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Your ref: EN010155

Dear Sir,

# Dean Moor Solar Farm Applicant Response to Deadline 4 of the Examination

### 1. Submissions made at Deadline 4

Please find below the list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4:

Document Title		Doc
		Number
1.	Guide to the Application (in tracked changes)	D4.1
2.	Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker (in tracked changes only)	D4.2
3.	Applicant Response to the ExA's Written Questions (2)	D4.3
4.	Applicant Response to Deadline 3 Written Representations (1 of 2)	D4.4
5.	Applicant Response to Deadline 3 Written Representations (2 of 2)	D4.5

## 2. Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Applicant can confirm that substantial progress has been made on SoCGs since the previous iterations submitted at D2 and D3. While the documents remain drafts, the majority of previously outstanding matters have now been agreed. All matters are now agreed within the following dSoCGs:

- Natural England;
- Environment Agency;
- National Highways;
- Lake District National Park Authority;
- Mining Remediation Authority; and
- Cumbria Wildlife Trust.

The status column below will be changed to "Agreed" once they have been formally signed. Prior to signatures, it is anticipated that agreed matters may be refined further. The Applicant has sought to engage with Historic England (HE) on the content of the dSoCG but has not received comments back from HE since the submission of updated heritage documents at D2. Therefore, an updated dSoCG with HE has not been submitted at D4. It is anticipated that an updated version will be submitted at D5.

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The Applicant does not consider there to be any additional matters relevant to the Lake District National Park Authority's (LDNPA) or Mining Remediation Authority's (MRA) interests since the submissions of the dSoCGs at D3 (LDNPA) [REP3-017] and D2 (MRA) [REP2-017]. The Applicant notes that the ExA has asked additional questions of the LDNPA in the Second Written Questions [PD-012], and that further questions may be asked in the hearings relevant to the remit of the MRA. Therefore, both the MRA and LDNPA dSoCG remains a draft to allow for the possibility of further matters arising, but is otherwise final and can likely be submitted as a signed final version at D5.

Statements of Common Ground					
Document Title	Status	Doc Number			
6. Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Draft – All matters agreed	D4.6			
7. Environment Agency	Draft – All matters agreed	D4.7			
8. Natural England	Draft – All matters agreed	D4.8			
9. National Highways	Draft – All matters agreed	D4.9			
10. Cumberland Council	Draft	D4.10			

#### 3. Additional Submissions made at Deadline 4

The Applicant submits the following Additional Submissions for the reasons set out below:

Document Title	Reason for submission	Doc Number
11. ES Appendix 2.6 - Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment	Updated to include the additional information committed to within the Applicant Response to the Examining Authority's Written Questions (1) (AREQ1) [REP3-004] and to integrate the figures provided at Appendix J of the AREQ1 demonstrating the LOAEL and SOAEL zones.	D4.11
12. ES Appendix 3.1 - Outline Operational Management Plan	Updated to provide additional commitments with respect to noise mitigation, reflecting the changes to the Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment [D4.11].	D4.12
13. ES Appendix 5.1 - Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	Amended based on discussions with the Environment Agency (see dSoCG with the EA [D4.7]) around the management of unexpected contamination, protection of fish species, and the sequential siting of infrastructure.	D4.13
14. ES Appendix 5.3 - Outline Soil Management Plan	Updated based on discussions with Natural England (see NE dSoCG [D4.8] regarding the protection of peat on Site and the need to amalgamate baseline information from the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Report [APP-105] and Peat Survey Report [APP-173].	D4.14
15. ES Appendix 2.4 - Flood Risk Assessment and Outline	Updated following discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the	D4.15

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Document Title	Reason for submission	Doc Number
Drainage Strategy (Doc 1 of 3)	sequential siting of infrastructure with respect to the flood risk information summarised within Appendix D Hydraulic Analysis [REP2-024].	
16. ES Appendix 2.5 - Transport Statement	Updated to provide reference to the new Appendix F – Appraisal of Traffic Surveys at Lillyhall Roundabout [ <b>D4.17</b> ], and updated Crashmap and PIC data from 2019-2023.	D4.16
17. ES Appendix 2.5 - Transport Statement Appendix F – Appraisal of Traffic Surveys at Lillyhall Roundabout	Provided to summarise the additional data collected at Lillyhall Roundabout, as requested by National Highways (see dSoCG [ <b>D4.9</b> ].	D4.17

# 4. Hearings

The Applicant will confirm its hearing attendees to the Planning Inspectorate directly.

Yours faithfully,



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