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Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – section 89 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9

Application by Rosefield Energyfarm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Rosefield Solar Farm

Examining Authority's response to a notification by the applicant of its intention to submit a request for a change to the application

I refer to your Notification of Proposed Change submitted on 6 May 2026 [[CR1-001](#)] giving notice of the intention of Rosefield Energyfarm Limited (“the applicant”) to submit a request to make a change to the Rosefield Solar Farm application. The applicant seeks advice from the Examining Authority (ExA) on proposed consultation and timetable implications in respect of the proposed change.

The applicant explains that the proposed change is being prepared in response to a request from Buckinghamshire Council (BC) in its relevant representation (RR) [[RR-026](#)] and local impact report (LIR) [[REP1-112](#)] for the creation of a bridleway link between two existing public bridleways within parcel 2. The proposed bridleway link would be accessible to the public during the operational (including maintenance) phase of the proposed development.

A more detailed description of and rationale for the proposed changes is provided in the applicant's Notification of Proposed Change [[CR1-001](#)].

In responding to this notification, the ExA has considered the Planning Inspectorate's advice [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination](#) (last updated 24 March 2025). The ExA makes the following comments.

The applicant considers that the proposed change is non-material and would not result in a materially different project. This is based on the applicant's view that no substantive

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amendment or change would be required to the environmental impact assessment (EIA) and no changes would be required to the order limits or nature of the powers sought over land.

The ExA notes this, though will not be able to formally decide whether the project would be materially different until after consideration of all material including the applicant's report reviewing the EIA and environmental statement (ES) and the responses to the applicant's non-statutory consultation.

Consultation

The applicant commenced a 30 day non-statutory consultation only in relation to the proposed change on 6 May in advance of the ExA's advice.

The applicant developed what it considered to be a proportionate approach to the consultation based on:

- the fact that the proposed change is being made directly in response to a request from BC in its RR [\[RR-026\]](#) and LIR [\[REP1-112\]](#)
- the minor nature of the proposed change (the creation of a bridleway link between two existing bridleways)
- the proposed change is located entirely within the order limits on untenanted land owned by Claydon Estates with no changes required to order limits or to the nature of powers sought over land
- there are no anticipated materially new or materially different likely significant environmental effects compared to those report in the ES

The applicant is consulting the following:

- BC as the host authority for the proposed development and the interested party which requested the proposed change
- East Claydon Parish Council and Quainton Parish Council as the host parish councils where the proposed change is located
- the Claydon Estate as the landowner where the proposed change is located
- category 2 interests where the proposed change is located as identified in the book of reference [\[REP2-008\]](#) (FCC Buckinghamshire Limited and National Grid Electricity Distribution)

The applicant is writing to the consultees by recorded delivery and/ or email where this is available. The letter will include:

- a non-technical description of the proposed change and why the applicant considers it to be non-material
- a statement that no materially new or materially different environmental effects are anticipated which would change the content of the ES
- the applicant's contact details
- information on how consultees can provide feedback
- an appendix containing a plan showing the proposed route of the bridleway

The applicant will also publish a news post on its project website containing information about the proposed change and a link to a copy of the letter.

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On the basis of the information provided, the ExA considers that the targeted, non-statutory consultation is appropriate for the proposed change. The ExA would however comment that the plan that the applicant proposes sending out with the consultation would be more helpful to consultees if the proposed new bridleway link was more clearly marked.

The applicant should liaise with BC on the list of consultees and also the number/ location of proposed site notices. These need to be posted in locations that can be clearly viewed by residents and others who may wish to comment on the proposed change. It is important that the non-statutory consultation reaches those who may have wanted to be involved in the examination had the changes been included when the application was submitted.

Implications for examination timetable

The applicant's proposed change request timetable sets out several steps in connection with the change request. The ExA considers the proposed period of 30 days for non-statutory consultation to be appropriate in this instance.

The applicant's proposed date for the submission of the formal change request is w/c 8 June 2026. The ExA considers that this would allow for a formal decision to be made by the ExA on the change request and if accepted, the applicant to update and submit revised application documents for discussion at the hearings scheduled in the examination timetable for w/c 6 July (if required) and/ or the submission of comments by interested parties at deadline (D) 5, 29 July 2026. The applicant would then have the opportunity to respond to any comments at D6, 12 August 2026 prior to the close of the examination.

Next steps

Following the receipt of the applicant's change request and the receipt of the applicant's non-statutory consultation report, the ExA will issue a formal procedural decision on whether to accept the changes, along with any change required to the examination timetable to accommodate the change.

Please contact the Case Team using the contact details at the head of this letter should further assistance be needed.

Yours faithfully

Richard Morgan

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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