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Dear Alex Hutson,

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Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Peartree Hill Solar Farm Project – Notification of hearings.

Thank you for your consultation dated 23 September 2025. Please accept this letter as Natural England's comments in relation to the contents of the Rule 13 letter.

Natural England will not be attending Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2). As detailed in our Rule 6 response letter, Natural England will only attend hearings by exception, targeting those ISH that have the greatest likelihood of resolving significant environmental risks. We highlight that where Natural England does not attend hearings, this should not be construed as a lack of concern on outstanding issues.

In this case, Natural England has been engaging positively with the applicant to progress the outstanding issues. We are currently awaiting updated assessments to review, following these discussions.

Natural England would be pleased to respond to any relevant questions from the ExA that arise from the hearings at a subsequent deadline.

Yours sincerely

Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire Area Team Natural England