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**Subject:** Beverley Pasture Masters (Interested Party Reference number: F383D2E91): Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for Peartree Hill Solar Farm (EN010157) - Response to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions and requests f...  
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

As authorised agent on behalf of my clients Beverley Pasture Masters (Interested Party Reference number: F383D2E91), I respond as follows to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) as follows:

### **Question 1.3.12**

With regard to the depth of cable being a minimum of 1.2m in the event that trenching is adopted, I would like to qualify that my clients would expect that this minimum depth is to the top of the protective tile located above the cabling. On this basis, and on the basis that other renewable energy schemes involving the laying of electric cables have adopted/are adopting this approach, the cable depth would be acceptable to my clients and addresses point 5 of the Relevant Representation.

However, I am not qualified to confirm whether or not a minimum cable depth of 1.2m to the top of the protective tile would address the issues cited at point 6 of the Relevant Representation and my clients consider that this is a matter which RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited should provide comment on and confirm whether or not they consider that the cabling may have effects on the operation of computer controlled agricultural machinery, and if it does, to what extent and how can this be mitigated.

### **Question 1.3.13**

With regard to point 7 of the Relevant Representation, drainage is referred to briefly in the Outline Soil Management Plan at paragraphs 4.4.19 and 4.4.20. My clients will expect that the reinstatement of field underdrainage systems will be an issue which will begin to be addressed well in advance of scheme commencement by suitably qualified drainage consultants carrying out surveys to identify any existing drainage systems and thereafter liaising with affected parties in order to discuss site specific issues and agree drainage reinstatement measures together with detailed plans. Therefore my clients consider that further detail and engagement will be required in due course over and above the provision made in the Outline Soil Management Plan. This must be addressed in the detailed version of the Soil Management Plan.

With regard to point 8 of the Relevant Representation, my clients have one key issue with reference to the treatment and reinstatement of soil as detailed in the Outline Soil Management Plan. In the 'Timing' section of this document at paragraphs 4.4.5, 4.4.8 and 4.4.11, it appears that RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited consider the period November to April to be the driest months of the year/the period when soils are least likely to be wet. My clients consider that soils are best handled in the period April to November and soil handling in the period November to April should be avoided. My clients opinion appears to be confirmed at paragraph 4.5.14 of the Outline Soil Management Plan. As with drainage reinstatement referred to above, my clients will expect liaison well in advance of scheme commencement regarding soil management in order to discuss site specific issues and agree a course of action. This must be addressed in the detailed version of the Soil Management Plan.

With regard to point 9 of the Relevant Representation, my clients are pleased that Figham Pastures are specifically referred to in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, however, at Table 20-1, it is stated that site visits will take place during years 1,2 and 3 after construction works within Figham Pastures LSW. My clients consider that this should be increased to years 1,2,3,4 and 5 after construction works within Figham Pastures LSW to monitor habitat reinstatement.

Whether or not requirements 6 and 9 of the Draft Development Consent Order will address the issues highlighted in relation to Question 1.3.13 will be dependent on the contents of the detailed versions of the Soil Management Plan and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.

Kind regards

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