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To the applicant and Humberside Fire
and Rescue Service

Our Ref: EN010157

Date: 3 December 2025

Dear Sir / Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) – Rule 17

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

The Examining Authority (ExA) is writing to request further information from the **applicant** and **Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS)**, under rule 17 of the EPR, following its observations and considerations of submissions made at deadline 5. The ExA is not expecting any other interested parties to respond to this request for further information, but they may do so should they wish to.

All documents referred to in the questions below can be found in the [Examination Library](#), which can be found on the [project page](#) of the Find a National Infrastructure Project website.

1. Request for further information from HFRS

The ExA notes that HFRS was consulted on the application during the pre-application period. The applicant has provided an outline Battery Safety Management Plan (oBSMP) [[REP5-069](#)] as part of the application, which explains how it has addressed comments received from HFRS. A detailed BSMP to accord with the oBSMP would be secured under requirement 8 of the draft Development Consent Order [[REP5-004](#)]. HFRS is named as a consultee on this requirement.

The ExA is aware that the applicant has sought to further engage with HFRS over the content of the oBSMP several times during the examination, though has received no definitive confirmation of HFRS's satisfaction with it.

In the absence of the ExA's knowledge of any substantive concerns of HFRS regarding the oBSMP, and given the stage of the examination, the ExA requests HFRS's confirmation of its satisfaction with the oBSMP. Should HFRS not be satisfied, please provide reasons for this, and endeavour to engage in constructive discussions with the application to resolve any outstanding concerns.

2. Request for further information from the applicant

The ExA notes the applicant's response to ExQ3.5.1b) and c) [[REP5-080](#)]. However, some of the traffic figures (including 24, 27, 32, 34, 26, 40, 42, 44 and 48) of the Transport Assessment [[REP4-025](#)] state that "*It is assumed that 50% of vehicles will travel to and from Hull Port via A1035 at Beverley and 50% via the A165.*". The ExA is therefore unclear how the applicant concludes that "*[...] traffic routing to and from the Site along sections of route A63 will not pass through Hull AQMA 1.*". The ExA therefore requests:

- a) Further information around anticipated annual average daily traffic (AADT) levels on the A63 through Hull's air quality management area (AQMA) and, if this is likely to exceed the relevant criteria, further justification for a lack of an air quality assessment in this regard; and
- b) For the applicant to seek/ confirm Hull City Council's satisfaction on the applicant's air quality conclusions in this regard.

Responses should be submitted by **23:59pm on Wednesday 10 December 2025**.

Yours faithfully

Alex Hutson

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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