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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010157

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The Planning Act 2008 – section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 9

Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited (the applicant) for an order granting development consent for Peartree Hill Solar Farm (EN010157)

The applicant's proposed changes/ corrections to the application

I am writing to inform you that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a decision relating to the applicant's request to make changes/ corrections to the application. We have decided **to accept** the applicant's proposed changes/ corrections to the application into the examination.

Background

The applicant notified the ExA on 3 June 2025 [AS-004] that it intended to submit a request for non-material changes to the application, to which we provided a response [PD-005]. The applicant subsequently submitted a formal request [PDA-001] for the proposed changes/ corrections on 8 July 2025, which involves a reduction in the Order land (removal of plots 10-4, 10-5 and 10-6) and a change to the layout of the proposed solar array in Land Area B.

The question as to whether a change is material or not is for the ExA to determine. Having reviewed the change request, we are satisfied that that the proposed changes/ corrections would either amount to a reduction in land take required and/ or would be unlikely to give rise to any materially new or materially different effects to those reported in the environmental statement submitted with the application. In addition, we are satisfied that the proposed changes/ corrections would not engage the relevant provisions of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010.

On this basis, the ExA concludes that the proposed changes/ corrections amount to a non-material change. We have thus decided to accept the proposed changes/ corrections into the examination.



In reaching our decision to accept the proposed changes/ corrections to the application, we have had regard to the Planning Inspectorate's 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination'.

The most up to date documents which relate to or incorporate revisions to reflect the accepted change request have been published on the <u>project webpage</u>, and can be found in the <u>Examination Library</u> and comprise the references [PDA-001 to PDA-020].

Provision will be made for any comments on the documents relating to the accepted changes/ corrections to the application at **Deadline 1** on **27 August 2025**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the case team using the contact details at the head of this letter should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

Alex Hutson

Lead member of the Examining Authority

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