Dean Moor Solar Farm Applicant's Response to Deadline 1 of the Examination

1. Site Inspections

The Applicant notes that the Examining Authority has reserved time to undertake an accompanied site inspection (ASI) during the week commencing 15 September 2025. According to the Examination Timetable at Annex A to the Rule 8 letter dated 25 July 2025, the following may be submitted at Deadline 1:

submissions by the applicant, IPs and APs of suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including reason(s) for the nomination, issues to be observed and whether the location(s) require access to private land

The Applicant has set out its draft proposals below. These may be refined ahead of the draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 2:

Table 1: Suggested Site Inspection Locations

View Point Location (APP- 126 to APP-133) and other location details	Details/Issues to be observed	Public/Private
2a	Road user receptor	Public
2b	Residential and Road User receptors	Public
3a	Residential and Road User receptors	Public
3b	Residential and Road User receptors	Public
3c	Road User and Recreational (Motocross Track) receptors	Public
6a	Residential, Commercial and Road User receptors	Public

6b	Residential, Commercial and Road User receptors	Public
7	Residential and Road User receptors	Public
8a	Residential, Recreational and Road User receptors	Public
9	Road User and Residential receptors	Public
12	Recreational receptor - Lake District National Park	Public
Dean Cross Motorcross Park	Visual receptor	Public
Branthwaite Edge Road	Sequential Views	Public
Stone circle	Heritage receptor	Private, accessed via farm access track

The Applicant has discussed and agreed the above proposed site inspection locations with Cumberland Council and, one location (VP12) has been agreed with the Lake District National Park Authority.

The Applicant expects these areas to form the main part of its draft itinerary to be submitted at Deadline 2. The above is a comprehensive list and the Applicant estimates that it would take at least a half day to view all locations, although there are efficiencies that could be made, e.g. removing some viewpoints, or driving around viewpoints rather than stopping. The draft itinerary will be produced in accordance with Procedural Decision 3 at Annex E to the Rule 6 letter dated 24 June 2025, i.e. it will be based upon the Applicant's submissions and the submissions of other parties.

2. Procedural Decisions

Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) - Procedural Decision 8 (Annex B, Rule 8 Letter)

The Applicant can confirm that (1) Dumfries and Galloway Council, (2) Northumberland County Council, (3) Northumberland National Park Authority, (4) Scottish Borders Council, and (5) Westmorland and Furness Council have confirmed that they either have no comments to make on the application, and/or they do not require a SoCG with the Applicant. The Applicant remains open to the principle of entering into a SoCG with any of these parties should they have material comments to make later in the examination.

The Applicant can confirm that SoCGs are being progressed with Cumbria Wildlife Trust and the Mining Remediation Authority.

3. Submissions made at Deadline 1

Please find below the list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1:

- 1. Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010155/APP/D1.1]; and
- 2. Guide to the Application [EN010155/APP/D1.2] replacing [APP-003].

The Applicant is preparing to amend further application documents as a result of the Relevant Representations and First Written Questions. The majority of these documents will be provided at Deadline 2, but some may be amended for Deadline 3 due to extra work required. The Applicant will ensure that documents relevant to hearings are provided in advance of hearings.

Yours faithfully,

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