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Dear Sir,

Dean Moor Solar Farm
Applicant Response to Deadline 5 of the Examination

1. Submissions made at Deadline 5

Please find below the list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 (D5):

Document Title	Doc Number
1. Guide to the Application (in tracked changes)	D5.1
2. Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker (in tracked changes only)	D5.2
3. Drat Development Consent Order (dDCO)	D5.3
4. Explanatory Memorandum	D5.4
5. Schedule of Changes	D5.5
6. Applicant Response to Deadline 4 Written Representations	D5.6

2. Hearings

The Issue Specific Hearing (ISH), Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH), and Open Floor Hearing (OFH) were held throughout the w/c 10 November. The Applicant made oral representations at these hearings in response to the agenda items, additional questions from the Examining Authority (ExA), and matters raised by Interested Parties (IP). Summaries of the Applicant's oral submissions are provided at documents **D5.7-9** below.

Post-hearings, the Applicant has sought to address the action points within the 'response to action points' documents listed below (**D5.10-D5.11**).

Document Title	Doc Number
4. Applicant Written Summary of Oral Submissions (ISH)	D5.7
5. Applicant Written Summary of Oral Submissions (CAH)	D5.8
6. Applicant Written Summary of Oral Submissions (OFH)	D5.9
7. Applicant Response to ISH Action Points	D5.10
8. Applicant Response to CAH Action Points	D5.11
9. Applicant Response to OFH Action Points	D5.12

3. Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Applicant can confirm that all SoCGs have been finalised with consultees and signed off. The Applicant is grateful to all consultees for their advice and engagement, and is pleased that all matters have now been agreed within every SoCG.

Since the previous iterations submitted at D4, the Applicant has agreed the remaining outstanding matters with the Council related to employment and skills, and the potential need for further engagement relating to temporary possession or acquisition rights.

The Applicant has engaged with consultees such as HE on the topics discussed at the ISH in relation to the gradation of effects, the LDNPA with respect to the Rule 17 letter dated 18 November 2025, and the EA in response to the matter highlighted by the ExA with respect of the contamination matter previously raised by the EA. However, it was agreed with these consultees that these discussions do not necessitate any changes to the SoCGs.

All SoCGs have been formally signed by both parties.

Statements of Common Ground		
Document Title	Status	Doc Number
7. Statement of Common Ground with Cumberland Council	Final – All matters agreed	D5.18
8. Statement of Common Ground with Historic England	Final – All matters agreed	D5.19
9. Statement of Common Ground with Natural England	Final – All matters agreed	D5.20
10. Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency	Final – All matters agreed	D5.21
11. Statement of Common Ground with National Highways	Final – All matters agreed	D5.22
12. Statement of Common Ground with the Mining Remediation Authority	Final – All matters agreed	D5.23
13. Statement of Common Ground with the Lake District National Park Authority	Final – All matters agreed	D5.24
14. Statement of Common Ground with the Cumbria Wildlife Trust	Final – All matters agreed	D5.25

4. Additional Submissions made at Deadline 5

The Applicant submits the following Additional Submissions for the reasons set out below. The Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons have not been updated, but an updated, final, Book of Reference will be provided at the next Deadline.

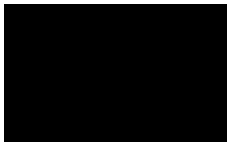
Document Title	Reason for submission	Doc Number
15. ES Appendix 3.1 Outline Operational Management Plan	The Applicant discussed the commitments to providing opportunities for local employment and skills during operation submitted at D4 with the Council, and has made further additions, such as naming a	D5.13

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	list of local schools to be engaged with in the outreach efforts within the D5 version.	
16. ES Appendix 5.1 Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan	The Applicant discussed the commitments to providing opportunities for local employment and skills during construction submitted at D4 with the Council, and has made further additions, such as naming a list of local schools to be engaged with in the outreach efforts within the D5 version.	D5.14
17. ES Appendix 7.2 Schedule of Landscape Effects	The inconsistency identified by the ExA between paragraph 7.5.24 of ES Chapter 7 and the Schedule of Landscape Effects has been amended within the Schedule by correcting the typographical error to align with the magnitude of effect reported within the ES chapter.	D5.15
18. ES Appendix 7.7 Outline Landscape Ecology Management Plan	The OLEMP has been updated to include details of the compatibility of the habitats proposed, specifically bats and birds, with the Potato Pot Wind farm during its operational life.	D5.16
19. ES Appendix 8.7 Shadow Habitat Regulation Assessment	The SHRA has been amended in response to Q2.1.4 of the ExA's Written Questions (2) (see page 7 of the Applicant Response to Examination Questions (2) (AREQ2) [REP4-004].	D5.17
20. Applicant Response to the Rule 17 Letter	The Rule 17 Letter – Request for Further Information [PD-015] asks that the Applicant and the LDNPA clarify their respective interpretations of the EIA methodology with reference to GLVIA guidance. The Applicant has drafted a response and shared and discussed this with the LVIA, the outcome of which is reported within the response.	D5.26
21. Carbon Emissions Lifecycle Assessment	This document has been produced to satisfy the ExA's previous questions about the climate change assessment and the consideration of a lifecycle approach to calculating greenhouse emissions (see Applicant Response to Q2.2.1 in the AREQ2 [REP4-004]. The document was submitted prior to D5, as requested, on 19 November.	D5.27

5. Attending ASI

The Applicant can confirm that it is making arrangements for the ASI on 4 December 2025. Details of individuals attending and practical arrangements are being discussed with the Planning Inspectorate. Andy Chester (landscape specialist) and I are attending on behalf of the Applicant. The Applicant notes the request for paper copies of visualisations/photo sheets, and a suitable site plan setting out parameters (i.e. the Work Plans).

Yours sincerely,



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