

Planning Inspectorate

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WRITTEN REPRESENTATION. PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM, EAST YORKSHIRE.

Following the submission of our Relevant Representation [[RR-005](#)], we have no further representations to make on the application, and we are not yet in a position to provide updates on any of the issues raised in our representation, with the exception of those discussed below.

Submissions at Procedural Deadline A

We note the submission of the Applicant's 'Change Request' [[PDA-001](#)] at Procedural Deadline A, and that this submission included an updated flood risk assessment (FRA) [PDA-021 to PDA-028] in response to the Section 51 advice provided. This has been updated to include the latest flood and coastal erosion risk data published by the Environment Agency earlier this year. In addition, the Applicant has included the appendices to Appendix C: Modelling Report, some of which were previously missing from the submitted FRA, as noted in our Relevant Representation (ID EA13).

The Applicant has stated that all equipment will be set above the new design height for the area which has increased in depth with the addition of a freeboard. However, the Applicant has not provided the height of infrastructure in these areas in metres above Ordnance Datum. We request the Applicant specifies this height in mAOD within their FRA.

In regard to Issue ID EA13, we can confirm that this has been addressed through the provision of drawings 60-244, 60-245, and 60-246 (Developed areas roughness increase). In terms of the impact of the development on flood risk, the roughness test this shows that any impacts are confined to within the Order Limits for the development. There appear to be no impacts to third parties outside of the order limits for the development.

A summary of our position is provided in Appendix A.

We trust his advice is useful.

Yours faithfully

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APPENDIX A: SUMMARY OF EA POSITION

Subject	Work package	Scope	Method and Assumptions	Results of Assessment (i.e Impact)	Mitigation / Enhancements Agreed	Requirement	RR ID
Ecology	Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy						
	Landscape Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)					9	EA08, EA18, EA19
	Water Environment Report/ WFD						EA06, EA07
Water Resources	Water Supply Assessment						EA20, EA23
Flood Risk	Flood Modelling						
	Flood Risk Assessment						EA06, EA11, EA12, EA13, EA14, EA15, EA17
Water Quality	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan					4	EA01, EA02
	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan					14	
	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan					15	
	Outline Battery Safety Management Plan					8	EA04
	Foul Water Disposal						
	Water Environment Regulations Compliance/WFD						EA06, EA10, EA24
Groundwater Protection	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan					4	EA21, EA22, EA23
	Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan					15	EA25
	Groundwater Protection						EA09, EA16
	Contaminated Land Assessment					6	EA03, EA26
Waste	Waste Management Strategy						
Geomorphology	Water Environment Regulations Compliance/ WFD						EA06, EA07