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Our Ref: EN010158

Date: 12 June 2026

By email only

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – section 89 and the Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 8(3) and 9**

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

**Procedural decisions following applicant’s request to make changes to the
application**

I am writing to inform you of the procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA) following the applicant’s submission of a request for the ExA to accept amendments to the above application.

In making its procedural decisions the ExA has considered the Planning Inspectorate’s Guidance “[Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination](#)” (last updated 24 March 2025).

Background

The applicants submitted their notice of intention to submit a request for changes to the application on 6 May 2026 [\[CR1-001\]](#). The ExA published its response to the applicant’s notification on 7 May 2026 [\[PD-014\]](#).

In our response, we set out that the ExA would not be able to formally decide whether the resulting project following the proposed changes would be materially different until after consideration of all material including the applicant’s report reviewing the Environmental Impact Assessment and the responses to the applicants’ non-statutory consultation that had yet to be carried out.

The change application

The applicant subsequently submitted their formal request to make a change to the application on 9 June 2026 in their Change Application [[CR1-030](#)]. This was accompanied by supporting documentation which was also published in the [Examination Library](#) [references CR1-003 to CR1-029 and CR1-031]. A description and rationale for the proposed change are provided in section 2.2 of the applicant's Change Application [[CR1-030](#)].

In summary, the proposed change would deliver a new bridleway link, which would be accessible to the public during the operation (including maintenance) phase of the proposed development. It would connect the existing dead-end public right of way (PRoW) bridleway (reference 'ECL/10/5') to the north of field D27 to the PRoW bridleway (reference 'QUA/40/2' and 'QUA/40/3') that runs along the southern edge of fields D28 and D29, addressing the "missing link" in the bridleway network identified by Buckinghamshire Council in its relevant representation (RR) [[RR-026](#)] and local impact report (LIR) [[REP1-112](#)]. A plan showing the proposed bridleway link is contained in Appendix A of the Change Application [[CR1-030](#)].

The applicants have carried out non-statutory consultation on the proposed change and they submitted a Change Application Consultation Report [[CR1-031](#)] report on 9 June 2026. This includes the responses received to the non-statutory consultation and the applicant's comments on those responses. The ExA has considered these responses and comments in making our decision on whether to accept the change application.

ExA's decision and reasoning in relation to the change application

Taking into consideration the nature and scale of the proposed change, the ExA considers that the non-statutory consultation undertaken was a reasonable and proportionate approach. We consider that it has provided for meaningful consultation and has given parties that may be affected by the proposed changes an appropriate opportunity to engage.

The ExA is of the view that the proposed development, following the proposed change, will be substantially the same as the project which was initially applied for.

In relation to the Environmental Impact Assessment, the applicant concludes that the proposed changes do not generate new or different likely significant effects. We concur with this view. We have also concluded that the proposed changes would make no difference to the outcome of a Habitats Regulations Assessment. Furthermore, noting that additional areas of land are not required, the changes would not engage the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010.

In the light of the above and having carefully considered the information presented, including the responses to the non-statutory consultation, the ExA has decided to accept the proposed change to the application.

Next steps and variation to examination timetable

As the ExA has decided to accept the change application, the examination will proceed by considering the 'changed application'.

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The ExA is satisfied that there is sufficient time for the changes to be considered during the remaining time within the examination. To accommodate this the following variations have been made to the examination timetable:

- The existing deadline (D) 5 on Wednesday 29 July 2026 now also includes the opportunity for written submissions to be made on the changed application.
- The existing D6 on Wednesday 12 August 2026 subsequently now also includes the opportunity for comments on any submissions made at D5 about the changed application.

These revisions to the timetable are set out in Annex A.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team using the contact details set out at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Richard Morgan

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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Amendment to Examination Timetable

13.	Dates reserved (if required) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any compulsory acquisition hearing • any issue specific hearing • any open floor hearing 	Week commencing 6 July 2026
14.	Issue by the Examining Authority (ExA) of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (if required) 	15 July 2026
15.	Deadline 5 For receipt by the Examining Authority (ExA) of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responses to ExA's proposed draft Development Consent Order (if issued) • comments on Report on the Implications of European Sites (RIES) (if issued) • written summaries of oral submissions made at the hearings and any other post hearing submissions (if held) • comments on the changed application • any specific responses to points raised in oral submissions at the hearings (if held) • comments on responses to Examining Authority's second written questions (ExQ2) • the applicant's updates see annex F of Rule 6 letter • any other information submitted by the applicant • any further information requested by ExA any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 • comments on any further information received comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received by deadline 4 	29 July 2026
16.	Deadline 6 For receipt by the Examining Authority (ExA), from the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closing summary statement • comments on responses to the changed application • final draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and schedule of changes final dDCO to be submitted by the applicant in the SI template the applicant to provide the email notification from https://publishing.legislation.gov.uk/validation confirming the document has successfully passed validation, and the PDF version of the SI validation report obtained from the link in the notification email. 	12 August 2026

	<p>The applicant should also provide a clean (all tracking removed) standalone MS Word version of the draft DCO, with no header or cover page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • final Explanatory Memorandum • final updated Book of Reference (BoR) final BoR and schedule of changes to BoR • final statement of reasons • final statements of common ground (SoCG) • final Statement of Commonality of SoCG • list of matters not agreed where SoCG could not be finalised • final Guide to the Application, including an up-to date schedule of documents to be certified • final Status of Negotiations Compulsory Acquisition Schedule and Land Rights Tracker • final Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers • final Consents and Licences Position Statement • final National Policy Statement Tracker • final versions of any other of the applicant's documents that have been updated • final signed and dated section 106 agreement(s) (if required) • any other information submitted by the applicant <p>For receipt by the ExA, from any interested party, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closing summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination and that have not been resolved to their satisfaction • final updated principal areas of disagreement statements from interested parties see annex F of Rule 6 letter • comments on any further information received comments on any additional information/submissions received by deadline 5 • any further information requested by ExA any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
17.	<p>Close of examination</p> <p>The Examining Authority (ExA) intends to close the examination on this date. See 'Note about the close of examination date'.</p>	24 August 2026