



Dean Moor Solar Farm

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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

1.1.1 A Written Representation ('WR') was received from Vantage RE (Vantage) as the owner/operator of the Potato Pot Wind Farm ('the Wind Farm') [REP2-061] at Deadline 2 (D2). This 'Applicant Response to REP2-061 ('ARWR-D2') [D3.5] has been produced for FVS Dean Moor Limited (the 'Applicant') to support the application for a Development Consent Order (the 'DCO application') for Dean Moor Solar Farm ('the Proposed Development') located between the villages of Gilgarran and Branthwaite in West Cumbria (the 'Site'), which is situated within the administrative area of Cumberland Council ('the Council').

1.1.2 This document sets out the Applicant's response to the Vantage WR at Table 2.1. The Applicant's responses to the other WRs from Interested Parties (IP) at D2 (the 'Deadline 2 submissions') are set out in the response to REP-060 [D3.4] and the response to REP-062 [D3.6].

1.2 Background

1.2.1 The Wind Farm is an existing operational wind farm (planning ref. 2/2012/0594), which consists of three wind turbines and a control and services building located within Area D, between Areas A and B of the Site (see Figure 3.1 [APP-046] and 3.3 [APP-048] of the Environmental Statement (ES)).

1.2.2 The Applicant has provided further detail on how the status and operational life and impacts associated with the Wind Farm is considered in the Outline Landscape Ecological Management Plan [APP-145] in response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) Q1.0.4 within the 'Applicant Response to ExA's Written Questions 1' ('AREQ1') [REP2-010]. The Applicant provided further additional documentation comprising the Wind Farm planning permission decision notice and associated Site Location Plan, and the implications of its removal on the topics scoped into the ES in response to Q4.0.8, at Appendix F of the AREQ [REP2-011].

2 Applicant Response to REP2-061 (PPWF) Written Representation

Table 2.1 REP2-061 (PPWF)

Ref	Matter Raised	Applicant Response
PP.1	<i>'Vantage RE owns and operates Potato Pot Wind Farm, which is located in the center of the proposed development area of Dean Moor Solar Farm. We are concerned about the impact that the construction and operation of Dean Moor Solar Farm will have on the operations and potential repowering and decommissioning of Potato Pot Wind Farm.'</i>	<p>The Applicant has been engaged with Vantage for a significant amount of time, including during the initial pre-application stage of the DCO application.</p> <p>The Applicant has carefully considered the impacts on the operations of the Wind Farm in designing the Proposed Development. The land occupied by the Wind Farm is outside the scope of compulsory powers in respect of the Dean Moor DCO. The Applicant intends to make use of a shared access track but there is no intention to disrupt the existing operation of the Wind Farm.</p> <p>The Applicant notes the concerns raised relating to the potential repowering and decommissioning of the Wind Farm. The Applicant understands that there are no detailed proposals to repower the Wind Farm. The Applicant anticipates that the Wind Farm will require additional planning permission, other consents and land agreements for such works. Any such repowering will need to consider the Proposed Development which is currently going through the development consent process.</p> <p>The Applicant has made provision for the decommissioning of the Wind Farm within the DCO, as the access track would remain available for use to carry out any such decommissioning. The Applicant's aim is to agree any detailed proposals in the form of an agreement between the parties.</p> <p>The Applicant will seek to engage further with this party to resolve any outstanding concerns and is hopeful that an agreement can be reached shortly.</p>