



## Application by FVS Dean Moor Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Dean Moor Solar Farm

### The Examining Authority's (ExA) schedule of proposed changes to the applicant's draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

**Issued on: 5 December 2025**

The ExA must send a recommended DCO to the Secretary of State along with its report, no matter what its recommendation is about the project. This schedule has therefore been prepared on a 'without prejudice' basis and should not be seen as an indication of the ExA's final recommendation. Further amendments to the draft DCO may be suggested by parties or made by the applicant before the close of the examination.

Comments on this schedule should be submitted by **Deadline 6: 22 December 2025**

Article/ Schedule	ExA's proposed changes	ExA's reasoning and comments
Schedule 2 – Article 2 – Part 1 (Requirements)	<p>Suggested Requirement:</p> <p>(1) No part of the authorised development may commence until a biodiversity net gain strategy has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority for that part, in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation body.</p> <p>(2) The biodiversity net gain strategy must include details of how the strategy will secure a minimum of 60% biodiversity net gain in area-based habitat</p>	<p>The ExA propose that the applicant inserts an additional Requirement relating to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). This is preceded in a number of Solar DCO cases including, but not limited to:</p> <p>East Yorkshire, Tillbridge, Oaklands, Stonestreet Green.</p> <p>The ExA recognise that the BNG strategy has been refined during the course of the application such that the proposed methodology and minimum commitment figures are contained within section 7</p>



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	<p>units, a minimum of 20% biodiversity net gain in hedgerow units, and 5% biodiversity net gain in watercourse units for all of the authorised development during the operation of the authorised development, using the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' 4.0 metric to calculate those percentages (or such other biodiversity metric approved by the relevant planning authority in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation body).</p> <p>(3) The biodiversity net gain strategy must be substantially in accordance with the outline landscape and ecological management plan and must be maintained throughout the operation of the relevant part of the authorised development to which the plan relates.</p>	<p>of the outline landscape ecology management plan [<a href="#">REP5-016</a>]. This also includes a commitment to achieve figures beyond the minimum figures.</p> <p>However, the ExA consider that the minimum BNG commitment should be clearly set out and secured as part of separate DCO requirements so as to avoid ambiguity and so that the minimum BNG proposed would be properly secured at the time a decision on the application is made.</p> <p>The ExA suggest the wording as proposed but the applicant may wish to incorporate their own wording should they consider it more robust and precise in the context of this proposal.</p>