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To: Peartree Hill Solar Farm

Subject: Request to Register as an Interested Party – Peartree Hill Solar Farm

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To Whom It May Concern,

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We are writing on behalf of Hall Farm Wind Farm, an operational renewable energy facility comprising 12 wind turbines, located in close proximity to the proposed Peartree Hill Solar Farm development by RWE.

We respectfully request to be registered as an Interested Party in relation to this application. Unfortunately, we were not made aware of the registration deadline of 30 May 2025, and therefore missed the opportunity to submit our representation within the prescribed timeframe. We ask that this late submission be accepted due to the material relevance of our interests and the potential impacts of the proposed development on our operations.

Grounds for Registration as an Interested Party

1. Grid Connection and Energy Export Constraints

The proposed development includes extensive new infrastructure—solar PV arrays, battery storage, substations, and associated cabling—which raises significant concerns for our existing grid connection:

- Grid Congestion: The additional export capacity from Peartree Hill Solar Farm may exacerbate existing constraints on the local grid, particularly during periods of high renewable generation. This could lead to curtailment of our wind farm's output, directly affecting our revenue and long-term viability.
- Construction-Phase Disruption: The installation of new substations and grid infrastructure may result in temporary outages or reduced access to the grid for our facility. Any such disruption would have a substantial financial impact on our operations.

2. Cumulative Impact on Local Renewable Infrastructure

As a neighbouring renewable energy project, we are concerned about the cumulative operational and environmental impacts of multiple large-scale energy developments in the same area. These include:

- Shared Grid Infrastructure: If both projects rely on the same or nearby substations or transmission lines, there is a risk of operational interference or prioritisation of one project over another.
- Battery Storage and Load Balancing: The proposed battery storage facility may

influence local grid balancing strategies, potentially affecting how and when wind energy is dispatched.

3. Environmental and Landscape Considerations

While our primary concern is operational, we also note that the cumulative visual and environmental impact of multiple renewable energy projects in the same landscape may not have been fully assessed. As a long-standing contributor to the local renewable energy mix, we are invested in ensuring that future developments are integrated responsibly and with due regard to existing infrastructure.

We would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this request and guidance on any further steps required to formalise our status as an Interested Party.

Kind regards,

