



Planning Inspectorate

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Your ref: EN010157

Date: 28 November 2025

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RESPONSE TO EXAMINING AUTHORITY
QUESTIONS (EXQ 3) AT DEADLINE 5.**

PEARTREE HILL SOLAR FARM, EAST YORKSHIRE.

We have reviewed the questions directed to us within your letter dated the 14 November 2025 [[PD-019](#)] and respond as follows:

Question 3.9.1 - Flood Risk and Coastal Change Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) update

The ExA notes that on 17 September 2025 the PPG was updated, including but not limited to changes regarding the sequential approach and test. Please confirm whether there any implications for the proposed development, including the need for any updated documents.

The Applicant has undertaken a sequential approach to the design of the site and the changes to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) do not cause any implication for the proposed development in that regard. It is not our role to assess the adequacy or implementation of the Sequential Test, but we have not identified any changes to the to the PPG that would affect the application of it for this project.

We trust this advice 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, EA21
	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, EA16
	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