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Dear Mr. Woodward

Dean Moor Solar Project – Deadline 6 – Response to Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (PD-016)

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The Examining Authority (ExA) published the RIES on the 19th November 2025. This outlined a number of questions directed at the Applicant, to which the Applicant has since responded (ref D6.10 – not yet published at time of writing).

As outlined in the Applicant's response, Natural England confirm that we have been consulted on the scope, methodology and assessment conclusions of the shadow Habitats Regulations assessment (sHRA) (REP5-018), and confirm our agreement with the conclusion that the Project will not have an adverse effect on the site integrity of any European Sites either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. This agreement has been formalised in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (AS-030) submitted at Deadline 5.

Natural England support the responses provided by the Applicant to the ExA questions raised in the RIES and confirm that we have no outstanding concerns to raise with regards to this Project.

Yours sincerely

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Sustainable Development Higher Officer